



# CAADP



## THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE AFRICA AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CAADP) PARTNERS' BUSINESS MEETING

### *“Repositioning CAADP for an Accelerated Implementation Going for Results and Impact”*

#### FINAL COMMUNIQUE

**3-4 November 2016  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The 2016 Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Partners' Business Meeting was convened by the African Union Commission (AUC) and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NEPAD Agency) from 3 to 4 November 2016. The meeting was hosted by the AUC, and took place at the African Union Headquarters, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
2. The Business Meeting was organized under the theme: “Repositioning CAADP for an Accelerated Implementation Going for Results and Impact”. The Meeting was attended by over 40 participants, including representatives of the AUC, the NEPAD Agency, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Pan African Farmers' Organization (PAFO), Development Partners Coordination Group (DPCG), African Development Bank (AfDB), UN World Food Programme, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the Coalition of CAADP Non State Actors (CNC). The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace; AU Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, Ms. Estherine Fotabong; NEPAD Agency Director for Programmes and Dr Yiannis Neophytou, Head of Division 200, Policy issues of development cooperation with Africa; African Union, Federal Ministry of Cooperation (BMZ), Germany.
3. The Business Meeting sought to provide a platform to discuss on the ways to accelerate the transformation process through supporting African Agriculture. The meeting specific objectives were to: (i) discuss the progress in CAADP implementation since the adoption of the Malabo Declaration, review the strategic documents for DREA, NEPAD Agency, DPCG, PAFO and CNC, (ii) define and agree on the engagements process towards finding required resources to support accelerated implementation of CAADP in order to deliver on Malabo Heads of State commitments, and (iii) Agree on revised coordination mechanisms and how progress towards common partners' agenda will be reported on collectively.

4. Specific areas covered during the CAADP Business Meeting included; CAADP Implementation since Malabo Declaration, New Business Plan to Accelerate Implementation of Malabo, Partnership and Coordination mechanisms, and Financing Malabo.
5. The opening ceremony featured remarks from Dr Yiannis Neophytou , of the Federal Ministry of Cooperation (BMZ), Germany and Chair of the CAADP Development Partner Coordination Group (DPCG), Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of the NEPAD Agency video tapped message and H.E. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture at the African Union Commission.
6. The opening remarks by DPCG Chair addressed the importance of Agriculture Transformation for Africa and the key role that Intra-African Trade should play in the transformation process. Also the DPCG Chair emphasized on quality support and improved design of partnerships and ended his message by reiterating the commitment of DPCG to support CAADP. The NEPAD Agency CEO insisted on the newly developed CAADP Business Plan to be implemented by AUC, NEPAD Agency, and RECs to support Member States and called for the alignment of partners' ongoing and future efforts to the content of the document. Finally, in her opening statement, the Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission reminded participants on the opportunity to support CAADP through the African Union CAADP-Malabo Business Plan. The Commissioner emphasized that it is time to "Seize the Moment".

## **KEY MESSAGES**

7. Noting the spirit and the level of engagement and discussions, the CAADP Business Meeting noted that significant and encouraging progress has been made since the adoption of the Malabo Declaration. This includes the development of Strategies and key guidelines to support the CAADP country process and extensive engagements made at country, regional and continental level. More than forty five (45) AU Member States are now involved in the CAADP process at different levels of implementation.
8. While DPs noted that the Business Plan is unique in presenting a consolidated roadmap which outlines priority program areas, catalysing strategic results at continental, regional and country levels, they insisted that some more clarity and concreteness is needed to inform the level of support moving forward.
9. The Meeting highlighted the key challenges that remain in the process of domestication of NAIPs, the alignment of Private Sector and the operationalization of technical Networks.
10. The meeting also noted the progress made in the establishment of the biennial Review mechanism. Also, the support needs on the roadmap to the submission of the Continental Malabo Declaration Biennial Report in January 2018 was highlighted.

11. The meeting highlighted priority areas of the CAADP Business Plan including CAADP-Malabo Result Areas, and their respective programmes and sub programmes along the Malabo Declaration commitments to be supported by the DPCG as outlined in the We all the African Union 4-year Business Plan.
12. While welcoming the notion that CAADP remains high on the agenda as a priority programme for both African and development partners, the Meeting underscored the progress of DPCG in supporting the CAADP process at national, regional and continental levels. DPCG also explored key areas of future support on the implementation of the Malabo Declaration while emphasizing that the level of allocated resources to CAADP will not decrease.
13. The Business Meeting noted the new coordination structure and mechanism that is including a CAADP Working Group- mirrors the sector working group at country level, AUC-NPCA-RECs-CAADP Focal Point Meetings, Annual Permanent Secretary Leadership Council Retreat, Strategic orientation and joint CAADP implementation business meeting, CAADP Development Partners Coordination Group, and CAADP PP. A consensus was reached on the need for stronger and better coordination mechanisms to be in place to drive the changes we need to see.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

14. On Status of Progress on Malabo Declaration Implementation, the meeting recommended that private sector should be adequately involved, information sharing on what is happening at country level should be strengthened and all available country NAIPs be uploaded to the CAADP web to ease information sharing. The meeting further recommended tracking of concrete actions happening at country level.
15. On the Malabo Declaration Biennial Review, the meeting recommended that the profiling of the indicators should take into account alignment with SDGs to ease data collection burden to the countries: the costing of the biennial review should be tailored to clarify the specific costs required at different levels of the review, and clarification on how the African Agricultural Transformation Scorecard is cascaded from continental to regional and country levels. The meeting also agreed to align the biennial review process with existing M&E activities at country level.
16. On the Business Plan to Accelerate Implementation of Malabo, Partners noted that the Business Plan is unique in presenting a consolidated roadmap which outlines priority program areas, catalysing strategic results at continental, regional and country levels. Partners also recommended specific governance mechanism to be in place to implement the Business Plan. Partners further agreed that there should be clarity on how the different institutions contribute to the implementation of the Business Plan.
17. On the Partnership and Coordination mechanisms, the meeting recommended that partners need to better align at country level. The meeting further recommended on elevation of engagement at country level beyond the Ministry

of Agriculture as Malabo commitments traverse beyond the agricultural sector. The Guideline on Coordination Mechanisms should be reviewed and finalized to facilitate effective coordination.

## **COMMITMENTS BY AFRICAN UNION**

18. We commit to engage with all the partners to provide more clarity as requested in view of the effective and efficient operationalization of the BP before the end of this year.
19. The AU is committed to engage with partners who have expressed the interest to support the business plan to make concrete steps towards financing and implementation.
20. We commit to engage all partners and constituencies on Malabo Domestication and the Biennial Review as per the early actions needed, with a clear roadmap and engage everyone including Technical networks in delivering on domestication.
21. We commit to embark on a widely inclusive process that brings on-board a broader range of African constituencies beyond African Union

## **COMMITMENTS BY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS**

22. We appreciate the efforts by the African Union to develop African Union 4-year Business Plan to catalyse and acceleration the implementation of an African Agriculture Transformation agenda. We look forward to your fine-tuning of the current Business Plan by providing more specifics on the HOW. This will help inform the level and type of support required.
23. We endorse the proposed Business Plan and commit to support its implementation by fully aligning our ongoing and future programmatic actions to it rollout, using the agreed delivery model
24. Working with the African Union, we are committing to explore the most effective mix of instruments to effectively support the implementation of the business plan.
25. We commit to work with African Union to consider a review of the proposed "Partnership and Coordination Mechanisms" proposed to drive the delivery of the AU Business Plan.
26. We are committing to mobilize our respective support to this process using the guiding documents and frameworks provided by the African Union to ensure consistency and coherence

**Done on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016**