



Host of the first CAADP Africa Forum is the Ministry of Agriculture in Kenya. The forum is organised by NEPAD (New Partnership for Africa's Development www.nepad.org) which was established in 2001 following a pledge by African leaders to eradicate poverty and to place their countries on a path of sustainable growth.

An important priority sector of NEPAD is agriculture & food security as captured in its Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (www.nepad-caadp.net). CAADP is working to raise the amount and the quality of food that Africa produces to make families more food secure and exports more profitable.



Pineapple sales, Benin

The 2009 CAADP Africa Forum is the first in a series of annual events. The forum connects the pan-African CAADP framework to the actual implementation at country level by being a sharing and learning platform on progress (and obstacles) in pro-poor agricultural development between policy makers and practitioners across the continent.

Date 30 November to 4 December 2009

Venue Laico Regency Hotel



Accommodation

The Laico Regency Hotel offers special conference rates at US\$ 150 per person per day. The hotel is situated adjacent to the famous Uhuru Park. A pick-up shuttle from the airport to the hotel is available.

Fees

Participation fee is 300 Euro which also includes lunch, reception, social dinner and fieldtrips. Participants are responsible for travel, accommodation, dinner & drinks.

Languages

English and French

Registration and organisation

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2009 CAADP AFRICA FORUM The Bottom of the Pyramid: Agricultural Development for the Vulnerable



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The Bottom of the Pyramid: Agricultural Development for the Vulnerable

For the first of its Africa Forums, CAADP puts the extremely vulnerable at the centre of the discussion. People living on less than a dollar a day were hardest hit by the escalating food prices and as a consequence of the global economic crisis and of climate change, their number is rising at an alarming rate. Most of these very poor people live in sub-Saharan Africa and the majority of them depend on agriculture as a source of food and income - not only in rural areas, but also in and around cities and town people turn backyards and public spaces into food-plots as a coping mechanism in times of high prices and food shortages.

But although these people are vulnerable, they can and do participate in economic activities and small investments can go a long way in uplifting their lot or in assuring that those who recently managed to increase their income are not falling back in extreme poverty.

The forum will bring together success stories from across Africa on a wide range of interventions including cash transfer programmes, protection of assets of the poor, rural and micro finance schemes and social safety nets.

How these successes may be fostered or replicated will be discussed in the context of ongoing or planned CAADP country processes.

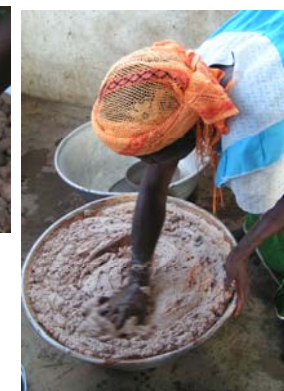
*Coverphoto: Boy in Kigali market, Kenya
by Karen Lustgarten (www.karenlustgarten.com)*

The purpose of the CAADP Africa Forum is to be a sharing and learning platform on progress with diverse agricultural sub-sectors. Aim of this platform is to foster the up scaling of best practices across Africa as an input into country driven development of the agriculture and rural sector. The annual Africa Forum will build a bridge between the highly specialised expertise offered by the CAADP Pillar Lead Institutions and the realities on the ground in African countries. The University of KwaZulu Natal as lead institution of CAADP's Pillar III Programme on *Increasing Food Supply and Reducing Hunger* has a main coordinating role.

Objectives of the forum are three fold:

- ♦ to exchange information on best practices in making the vulnerable take part in agriculture-based economic activities;
- ♦ to advance the country's agricultural agenda in support of the poor; and
- ♦ to help country teams use the CAADP framework as a vehicle in supporting agricultural development for the poorest at country level.

Based on a look at what has worked, followed by a discussion of how these successes can be tailored to country context, participants at the forum will be able to take back ideas, inspiration, concrete examples and contacts with peers, to help them in their endeavours to address the needs of the poor in their own country.



*Agricultural success
from the bottom up:
Backyard production of
shea butter by women
in Burkina Faso*

Who is invited?

The CAADP Africa Forum is aimed at policy makers and practitioners in agriculture from across Africa. In as much as possible countries are represented by 'country teams' with members from relevant stakeholder groups (such as central and local government; private sector, farmers' organisations, traditional leaders, the media, academia and development partners). Please contact the CAADP focal person in your country for more details.

Also at the forum will be NEPAD / CAADP head quarters as well as the CAADP Pillar Lead Institutions. Representatives of the Regional Economic Communities of ECOWAS, EAC, COMESA and SADC will elaborate on their role both as regional CAADP 'hubs' and with respect to the regional response needed to cushion the effect of the global crisis on vulnerable people.