



Delivering on the Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods in Africa

**Document for preparing country Biennial Review report on progress made
for achieving the Malabo Declaration Goals and Targets**

Technical Guidelines

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These guidelines have been prepared to support African Union Member States in preparing their agricultural transformation reports to the African Union Summit on progress made for implementing Commitments in the June 2014 AU Heads of States Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods. They had been prepared through consultative actions led by the African Union Commission (AUC) and the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA), that have involved technical partners' engagement in offering available knowledge for developing computing methods for reporting on each of the indicators that reflected commitments made in the Malabo Declaration. This version of the Guidelines has been finalized after the Experts Groups meeting held in Dakar in September 2016 for consolidating and refining parameters and computing methods of the indicators profiles.

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Introduction

Under the process of implementing the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods in Africa, the African Union Commission (AUC) is leading the establishment of the Biennial Review (BR) mechanism for regular country progress reporting to the African Union (AU) Assembly. The BR mechanism aims at providing platform for mutual accountability, peer review and peer learning that will motivate increased performances of each member state to deliver on targets set in the Malabo declaration, through a well-designed, transparent and performance-based Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and Biennial Review Reporting to the AU Assembly, that should in turn, trigger evidence based planning and implementation at all appropriate levels (national, sub regional and continental) for the expected agricultural growth and transformation in Africa.

Agreements have been reached to adopt a Scorecard format for presenting the biennial report to the AU Assembly to create higher incentive on the Malabo goals and highlight individual country progress with related scores. This requires clarity and transparency in defining performance targets, indicators and required parameters in a way to ensure alignment with commitments made in the Malabo Declaration.

The tool for collecting information from the countries, which will serve as country reporting template, prioritises 23 performance categories and 43 indicators (for the 2017 Country Progress Report) to be tracked and reported upon by the AU member states.

This document provides details of the definitions that apply vis-à-vis the indicators to be used for monitoring progress on the targets set. It is recognised that there are existing agricultural sector monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems at national, regional, continental and global level using similar indicators to provide information on the performance categories. However, the purposes for which that information is generated differ; which in turn influence the definition of indicators used and the specific parameters that are measured.

For the AU biennial review, the indicators chosen to track the prioritised performance categories are defined on the basis of the strategic objectives that are derived from the Malabo Declaration. They are thus adapted from existing modes of application taking into consideration the unique situation of the opportunities and challenges in Africa's agricultural sector and its multisectorial implications, especially with regard to data acquisition and analysis. As such, the following background information and or instructions are provided:

1. **Objectives of Performance Category/Indicator:** this provides the primary objective of generating the requested information on a performance category or a specific indicator. In essence, this section is aimed at demonstrating relevance and highlighting the point of emphasis in the analysis.
2. **Performance Target:** this section states the set target against which performance is being measured. In addition, it provides information on the reference policy document(s) and/or methodology from which the target is derived.
3. **Performance Indicator:** defines the measure by which progress towards a specific target and/or strategic goal of Malabo commitments is evaluated.
4. **Disaggregation:** this section defines the various parameters used to compute the performance indicator, as well as describing both the required data and applicable computing methods. Suggestions are also given on the possible sources for the required data.
5. **Indicator Computing:** describing the formula(e) and or other processes for manipulating the various parameters to evaluate progress on a particular target or objective.

These background information and /or instructions are summarized on sheets clustered in *Section II*, by theme for each of the 7 themes defined by the actionable commitments made in the Malabo Declaration, whereas the *Section I* provide the overview of the core set of indicators used in the Reporting Template to be availed to Member States for preparing respective country report.

It must be emphasised that the indicators, parameters, definitions and methods used in what follows are neither exhaustive nor absolute, rather they have been carefully selected and applied within the context of the agriculture sector in Africa. Similarly, these guidelines are the first version of what has purposely been developed to be a living document.

Section I

**The minimum core set of indicators for monitoring
Commitments of the Malabo Declaration.**

Section II

The Detailed Guidelines for computing proposed performance indicators of the Country Reporting Template.

Performance theme 1:
Commitment to CAADP Process

Performance theme 2:
Investment Finance in
Agriculture

Performance theme 3:
Ending Hunger

Performance theme 4:
Eradicating Poverty through
Agriculture

Performance theme 5:
Intra-African Trade in
Agriculture Commodities and
services

Performance theme 6:
Resilience to Climate Variability

Performance theme 7:
Mutual Accountability for
Actions and Results



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