



Malabo Policy Learning Event (MAPLE)

November 22 / 23, 2021

Concept Note

Background:

The Malabo Declaration signed by African Governments in 2014 represented a re-commitment to the CAADP principles and goals adopted earlier in 2003 under the Maputo Declaration. The Malabo declaration went further by identifying specific goals and targets to be achieved within a period of ten years. The targets include ending hunger, tripling intra-African trade in agricultural goods and services, enhancing resilience of livelihoods and production systems, and ensuring that agriculture contributes significantly to poverty reduction.

In particular, the Malabo Declaration introduced a specific commitment on Mutual Accountability to *Actions and Results* which calls on AU Members State to: (i) conduct a Biennial Agricultural Review Process that involves tracking, monitoring and reporting on implementation progress; (ii) foster alignment, harmonization and coordination among multi-sectorial efforts and multi- institutional platforms for peer review, mutual learning and mutual accountability; and (iii) strengthen national and regional institutional capacities for knowledge and data generation, and management that support evidence-based planning, implementation, monitoring and Evaluation.

In 2021, the African Union (AU), Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Member States, in collaboration with partners collected data for the third Biennial Review report under the Malabo Declaration. This report will be presented to the Assembly of the African Union in February 2022, for consideration.

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The Malabo Policy Learning Event (MAPLE) is an annual *policy dialogue* convened by the Africa Union and its partners designed to bring together technical networks, country-level policy practitioners and leaders to discuss important agricultural policy topics, share learning and generate actions that can drive the CAADP Malabo Agenda.

The MAPLE 2021 is set to take place just before the 17th CAADP Partnership Platform. This year's event will be held a few months before the adoption of the third Biennial Review report by the AU Summit. The MAPLE will also be taking place against the backdrop of year-long dialogue processes in the lead up to the Food Systems Summit (September 2021). Furthermore, the MAPLE is being organized just as the Africa Union and Regional Economic Communities are reflecting on and finalizing a new AU CAADP Business Plan to guide implementation during the rest of the Malabo Declaration period (2022-2025)

One of the critical topics that has emerged in the course of all these processes is how to make policy processes and outcomes more inclusive and resilient. Furthermore, there has been increasing desire to

shift focus from planning, dialogue and consensus building to implementation. It is against this backdrop that the theme of the MAPLE 2021 will be **“Lessons for Implementing Inclusive and Resilient Food Systems Policies”**

This theme is aligned to that of the 17th CAADP Partnership Platform **High-level Objectives of the MAPLE**

1. To share lessons and experiences on the review, design, and implementation of Malabo-compliant National Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIPs).
2. To highlight how inclusion and resilience have and can be integrated in Food Security programming in the context of Malabo implementation.
3. To review and learn from different policy implementation approaches and tools
4. To identify key policy actions that if implemented at national, regional and continental levels, will accelerate the implementation of the CAADP agenda

Framework for the Meeting

The MAPLE 2021 is scheduled to take place virtually on November 22 and 23, 2021 from 2pm to 5pm Addis Ababa Time.

DAY I	TOPIC
30mins	TECH TIME & MINGLE
30 mins	<p>SESSION 1: Opening and Scene Setting</p> <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa - Director, Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union Commission ▪ Mamadou Diakhite, Head of Agriculture and Environment, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) ▪ Private Sector Representative: Nana Osei Bonsu ▪ Jean Baptiste Havugimana (EAC Director of Productive Sectors) ▪ Chair of Senior Officials and Experts, Bureau of the STC on ARDWE, Republic of South Africa, Winstone Makabanyane <p>Moderator – Simplicie Nouala, Head of Division, Agriculture and Food Security, AUC</p> <p>Overview of MAPLE Objectives, Agenda & Meeting Norms</p>
90 mins	<p>SESSION 2: Design and Implementation of Malabo-Compliant NAIPs</p> <p>Keynote Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Augustine Wambo-Yamdjeu (AUDA-NEPAD): What is a Malabo-compliant NAIP and why it is important?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ousmane Badiane (Akademiya2063): Revisiting NAIPs as a tool for managing national implementation – what is the evidence that this works and how can countries be better supported to develop high quality NAIPs? How has the CAADP BR review informed NAIP formulation and implementation? • Boaz or Apollos(AGRA): What can technical partners do to support countries and RECs to develop Malabo-compliant NAIPs? <p>Regional breakouts chaired by RECs: Status and lessons of NAIP development: where are we on NAIP design and Implementation? Where are the gaps and challenges? What kind of support do the countries require? How to best track this process?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Africa – Session Chairs: Jean Claude Kabano (EAC), <i>(English session with French interpretation)</i> • Central Africa – Session Chair: Mohamed Abakar (ECCAS) <i>(French session with English interpretation)</i> • Southern Africa – Session Chair: Panduleni Elago (SADC) <i>(English session with French interpretation)</i> • Western Africa Session Chair: Fatmata Seiwoh (ECOWAS) <i>(English session with French translation)</i> • Northern Africa – Session Chair: Faouzia Chakri (UMA) <i>(French session with English interpretation)</i> <p>Facilitator: Catherine Mbindyo</p>
10 mins	BREAK
60 mins	<p>SESSION 2: Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary Report Back from previous session
DAY 2	TOPIC
75 mins	<p>SESSION 3: Leadership for Inclusivity and Diversity in African Food Policy Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Presentation: Dr. Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg: Leadership for Inclusivity and Diversity in African Food Policy Systems • Panel discussion: Leading for inclusion: What will it take for a food policy system to be inclusive and equitable? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplice Nouala – African Union Commission • Emmanuel Ngore - CAADP Youth Network • Constance Okeke – ActionAid • Million Belay - Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session Objective: <i>This session will discuss the important topic of Inclusivity and Diversity in African Food Policy Systems. How can leaders and policymakers facilitate inclusivity and diversity? What are the best practices from countries and regions for achieving real inclusion?</i> • Facilitator: Robert Ouma
10 mins	Break to switch to breakout rooms
60 mins	<p>SESSION 4: Learning sessions on policy implementation approaches and tools</p> <p>Parallel Breakout Sessions (up to 5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding and measuring resilience within Food Policy Systems (Marco D’Errico, FAO and John Ulimwengu IFPRI/A2063) ▪ The Institutional Architecture Assessment – Helen Petrozolla and Rebecca Herrington (Policy LINK) ▪ Joint Sector Reviews – A primer – Greenwell Matchaya (Akademiya2063) ▪ Smart Policy Implementation Instruments – Augustin Wambo-Yamjeu (AUDA-NEPAD) and Mark Fynn (FAO) ▪ Models of Policy Reform Options in driving Inputs and Market Systems – Tinashe Kapuya, AGRA ▪ CAADP Youth Network Presentation
10 min	Break to switch back to plenary
45 mins	<p>SESSION 5: Consolidating Ideas for the Future Facilitator: Robert Ouma</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Prof. Richard Mkandawire Discussant: Dr. Godfrey Baghiwa</p> <p>Presentation of Outcomes of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are our recommendations from previous sessions (plenary presentation)? ▪ What are concrete actions we can take? <p>Closing Remarks: AUDA-NEPAD, REC Rep</p>

Design elements

Design and preparations will follow modalities and arrangements that ultimately support implementation at country level. For example, ahead of the event, virtual participation for pre-work will allow inclusion of more people from a practical/logistical perspective.

The two-day MAPLE workshop will see a deliberate effort to group countries with similar technical policy priorities to support cross-country learning & experience sharing. In addition, interactive components will be integrated in the form of breakout sessions, and other virtual tools built in to enable participants engage with keynote speakers and with each other in real-time and asynchronously.

Regional Economic Communities (RECs) are leading in the coordination of in-country meetings and in summarizing findings for regional reports as local and country level facilitators support country team preparations and follow up post-MAPLE 2021.

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