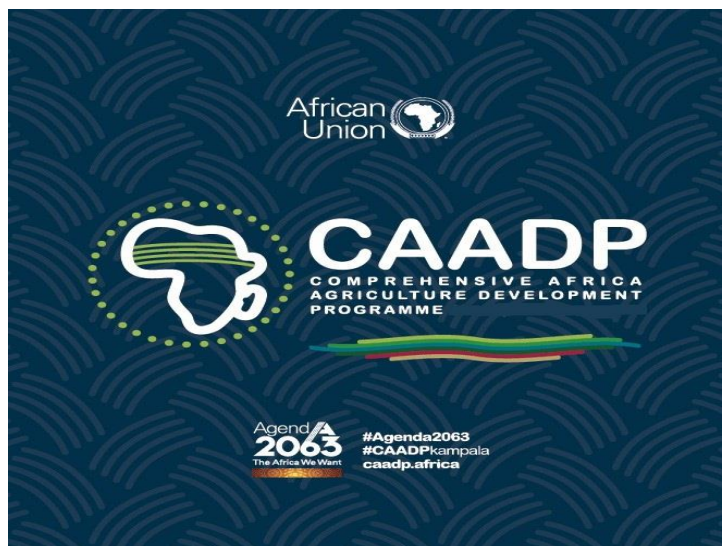




Concept Note



Official Launch of the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026 – 2035), and the Kampala Declaration

Johannesburg, South Africa

05-07 May 2025

I. Context

The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) has been the driving force behind Africa's agricultural transformation since its adoption in 2003 in Maputo, Mozambique. The Maputo CAADP framework aimed to accelerate economic growth, reduce poverty, and enhance food security through agriculture led growth, targeting a 6 percent annual agricultural GDP growth by 2015 and at least 10 percent of public expenditures spent on agriculture.

In 2014, the Malabo Declaration expanded CAADP's agenda to seven agricultural transformation commitments with specific goals and targets to be achieved by 2025. Over the past two decades, CAADP has elevated African agriculture, promoted broad participation, and mobilized political commitment and investments. The result is that Africa has witnessed significant agricultural growth from 2000 to 2021, and its agricultural sector becoming the fastest-growing globally. A robust monitoring and reporting mechanism has also been established through the CAADP Biennial Review mechanism. The CAADP Biennial Review report has become the primary source of information on agricultural transformation in Africa.

Despite these advancements, no country was on track to meet to the Malabo CAADP goals and targets by 2025. In 2024, the African Union Assembly voiced concerns about the continent's slow progress, along with emerging threats to African agri-food systems, and called for the development of a post-Malabo CAADP agenda.

In 2024, the process for the development of the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan was started and concluded with its adoption, together with the associated CAADP Kampala Declaration, at the Extraordinary Session of the African Union Heads of State Assembly held from 09-12 January 2025, in Kampala, Uganda.

This CAADP Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2035 builds on previous successes, describes agri-food system transformation pathways and proposes strategic actions that will address emerging challenges and opportunities in the agricultural sector and contribute to a more prosperous Africa. It focuses on agrifood systems transformation, with six (06) strategic objectives, aimed at achieving multiple goals: food security and nutrition, investment in agrifood systems, job creation, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience of livelihoods and the production systems, agro-industrialization, and trade, and agri-food systems governance. The strategy also emphasizes evidence-based planning, policy efficiency, dialogue, and mutual accountability.

The six Strategic objectives are as follows:

1. **Intensifying sustainable food production, agro-industrialization, and trade:** strengthening input systems and sustainability, stimulating growth and competitiveness of productive sectors, invest in regional value chains, improve trade facilitation policies, infrastructure and services.
2. **Boosting investment and financing for accelerated agrifood systems transformation:** Improve the quality of investments, redesigning a fit for purpose financial architecture, strengthen facilities that support the development of flagships and bankable projects.
3. **Ensuring Food and Nutrition Security:** Increase sustainable agriculture practices for enhanced productivity, exploit agriculture to improve human

nutrition, health SPS and one health outcomes, strengthen SPS standards and one health protocol.

4. **Advancing Inclusivity and Equitable Livelihoods:** Improving access to productive resources; implement inclusive social protection programmes; promote digitalization; and Agri Tech; improve market access and integration.
5. **Building Resilient Agri-Food Systems:** Strengthen institutional infrastructure to address shocks and stressors; Institute and strengthen programs towards building resilience livelihoods.
6. **Strengthening Agrifood Systems Governance:** Integrate CAADP Kampala Agenda into Regional and National Development Plans, improve mobilization of resources, streamline involvement of civil society, farmers and private sector organisations; strengthen parliamentary oversights, enhance decentralization of CAADP implementation and establish a robust agrifood system knowledge support system among others.

The launch of the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2035 will mark a significant milestone in Africa's journey towards agricultural transformation and sustainable development. This event will set the stage for its domestication by countries which in turn would result in a decade of progress, innovation, and collaboration towards building resilient and sustainable agri-food systems in Africa.

II. Objectives

The launch aims to operationalize the CAADP Strategy, Action Plan and the Kampala Declaration, stimulating their adoption across the continent. Specific objectives include:

- 1) Official Release: Formally introduce the CAADP Strategy and Kampala Declaration to AU Member States, RECs, and stakeholders.
- 2) Strategic Advocacy: Promote awareness of the Strategy's thematic priorities, approach, and expected outcomes.
- 3) Stakeholder Mobilization: Encourage alignment, commitment, and collaboration across national, regional, and continental levels.
- 4) Policy Dialogue: Facilitate high-level policy discussions on implementation, domestication, and investment mobilization.
- 5) Call to Action: Rally political will, technical partnerships, and financial resources for sustained implementation.

III. Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes of the Launch are:

- 1) Improved understanding of the content, scope, and objectives of the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026-2035) and Kampala Declaration.
- 2) Launch of the domestication and alignment processes at national and regional levels.
- 3) Strengthened multi-level partnerships across governments, development partners, civil society, and the private sector.
- 4) Commitments secured from partners and donors for resource mobilization for the CAADP Strategy and Kampala declaration, and the implementation at continental, regional and national levels.
- 5) Shared vision on implementation modalities, timelines, and governance mechanisms

IV. Format and Structure

The launch will be held from 05-07 May 2025 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Day 1 – 05 May 2025 (Hybrid)

- ❖ Opening Ceremony and Keynote Speeches
- ❖ Presentations on the CAADP Strategy and Kampala Declaration
- ❖ In depth Discussions: Domestication of the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan at Regional and National levels.
- ❖ Official Unveiling and Commitment Statements.

Day 2 – 06 May 2025 (In-Person Only)

- ❖ Roundtable discussion with ministers, technical partners, and stakeholders on the domestication process.

Day 3 – 07 May 2025 (Internal)

- ❖ AUC and AUDA-NEPAD meeting to finalize implementation roadmap.

V. Participants

The launch will convene a diverse set of stakeholders, including:

- ❖ AU STC Bureau on ARDWE and Member States
- ❖ Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- ❖ AUDA-NEPAD and AUC departments
- ❖ Development partners and international agencies
- ❖ Civil society organizations, youth, women, and farmer representatives
- ❖ Parliamentarians
- ❖ Private sector and academic institutions.