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2014 Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS)
Annual Conference: Promoting Agricultural Trade to Enhance
Resilience

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

What: The 2014 Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) Annual Conference will review progress in supporting evidence-based policy planning and implementation under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). Conference delegates will also discuss findings of the 2013 Africa-wide Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR) which tracks progress against key CAADP indicators and takes a comprehensive look at how agricultural trade can enhance resilience of the poor and vulnerable. Progress in advancing country Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support Systems and mutual accountability through comprehensive agriculture joint sector reviews will also be assessed.

Who: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC)

When: October 8-10, 2014

Where: African Union Commission Conference Centre, Addis Ababa

Objectives: The conference presents the opportunity for over 250 leaders from researchers, senior policymakers, development partners, advocacy groups, farmers' organizations, and the private sector to:

- Discuss findings and policy recommendations of the 2013 ATOR on *"Promoting Agricultural Trade to Enhance Resilience in Africa"*
- Review progress on the implementation of CAADP
- Share experiences and lessons from efforts to strengthen agriculture joint sector reviews and to establish country Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support Systems

- Discuss the new CAADP vision as agreed to by African Heads of State and Government during the June 2014 African Union Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.

High-level speakers will include:

- H.E. Professor Tekalign Mamo, State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopia
- H.E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission
- Dr. Lapodini Marc Atouga, Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Director for Africa, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Journalists are invited to cover the opening session on October 8, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. and the press conference at 5:00 pm on the same day.

The Press Conference will take place in the Press Briefing Room at the African Union Commission Conference Centre from 5:30 to 6:00 pm.

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