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2014 Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS)

Annual Conference: Promoting Agricultural Trade to Enhance

Resilience closing ceremony

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

What: The 2014 Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) Annual Conference reviewed progress in supporting evidence-based policy planning and implementation under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). Conference delegates also discussed findings of the 2013 Africawide 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 was also assessed.

Who: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in partnership with the

African Union Commission (AUC)

When: October 10, 2014 at 5:00pm

Where: African Union Commission Conference Centre. Addis Ababa

Objectives: The conference presented 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.

Journalists are invited to cover the closing session on October 10, 2014 at <u>5:00</u> p.m.

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