



## Media Advisory

### 9<sup>TH</sup> Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme Partnership Platform

**What:** The 9th Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development (CAADP) Partnership Platform (PP). The CAADP PP is an annual continental forum which brings together stakeholders in African Agriculture.

**When :** March 25 - 26, 2013

**Where:** African Union Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Time:** 09:00 – 11:00 (opening ceremony)

11:00 – 11:30 (press conference)

**Who:** Organised by the African Union Commission and the NEPAD Agency; the partnership platform expects the attendance of:

- President of Benin, H.E Boni Yayi
- Prime Minister of Ethiopia, H.E Hailemariam Desalegn
- AUC Chairperson, H.E Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma
- AUC Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, H.E Rhoda Peace Tumusiime
- Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Agency, Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki

Also in attendance will be high level African Leadership, Regional Economic Communities, government ministries, farmers' organizations, the private sector, civil society, Development partners, donor communities, the African Union Commission, and the New Partnership for Africa's Development stakeholders involved in agricultural development.

**Focus and theme:** The CAADP PP is a platform that facilitates practitioners (especially country level players) and other stakeholders to share and learn lessons. The 9th CAADP PP builds on the discussions and outcomes of the 8th CAADP PP but with more focused attention on Implementation, Results and Impact.

This year's theme, "*Sustaining the CAADP Momentum - from Decisions and Commitments to Implementation for Results and Impact,*" is within the broader CAADP framework of eliminating hunger, job creation and reducing poverty through agriculture. The theme on "Sustaining the CAADP momentum" aims directly at renewing the thrust of CAADP by providing a clearer perspective and the overall role of agriculture in the economic transformation of the continent.

It will particularly aim to examine achievements and successes during the past 10 years of CAADP in order to achieve CAADP objectives. The 9th CAADP PP will take into account the creation of a platform for “CAADP at 10”, which will provide an opportunity to reflect on drawbacks in order to impress a new thinking and visioning on how to transition the CAADP agenda into the next decade.

***Journalists are invited to cover the official opening ceremony of the high-level partnership platform on 25 March 2013, at 9:00am. A press briefing will be held after the opening session from 11:00 to 11:30***

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