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Venue: Virtual Event

The Malabo Policy Learning Event (MAPLE)

Theme: “Lessons for Implementing Inclusive and Resilient Food Systems Policies”

22nd – 23rd November 2021

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: The Malabo Policy Learning Event (MAPLE)

WHEN: 22nd – 23rd November 2021, at 13:00PM EAT

WHERE: Zoom virtual platform: <https://au.aucaadp.org/register-for-maple-2021>

Register in advance for this meeting:

HOW: The **Malabo Policy Learning Event (MAPLE)** will be opened in the presence of the leadership and officials of the AU Commission, Ministers, Member States, representatives of RECS, Academia, Famer Organizations, CSO and development partners

WHO: This event is organized by the African Union Commission (AUC), Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy (DARBE), the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)

SPEAKERS: The meeting will be held for Two (2) consecutive days with various high-level speakers and panelist as follows;

Keynote Speakers and panelist

1. **Mr. Winston Makabanyane** - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, South Africa and Chair of STC Experts Bureau on ARDWE
2. **Dr Godfrey Bahiigwa** - Director, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development (AUC-DARBE), African Union Commission
3. **Mr. Mamadou Diakhite**, Head of Agriculture and Environment, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
4. **Mr. Jean Baptiste Havugimana**, Director of Productive Sectors East African Community (EAC)
5. **Dr. Augustin Wambo-Yamdjeu**, Head of CAADP, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD)
6. **Dr. Ousmane Badiane** Executive Chairperson and Acting Managing Director of AKADEMIYA2063
7. **Mr. Boaz Keizire** Head of Policy and Advocacy at the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)(AGRA)

Background

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 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 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”**

Purpose and Objectives

This theme is aligned to the 17th CAADP Partnership Platform theme and aims to support the continuity of conversations on the Five Action Tracks of the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) 2021 dialogues at sub-national, national, regional, continental, and global levels.

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 actions that if implemented at National, Regional and Continental levels, will accelerate the implementation of the CAADP agenda

For More Information on the event:

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