



Joint Press Release

CAADP engagement to call for improved Private Sector partnerships and investments

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A CAADP Partnership Platform business meeting will be held from the 11th of November 2011 in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.

The objectives of the CAADP PP business meeting include:

- Alignment and harmonisation of work programmes across institutions and along the continent's priority issues and targets as well as building and ensuring consistency with the NEPAD-CAADP vision, principles and values
- Coordination of work programmes for the purposes of ensuring the desired synergies and complementarities (and avoid parallel, let alone contradictory actions/processes);
- Review progress and facilitate peer support (pressure) for enhanced implementation and delivery of results;
- Strengthening of results-based and accountable management in the execution of programmes meant to support CAADP implementation

In reaching these objectives, the business meeting is expected to make recommendations and endorsements on:

- Overall character (mandate, legitimacy, format/structure) of the CAADP PP Business Meeting
- Guidelines of the core inputs and outputs of the Meeting (what, format) including participation to facilitate/ensure business-like deliberations and decision making
- Meeting follow-up actions

Issues of communicating CAADP will also be addressed and recommendations on how to enhance understanding and appreciation of CAADP as Africa's policy framework will be made.

In reference to the business meeting, Mrs. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, AU Commission says "We are encouraged by the increased visible alignment of partners' support to the country-generated priorities in the framework of the CAADP. We would like this process of alignment and harmonisation to continue across all our partnerships both at the global capitals and at the country-level".

Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NEPAD Agency) said, of the meeting “inherent in the value and rationale for the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) is the resolve and determination to transform the way we do business in order to improve food security”.

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CAADP - endorsed by the (AU) and NEPAD in 2003 - is an Africa-led and Africa-owned initiative and framework to rationalize and revitalize African agriculture for economic growth and lasting poverty reduction results.

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