The 10th CAADP Partnership Platform Meeting -
“Africa Conference on Agriculture and Rural Development”
[19-22 March 2014, Durban International Convention Centre, Durban South Africa]

MEETING OBJECTIVES AND AGENDA

A. About the CAADP Partnership Platform

The origins of the CAADP Partnership, and later a platform, were initiated in 2005 during a consultative process involving the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency (then the NEPAD Secretariat), regional economic communities (RECs), national governments, private sector, farmer organizations and development partners. The idea was to provide a mechanism for lesson leaning and experience sharing and improving the alignment and effectiveness of efforts by African and foreign partners with respect to the CAADP agenda. The CAADP Partnership was a response to the needs for a multi-stakeholder senior level mechanism with a continent-wide perspective to ensure effective monitoring of overall progress and facilitate the necessary coordination of efforts for a successful implementation of the CAADP agenda at all levels. The need for the Partnership, and later the Platform, was reaffirmed at the meeting of the African Partnership Forum (APF) in May 2006 and recognized as an instrument to build commitment for CAADP as a framework to support African agriculture (APF Report on Agriculture 2006). The benefits of such an arrangement include: (i) holding those in the CAADP Partnership mutually accountable to the roles and responsibilities they commit; (ii) improved information provision, reduced transaction costs for CAADP policy and implementation agencies at continental, regional, and national levels, and a more consistent understanding of CAADP objectives and operational modalities across the different groups of actors and levels of implementation.

The CAADP Partnership Platform (PP) has evolved to become a forum for those in the partnership to report on and discuss progress in a number of areas including collective financing and other public and private funding instruments. The 10th PP is unique as it comes at a critical reflection moment when the Year 2014 was declared by 19th Ordinary Summit where Heads of State and Governments as a Year of Agriculture and Food Security as well as commemoration of 10 years since CAADP was endorsed by the same Assembly. Heads of State and Government and in their 22nd Ordinary Summit of January 2014 further launched a rigorous consultative process as a build up to forthcoming 23rd Ordinary Summit of 21st – 27th June in Malabo Equatorial Guinea, and with a view to making well informed, guided, and evidence-based Decisions to transform Africa’s agriculture in the next decade. This CAADP PP, therefore provides opportunity, to begin the shaping of what the Ministers and Heads of States will
discuss and commit to. Stakeholders will reflect on progress and identify, based on lessons to
date, goals, actions and targets Africa and its development partners commit to achieving over
the next decade. The outcomes of the CAADP PP will be an input to a Joint Conference of
African Ministers of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock and Rural Development Ministerial
Discussions scheduled 28th April to 2nd May 2014 in Addis Ababa Ethiopia.

B. Objectives
The Sustaining CAADP Momentum (SCM) Results Framework (2014-2024) is the conceptual
framework guiding deliberations and consultations during the 10th CAADP PP. The CAADP
Results Framework has been designed for results based programming and performance
assessment in agriculture, as well as providing a visionary beacon of the desired change and
impact of agriculture development on the socio-economic growth trajectory of the Continent. It
will therefore serve as a benchmarking framework for national level processes and practical
guidance to foster alignment and harmonization at all levels. The 10th CAADP PP engagements
and discussions, therefore will focus, and be guided, along the areas of broader thematic areas
as defined in the CAADP results framework.

The specific objectives of the 10th CAADP PP in Durban are:

(i). To share lessons and experiences from the last 10 years of CAADP implementation
(ii). To identify priority goals, actions and targets based on lessons learnt and emerging
challenges and opportunities
(iii). To suggest concrete policy proposals, decisions, or declarations that Ministers and Heads of
State and Governments should commit to for the next decade

C. Agenda at a Glance

March 17th and 18th Morning

AUC-NPCA-RECs and ReSAKSS Joint Planning and Review Meeting - CAADP Pre-PP
Meeting.

As has been the norm of all CAADP PP’s these dates will be dedicated to a participatory AUC-
NPCA-RECs and ReSAKSS Joint Planning and Review Meeting. This is a bi-annual Meeting of
the lead institutions which serves to deepen information sharing, reflection on learning aimed at
strengthening coordination and effective delivery of individual and collective CAADP
implementation support efforts. The Meeting is also attended by Farmer Organization’s and
FARA and other invited stakeholders. The objective is to provide, learn lessons, share
experience and reflect on the progress made on commitments and priorities since the last
CAADP PP. It is also a period used to review, reflect and co-own the Agenda of the CAADP PP.

DAY 1 (March 18, 2014)

Morning: Open space: Stakeholders are free to convene and self-organize special interest
meetings as they please
Afternoon: Opening ceremony and scene-setting.
DAYS 2 & 3 (March 19 & 20, 2014)

Parallel sessions by work streams. For purposes of the 2014 Year of Agriculture discussions the agenda is being organized around nine work streams each of which has been allocated a full day (in parallel sessions) as follows:

**Day 2 parallel sessions**: Agricultural science agenda; inputs and inputs policy; land and land policy; and data, M&E and mutual accountability

**Day 3 parallel sessions**: Agriculture, climate and risk & resilience; public-private sector engagement and investment financing; food and nutrition security; policies and institutions; and regional trade and infrastructure

Each work stream is expected to start work well before the PP meeting, to undertake extensive technical consultations to review evidence, lessons and experience and future actions that will define the implementation of these work streams in the next decade. During the parallel sessions, each work stream group will be required to hold detailed discussions and draw lessons from CAADP implementation over the last decade. Based on these as well as new opportunities and challenges, each work stream will make concrete proposals on what needs to be done going forward – stating the goals and actions – as well as targets that should be set for the next decade. These session outputs will feed into the plenary in day 3 – which will form an important filter to generate a set of collective priorities.

DAY 4 (March 21, 2014)

PLENARY: A plenary session to share outputs from work stream discussions; high level panel discussions to contribute to the emerging priorities; and a synthesis of proposals that will be taken forward to the Ministerial meeting in April/May 2014.

DAY 5 (March 22, 2014)

**CAADP Business Meeting**: This meeting will be attended by representatives of different stakeholders and is by invitations only