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10th Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme Partnership Platform

What: The 10th Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development (CAADP) Partnership Platform (PP) Meeting is an annual continental forum which brings together Stakeholders in African agriculture.

Date: March 18-22, 2014

Who: Organised by the African Union Commission and the NEPAD Agency, the Partnership Platform expects the attendance of:

- AUC Chairperson, H.E Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma
- AUC Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, H.E Rhoda PeaceTumusiime
- Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Agency, Dr Ibrahim Mayaki
- Hon Cllr James Nxumalo, Lord Mayor of Durban

Also in attendance will be High level African Leadership, Regional Economic Communities, government ministries, farmers’ organizations, the private sector, civil society and development partners. This year’s CAADP PP meeting will focus on African socio-economic development strategies to stimulate agriculture-led growth and country commitment to put agriculture at the top of national development agenda’s.

Focus and theme:
The 10th PP is unique as it comes at a critical reflection moment when the Year 2014 was declared by the 19th Ordinary Summit where Heads of State and Government 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 at their 22nd Ordinary Summit of January 2014, further launched a rigorous consultative process as a build up to the 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. The 10th CAADP PP, therefore provides opportunity, to begin the shaping of what the Ministers and Heads of State 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 for 28th April to 2nd May 2014 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
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

Further, the 10th CAADP PP engagements and discussions will focus on:
- Agriculture Science Agenda
- Agricultural Inputs
- Land and Land Policy
- Rural Infrastructure, Market Access, Regional Trade and Integration
- Food and Nutrition Security
- Public-Private Sector Engagement and Investment Financing
- Agriculture and Climate Change in relation to economic growth, Resilience and Agricultural Risk management
- Data, M&E and Mutual Accountability
- Policies and Institutions

Venue: The Durban International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

Journalists are invited to cover the opening ceremony on Tuesday 18 March, 2:00pm – 3:30pm and Press conference: Tuesday 18 March, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

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