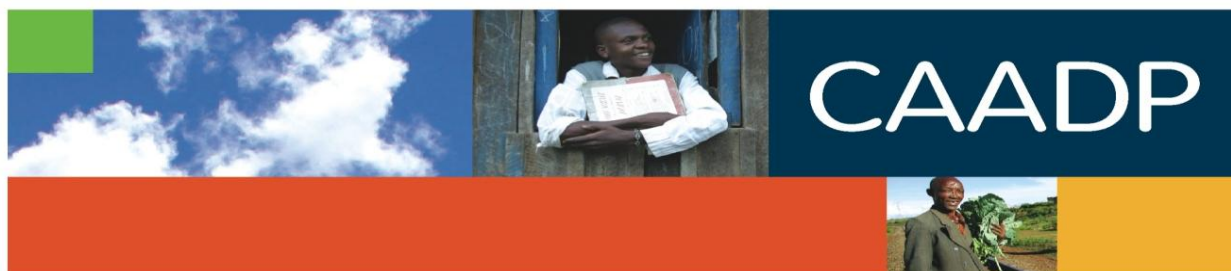




CONCEPT NOTE TO THE 'CAADP DAY'

June 2009



1. 0 INTRODUCTION

In 2009, the June / July AU Summit which will focus on agriculture on the theme 'Investing in Agriculture for Economic Growth and Food Security'. The following sub themes where position papers are being prepared will also be discussed

- 1: Climate Change: Opportunities for enhanced investments and growth of African Agriculture
- 2: Regional Agriculture trade and market systems: Issues and challenges for stimulating economic transformation and growth in Africa
- 3: Investment Financing: Making African Agriculture a viable investment option
- 4: Stimulating participation of the ultra-poor in rural economic activities.

2.0 SHOWCASING CAADP AT THE SUMMIT

NEPAD sees this year's Summit as yet another milestone in the advancement of the CAADP agenda, coming as it does after the agreed deadline of 10% budgetary allocations to agriculture by 2008, and more broadly African Agriculture. This is seen as the most important Summit in redefining the future of African agriculture after the Maputo Summit of 2003.

The Summit is being convened six years after the endorsement of CAADP by the African Heads of State and Government. The Summit is also being convened against the back drop of global consensus in getting agriculture back on top of the development agenda - by development partners, including bilateral and multilateral agencies as well as foundations. In particular, it is necessary to keep our development partners engaged, especially at the national levels, given the CAADP objective of harmonized investments in agriculture.

The Summit is also being convened against a climate of global financial crisis and high food prices, which are threatening the economic and political gains that Africa has achieved over the past decade. Indeed the full impact of the current global financial crisis and the high food prices on investments in Africa and more specifically agricultural investments are yet to be discerned.

However, there are concerns that exports of key commodities into western markets, remittances by Africans in the Diaspora (some of which go into agriculture) will decline.

This clearly calls for a renewed commitment by African leaders to maintain the momentum of increased budget allocation into agriculture and to seek other options of increased domestic financing for investments in the agriculture sector. Additionally, the prospect for Africa's sustained economic growth and increased role in the global economy would be greatly enhanced if the current regional integration and co-operation agreements are adhered to.

The importance of economic integration should not be underestimated, given the opportunity it provides for intra- and inter-regional trade, development of local markets that can stimulate and foster industrialization and economies of scale that large markets can offer. Regional integration also offers Africa the opportunity to concentrate and capitalize on the areas and products where each region and/or country has a comparative advantage and can benefit from its competitive edge. This has also got the potential to enable Africa to scale-up its infrastructural development thereby improving the environment for trade.

In the wake of the global financial crisis the Summit, should also serve as a platform in calling upon the global community which has already pledged financing into African agriculture not to relent on its commitments to increase financing to investments in African agriculture.

The Summit will also provide an opportunity for both the African political leadership, leaders of farmers' organizations and the private sector as well as development partners to review the findings of a CAADP Review that has been commissioned by NEPAD. The review which is currently in progress, will not only reflect on progress on the implementation of CAADP, but more importantly, it will chart new pathways in the implementation of CAADP in the next 5 to 10 years, including the identification of new CAADP milestones/targets as well as critical political commitments that will accelerate agricultural growth and food security across the span of countries on the continent.

Given the global support that has been associated with the CAADP process, including the active participation of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development, and the action and endorsement of CAADP by development partners as an entry point in enhancing coordinated support to African agriculture, the input of all development partners into the processes leading towards the convening of this Summit is critical.

The historic opportunity that CAADP provides in the renewal of African agriculture coupled with the global support that it has marshaled, it is clear that the July Summit provides yet another grand opportunity for the international global community to yet again rally around this African defined and driven vision on agriculture.

There is therefore an emerging consensus from Africa that development partners should actively participate into the events leading towards the convening of the Summit.

An engagement with the development partners is critical to ensure buy in around some of the core issues and recommendations that might be tabled during the Summit. Development partner participation is also critical in drawing the attention of the international development community on the need for remaining focused on agriculture as a conduit for poverty and hunger reduction in Africa.

3.0 THE CAADP DAY: RATIONALE

It is in this regard proposed that the AU convenes, with the input of development partners a “CAADP DAY” prior to the start of the Summit. The “CAADP DAY” would serve as a conversation day between African leaders (political, farmers, private sector representatives, leaders of “think tank” institutions, representatives from the diaspora etc) and the development partners. This day will afford both the AU-NEPAD and development partners to engage in conversation on progress achieved in the implementation of CAADP since 2003 and also explore the challenges that will delay the process, if not addressed.

A presentation on the findings of the CAADP review will be presented by eminent African reviewers from across the continent. Comments and recommendations will be received, from the development partners, farmers’ organizations, the private sector, high level exponents of CAADP as well as African CAADP “Centres of Excellence”.

Position papers on the core sub themes of the Summit will also be presented by leading African experts working in the field of agriculture/CAADP. The development partners will also be invited to make presentation on thematic issues linked to the core Summit theme.

The dialogue for the “CAADP DAY” is intended to focus on concrete actions that both Africa and the international development community genuinely believe can be taken up immediately after the Summit to operationalise CAADP at the country levels. A key priority will be to discuss how the AU-NEPAD and all key partners can foster proper understanding of the CAADP process. It is necessary to enhance awareness, conduct education and training exercises about the CAADP processes - especially those concerning the focal persons and key stakeholders - through the provision of financial and technical resources that can be used to develop mechanisms and communication products that will catalyse the process at the national levels.

Countries need to be supported with regard to their stocktaking exercises and the development of strategies for investment plans. Currently, the timeline for the completion of the process is open-ended and has contributed to the non-compliance of the 10% objective, since there is a

need for countries to go through the process in order to identify the gaps, there is a need to develop policies and practical strategies that will support demands for additional investment.

Where some of this agreement has been reached on concrete actions, this dialogue will afford the international development community to reaffirm their commitments into moving the process towards implementation. The same will apply to African leaders participating in the dialogue – they will be expected to reaffirm their commitment to the concrete actions that they are pursuing (and/or expected to pursue by their people) in the implementation of CAADP on the ground, at the country and/or regional levels.

Both the African constituency (farmers' organizations, the private sector, foundations, academic research and training institutions etc) and the international development community (foundations, CGIARS, development agencies, both multilateral and bilateral, international NGOS, Private sector etc) will be invited to display their exhibits.

The purpose of the exhibitions, is to demonstrate that “things are happening in Africa”, to show case agricultural successes and opportunities for increased investments in Africa.

The organization of such an exhibition will require the active participation of the host country – supported by in country development partners. This is an activity that the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development could follow up to explore how best such an exhibition might be organized.

4.0 VISION, OBJECTIVES AND KEY CONSIDERATIONS

In summary, the overall vision of the CAADP Day is to widen / broaden (i) the political space and (ii) investment climate for CAADP to Agriculture.

The Day is envisaged as a public space that can act as an avenue for genuine public(s) dialogue on how to deepen political engagement and investments that are in support of CAADP.

The principal objectives of the CAADP Day are:

- To facilitate a principled dialogue between state and non-state actors, national and international stakeholders, in firmly establishing CAADP as the framework for country-driven development of the agricultural sector;
- To highlight, and help deepen, the involvement of farmers' organisations, private business entities and Africa's academic and research institutions in the CAADP process;
- To reaffirm the commitments of African governments and international development partners to the provision of coordinated support to CAADP implementation at country and regional levels;

- To enlighten, through the medium of exhibitions, participants and the public on the engagement of African stakeholders in different CAADP-related activities and programmes and
- To publicise CAADP and the work of key CAADP partners and national –level practitioners especially those from countries that have signed CAADP Compacts / showed progress in implementing CAADP.

A key consideration to bear in mind in the thinking around and indeed with regard to the actual planning and organization of the event on the actual day – that is on the ‘CAADP Day’ itself - is that the CAADP is not duplicating and/or replicating the work, aims and rationale of the CAADP PP. Whilst the CAADP PP is focused on creating a forum for the ‘Partnership Platform’ to review CAADP and to share lessons on CAADP implementation, the CAADP Day is bent on creating such dialogue at a rather different level. The focus is on getting the African Heads of State and the high level development partners to re-affirm (whether symbolically and/or practically) their political and investment commitments to CAADP.

5.0 ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

Main events

It is proposed that the CAADP Day will consist of paper presentations, question and answer sessions, press conference-type panel discussion and a guided exhibition. While paper presentations are to be made by key African experts and representatives of African non-state sector stakeholders, the panel discussion is proposed to involve high political level African personalities and a selected number of heads of development partner agencies. The exhibition will provide opportunities for CAADP stakeholders from within Africa (e.g., NEPAD/AUC, AU specialized Technical Agencies, RECs, farmers’ organisations, pillar lead institutions, ReSAKSS) to show case their activities and programmes within the framework of CAADP.

Event organisation team

In order to more effectively address both logistical and substantive issues surrounding the CAADP Day, it is proposed to institute an ad hoc ‘oversight team’ consisting of the following representatives

- Host country Ministry of Agriculture (or a designated point person in the Government of the Host Country),
- AUC/DREA,
- NEPAD/CAADP,
- Secretariat of Global Donor Platform,

- CTA (responsible for documentation, rapporteurs, translation of documents, minutes and final report)
- FARA (responsible for exhibition and assist with logistics)
- and agricultural donor working group in the host country.

All logistical undertakings in the host country (including the organisation and management of meeting venue/exhibition hall) will be handled by an event management team, which will be outsourced by NEPAD Secretariat.

A Consultant will also be brought on board to assist with the preparation of talking notes / speaking notes for the CAADP Day and the guidance notes for the related Exhibitions.

Financing and budgeting

The bulk of the funds for the CAADP Day are to be sourced from the CAADP Multi-Donor Trust Fund.

Participants

It is proposed to invite the following agencies/personalities as a matter of urgent priority:

African Heads of State/Government championing the causes of CAADP

Pan African Platform of Farmers Organisations

Leading African private sector operators engaged in the agricultural supply chain

UN Economic Commission for Africa

G8 Food Security Group members

UNHLTF Secretariat

Heads of donor/development partner/international financial agencies

Renowned African journalists

Renowned Diasporic African / African in the Diaspora

AUC/NEPAD needs to send invitation letters, as a matter of urgency, to the above and solicit their attendance following appropriate diplomatic channels.

Date and Host country: 27th June 2009, Tripoli, Libya.

6.0 PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

<p>09:00 - 10:00 Opening Ceremony</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Statement from the NEPAD CEO (10 mins) Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki2. Statement from the Development Partners (10 mins) World Bank3. Statement from the Commissioner for DREA (10 mins) Mrs Rhoda Peace Tumusiime4. Opening statement / Welcome remarks by the Host Country Representative (10 mins)
<p style="text-align: center;">Key Note Presentation</p> <p>Synopsis on the state of agriculture in Africa: Challenges and opportunities. Prof. Richard Mkandawire, NEPAD Agriculture Unit (20 mins)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Press-moderated panel discussion</p> <p>10:00 – 11:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Focus: In the context of the AU Summit Theme covering issues of Agriculture and Climate Change; Markets and Trade; Commitments to Investment Financing for African Agriculture; and Food Security and the most vulnerable sections of society</i></p> <p>Panelists: The Heads of State from Rwanda, South Africa, Congo (Brazzaville), Liberia and Libya</p> <p>Development Partner Representatives from USAID and the EU</p> <p>Representative from the South to South Network - Mr. Shengyao Tang, Director, Division for Asia and Africa, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, P.R. China</p> <p>Moderator: John Kaninda</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p> <p>11:30 – 12:00</p>

12:00 – 13:00

Thematic Session (I): Agriculture and CAADP

- Chair, Permanent Secretary, MINGARIE , Rwanda
1. Overview of CAADP (NEPAD Secretariat) (15 mins) Mr Martin Bwalya
 2. Experience on Country Round Table Process (Uganda) - Keizire Boaz Blackie (15 mins)
 3. Initial reflections from the CAADP Review, CAADP Review Team (15 mins)

Moderated discussion (15 mins)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 –15:30 **Thematic Session (II):The African non-state sector and the CAADP Agenda**

- Chair, Permanent Secretary, Agriculture, Burkina Faso
1. Reflections from farmers’ organizations (Mamadou Cissokho, Pan African Platform for the farmer of Africa) (10 mins)
 2. Thoughts from the African agri-business sector (10 mins)
 3. The role of academic and research institutions in advancing CAADP: Past and future (Dr. Monty Jones, FARA) (10 mins)
 4. Communication and Information Support for Agriculture (Director of CTA - Dr. Hansjörg Neun, Director of CTA), (10 mins)
 5. Moderated discussion (20 mins)

15:30 - 15:45 Closing

Word of thanks by CEO, NEPAD Secretariat Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki

15:45 - 17:00 Guided Tour of the Exhibition