

CAADP Working Group on Non State Actor participation



Recommended Interventions to boost Non State Actor participation in CAADP processes

*Companion Document to the Guidelines for Non State Actor
participation in CAADP processes*

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Overview

This is a companion document to the “Guidelines for Non State Actor participation in CAADP processes”. The guidelines propose structures and processes to ensure Non State Actors can participate and contribute fully in CAADP and the transformation of African agriculture. They intend to prompt dialogue at the country, regional and continental level; so that in each context, key stakeholders can develop an appropriate plan for boosting participation.

While the guidelines provide a useful reference point, their impact depends upon stakeholders actually engaging with, and acting upon them. Continental-level action is required:

- ☑ To prompt country and regional teams to develop their own plans for boosting participation
- ☑ To foster an enabling environment for Non State Actor participation through better co-ordination support, communication, capacity development and financing.

Hence, the Non State Actor working group recommends that, from a continental perspective, the following interventions be implemented:

1. Finalise, communicate and initiate the **guidelines**
2. Establish **co-ordination** functions to champion and support Non State Actor participation from a continental perspective
3. Create **financing** architecture for Non State Actor participation
4. Integrate Non State Actor **capacity development** needs into CAADP Capacity Development Strategy
5. Expand **communication** efforts to raise awareness and understanding of CAADP with Non State Actors
6. Engage **parliamentarians** at a continental-level

This document suggests an action plan for implementation of the recommendations.

Please refer to the guidelines for a full discussion on the importance of Non State Actor participation, and the challenges in achieving it with quality. The guidelines also contain a summary of the process whereby the guidelines and recommendations were developed, and a list of members of the working group.

Action plan

Workstream 1: Finalise, communicate and initiate the guidelines

The guidelines are primarily a catalytic tool, to prompt dialogue and action planning by stakeholders in each context. They need to be finalised, communicated to interested parties, and then put into practice by facilitating sessions for country and regional teams.

1. Finalise guidelines			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Draft and circulate	Ian Randall	1 Dec '10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review and feedback	NSA Working group	10 Dec '10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Integrate case studies	Ian Randall	10 Dec '10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Revised version circulated and agreed	NSA Working group	17 Dec '10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Translate in to French	Ian/ translator	14 Jan '11
2. Communicate guidelines			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Circulate final document to NSA consultation group for use	Ian Randall	31 Jan '11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Post on websites	NPCA (Andrew)	31 Jan '11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing for CAADP e-newsletter	NPCA (Andrew)	28 Feb '11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Host webinar	Ian Randall	28 Feb '11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Present at Partnership Platform	Chair of Working Group	31 Mar '11
3. Initiate guidelines – a “roadshow”			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Co-ordinate and integrate the “roadshow” with implementation of strategies for capacity development and mutual accountability	Ian/ Unami/ Simon	1 Dec '10
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertise for governments interested in piloting action-planning workshop and willing to convene meeting of current country team and local NSA	NPCA	15 Jan '11
<input type="checkbox"/>	NPCA consultants to present guidelines, and facilitate dialogue on current reality, desired state, and develop an action plan. Initially pilot in 2-4 countries.	NPCA, plus regional NSA reps to help promote and deliver.	31 May '11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training of trainers	NPCA	31 May '11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roll-out upon demand	NPCA	-

Workstream 2: Establish co-ordination functions to champion and support Non State Actor participation from a continental perspective

Efforts to improve participation of Non State Actors will depend upon active co-ordination, leadership and support. There are currently few dedicated resources, which is partly why Non State Actors has received less attention compared to State Actors. In response, it is recommended that the Non State Actor working group evolves into an ongoing informal fora at the continental level to champion and co-ordinate Non State Actor engagement in support of CAADP. Initial functions are likely to include:

- Communicate closely with Non State Actors, advocate for them, and support their participation.
- Create inventory of regional and continental NSA that meet key criteria for relevance and legitimacy
- Co-ordinate interventions to boost participation
- Monitor quality of participation against guideline standards
- Collaborate closely with work on Mutual Accountability and capacity building
- Co-ordinate support by NSA to NPCA and RECs in driving the CAADP agenda forwards

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Establish a secretariat body to support working group	Working Group	1 Jan 11
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Define strategic priorities and an action plan for 2011	Working Group	1 Feb 11
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Establish working norms e.g. comms, telcon schedule etc	Sec't	1 Feb 11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inventory regional and continental NSA that meet key criteria for relevance and legitimacy, as a basis for better communication	Working Group member?	1 May 11

Workstream 3: Create **financing** architecture for Non State Actor participation

The guidelines recommend national-level basket funds be established to help finance the work of Non State Actor representative organisations on the country team. At a regional-level (i.e. the sub-regions correlating to the RECs), the guidelines recommend a single continental basket fund be established to support the work of regional Non State Actors representative organisations. At both levels the same basic eligibility criteria would apply:

- Undergone a transparent selection process by their constituency
- Have prepared plans and budgets for CAADP work, and which are well-aligned to the overall priorities and roadmaps for their country or region.
- Are providing some self-finance

The CAADP MDTF is already financing continental-level participation of Non State Actors as required.

The following actions would create a financing architecture by:

1. promoting national basket funds
2. establishing a specific continental fund

1. Promoting national basket funds			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discuss during “roadshow” with country-level stakeholders	NPCA consultants	31 May ‘11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brief HQ-level Development Partners and encourage them to promote to country-level colleagues	Sonja – CAADP DP TT chair	31 Mar ‘11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify first national CAADP NSA basket fund and write-up as a technical resource for others on how to structure and manage	Working group	31 Dec ‘11
2. Establishing a continental fund for regional NSA			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Develop concept note	Working group	31 Jan ‘11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discuss available finance with Development Partners	Sonja – CAADP DP TT chair	28 Feb ‘11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review structuring options, including establishing a child trust fund within the CAADP Multi Donor Trust Fund	Sonja – CAADP DP TT chair	31 Mar ‘11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implement as appropriate	NPCA	-

Workstream 4: Integrate Non State Actor **capacity development** needs into CAADP Capacity Development Strategy

The Capacity Development Strategy should provide a framework for boosting the capacity of both State and Non State Actors alike. The specific needs highlighted by the guidelines for the sake of boosting participation simply need embedding in the strategy.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Communicate priority capacities for Non State Actors to the Capacity Development Task Team	Ian/ Unami/ Frank	1 Nov ‘10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review CDS for inclusion of NSA agenda	Ian	14 Dec ‘11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review capacity development materials and delivery is user-friendly, non-technical and accessible to Non State Actors	Unami	Ongoing

Workstream 5: Expand **communication** efforts to raise awareness and understanding of CAADP with Non State Actors

Improved and more targeted communications are required to raise awareness and understanding of CAADP with Non State Actors. This both involves continental-level communications, and ways to support national and regional efforts.

<input type="checkbox"/> Review the CAADP communication strategy to ensure it serves the interests of Non-State Actors. Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expanding the mailing list - targetted communications - increasing information flows - extending planning horizon e.g. fix date of PP 6 months in advance 	Working Group	31 Jan '11
<input type="checkbox"/> Add subscribers to the CAADP NSA consultation group to the general CAADP mailing list	WG Sec't & Andrew	28 Feb '11
<input type="checkbox"/> Develop standard communication resource to help country teams explain CAADP to NSA constituencies	NPCA	31 Mar '11
<input type="checkbox"/> Engage media (national, regional and continental) through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General training on CAADP, NPCA and African governance and development - Targeted briefings on CAADP - Press releases 	NPCA	Ongoing

Workstream 6: Engage **parliamentarians** at a continental-level

Parliamentarians are a key source of accountability between government and citizens. The roll-out of the guidelines should ensure their engagement is strengthened at the country and regional-levels. There is also an opportunity to engage parliamentarians through continental-level fora that they are part of, especially the Pan-African Parliament.

<input type="checkbox"/> Present CAADP briefings to Pan-African Parliament whenever possible including sharing continental-level MAF report	NPCA	Ongoing
<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage RECs to present CAADP briefings to regional bodies (e.g. EALA or SADC Parliamentarian Forum) whenever possible including sharing regional-level MAF reports	Working Group	Ongoing
<input type="checkbox"/> Include parliamentarians in capacity building and awareness-raising efforts	NPCA	Ongoing
<input type="checkbox"/> Work through regional agencies to communicate with parliamentarians on CAADP	NPCA	Ongoing