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Editorial

Dear readers,

Six months have passed since our 1st biannual Circular and this time gave space for many CAADP related actions: Technical Networks to support CAADP implementation have been conceived and launched in Nairobi in September 2016; the preparation of the Biennial Revue and linked scorecard is on-going; Africa wide NAIP appraisal and formulation missions started in Malawi and will support the national level in refreshing their NAIP.

Private sector involvement to CAADP became apparent in the “African Green Revolution Forum” in September in Nairobi. Further, by having moved the team of the “New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition” to Midrand/ South Africa, the ties to CAADP will become closer.

With the drafting of a 4-year “African Union Business Plan for Implementation of the CAADP-Malabo Commitments 2017-2020” AUC -DREA and NPCA give a clear signal that they intend to move CAADP forward through sufficient resource endowment and strong partnerships.

The recent Business Meeting in November 2016 in Addis Ababa brought together more than 40 representatives from CAADP stakeholder institutions and was a good occasion to share the status update on CAADP implementation and to draw and discuss the way forward.

We wish you a happy festive season and a good start into the New Year.

DPCG Chair and Secretariat

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Technical Networks

On September 2/3, the Technical Networks to support the implementation of CAADP/Malabo Declaration were launched in Nairobi. They will provide technical support and capacity development to AU Member States, RECs and other CAADP implementers. Functioning as communities of practice, they are supposed to develop mechanisms and provide tools to support the implementation of specific Malabo Declaration content areas. The Technical Network on Agricultural Investment Finance met on November 23 in Dakar to discuss organisational and procedural issues. For more information please visit www.caadp-tn.org.

Biennial Review

The commitment to mutual accountability to actions and results is a strong part of the Malabo Declaration, where Heads of States have committed amongst others to conduct a biennial agricultural review process that involves tracking, monitoring and reporting. The first report is expected in January 2018. A handbook on the Biennial Review has been released and the Biennial Review Mechanism has been designed with a set of profiled indicators as derived from the CAADP Results Framework, the African Agriculture Transformation Scorecard being a central element. A training of regional trainers' workshop was organized in Nairobi in November and regional workshops to train national trainers will follow in 2017.

NAIP appraisal and formulation country support missions

AUC-DREA and NPCA offer support and capacity development to countries in order to move forward and refresh their NAIP. The domestication and NAIP appraisal process will support member states to update and formulate their National Agriculture Investment Plans and put in place necessary instruments and mechanisms needed for effective country-specific implementation and accountability. Based on country requests, support from AUC, NPCA and RECs will be quick-started with a one-week country convening where important CAADP constituencies will be assembled to discuss and agree on a roadmap that defines steps and deliverables for the NAIP review and refresh process and follow-on implementation process. Technical and development partners in each country will be available / requested to provide support to the domestication process and NAIP formulation process before, during and after the mission.

AU Business Plan for Implementation of the CAADP-Malabo Commitments 2017-2020

At the 2016 CAADP Partners' Business Meeting in Addis Ababa, AUC-DREA and NPCA presented the 4-year "AU Business Plan for Implementation of the CAADP-Malabo Commitments 2017-2020". The set-up of this plan is a clear indication that AU is willing to further support agricultural and rural development as strong contributors to the SDGs and Africa Vision 2063. For further engagement towards the plan, partners called nevertheless for a more detailed and focussed revision of the document and proposed to send their comments in this regard. Development Partners welcomed the

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plans of AU to increase their financial contribution for CAADP-Malabo from currently 20 % to 40%. They also called for a stronger focus on results regarding the implementation of CAADP on the country level.

DPCG activity lines

Teleconferences

Three DPCG teleconferences and several bilateral calls with AUC-DREA and NPCA have been organized in the last six months to discuss topics of financing CAADP, mapping of donor support flows, vertical communication with the regional and national level, the finalisation of the Donor Support and Coordination Framework and the preparation of the Business Meeting. They further served to mutually inform members and to discuss CAADP related events.

Donor Support and Coordination Framework

DPCG members adopted the new “CAADP Donor Support and Coordination Framework” during the teleconference of August 29. It builds on and complements the 2009 “Guidelines for Donor Support for CAADP Processes at the Country Level” which lay out guidelines for joint steps through which donors will provide harmonized support for the country/region-led agriculture and food security planning processes and investment programs that are CAADP aligned. The document was translated in French and is now available on the GDPRD website (www.donorplatform.org/caadp/workstream). It describes the purpose, principles and intervention areas of DPCG and is central to strengthen the common base and common understanding about what DPCG stands for in order to improve cooperation and communication with the African partners and other stakeholders of the CAADP process.

Support flow mapping

As a follow-up of the former DPCG chair’s study on “Catching the picture of CAADP support flows”, the secretariat conducted a mapping of CAADP support flows with slightly changed categories and adapted format. The objectives stay the same, i.e. to obtain a global view of support, to identify gaps, to avoid effort duplication, to better coordinate between DPs, to support programme planning and design and eventually feed a dialogue with African counterparts. Seven donors participated so far in the mapping which focussed on the continental and regional level. National level mapping is not foreseen and should be done by national level stakeholders.

First analysis shows that most donor support addresses the wider field of CAADP/Malabo orientated agricultural and rural development and only a small part supports CAADP-specific processes and structures. Both support approaches should anyway refer to another to yield best impacts. The mapping structure will have to be adapted to the current AU CAADP-Malabo Business Plan to be comparable and serve as guiding document for further support needs discussions.

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New Chair person

The German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) assigned a new chairperson: Dr. Yiannis Neophytou, Head of Division 200, Policy issues of development cooperation with Africa; African Union.

News from DPCG Members

This space offers DPCG members to announce CAADP related actions from their side, like new support activities, outcome of CAADP related meetings or new partnerships engaged.

GIZ CAADP support program

The CAADP Support Programme, implemented by GIZ on behalf of BMZ, continues with new financial commitments of 29 million EUR for the next three years. In addition to the three on-going modules CAADP-Policy Advice, CAADP-Adaptation to Climate Change and CAADP-ATVET (Agriculture Technical Vocational Education and Training), a new module on CAADP-ATVET for Women focusses on labour market-oriented and income-enhancing trainings for women in the field of agriculture. The programme will furthermore focus on supporting CAADP implementation at country level and on upscaling these experiences to regional and continental level.

Results of the previous CAADP Support Programme are, amongst others, the endorsed concept for the CAADP Country Support Missions and the CAADP Implementation Guidelines as well as the set-up of the NEPAD Climate Change Fund. The ATVET approach is being embedded in the National Qualification Frameworks in six pilot countries, and close to 6,000 young people benefitted from training in selected labour-market relevant agricultural value chains. We build on these results to further support the domestication of Malabo.

Recent and upcoming events

DPCG internal meeting and High Level meeting with H.E. Commissioner Tumusiime Rhoda Peace in Addis Ababa on November 2, 2016

DPCG members met one day before the official CAADP Business Meeting to discuss internal topics, to prepare the Business Meeting as well as the High Level meeting with H.E. Commissioner Tumusiime Rhoda Peace. This High-Level Meeting with the Commissioner of AUC-DREA gave the new DPCG Chairperson the possibility to introduce himself and to raise issues of strategic importance like financing and restructuring of the AU. After the Business Meeting on November 4, DPCG members met to debrief on the outcomes and to define further steps.

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CAADP Partners' Business Meeting November 3/4, 2016, Addis Ababa

The 2016 CAADP Partners' Business Meeting was convened by the AUC-DREA and NEPAD Agency. It was co-chaired by H.E. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, Ms. Estherine Fotabong (NEPAD Agency) and Dr. Yiannis Neophytou, DPCG Chair. The topic was "Repositioning CAADP for an accelerated implementation going for results and impact". Over 40 participants attended the meeting. Specific areas covered were CAADP implementation since Malabo Declaration, a new Business Plan to accelerate the implementation of Malabo, Partnership and coordination mechanisms as well as financing Malabo.



The following output of the discussion was recorded: (1) Development Partners are committed to further support CAADP/Malabo on the base of a further elaborated AU Business Plan, (2) regional topics and institutions have to get involved more thoroughly, (3) the Biennial Review (first report due January 2018) should rely as far as possible on existing data and learn from other initiatives (like the scorecard for combatting Malaria) and (4) the urgent need for more work on measuring and proving impact of CAADP on the ground.

Further information on the meeting outcome can be drawn from the Final Communiqué.

Upcoming CAADP related events

- 30-31 January 2017: AU summit Addis Ababa
- 1– 2 February 2017: Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the Donor Platform, Brussels
- April 2017: CAADP Partnership Platform

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