

CAADP Donor Support and Coordination Framework

The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) is the Africa owned and Africa led initiative working to boost agricultural growth and productivity in Africa in order to reduce poverty and hunger. The recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) call for renewed focus and attention on global development priorities, and in particular SDG 2 calls for ending hunger, achieving food security, improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture. CAADP provides a policy framework and a continental and regional context for country-led processes which contribute toward reaching these ambitious global goals.

In 2014, at the 10th anniversary of CAADP, the African Union (AU) Heads of State and Government Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods made seven specific commitments to achieve that goal. The Malabo Declaration places emphasis on implementation, results and impact, building on the achievements of CAADP's first ten years and lessons learnt. The Malabo Declaration calls on Development Partners "to rally and align their technical and financial support in a harmonized and coordinated manner to support the implementation of the provisions of this Declaration."¹

Recognizing the important progress achieved in Africa over the last decade, particularly with respect to the establishment of the CAADP framework and processes, donors, as critical development partners, are presenting this Framework in response to the call for greater alignment and coordination around African priorities.

Purpose

This framework 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. That document² remains the primary guide to donor engagement in the CAADP processes at country level, and this framework further clarifies donor support for African institutions and the principles and parameters for substantive and constructive partnership for the implementation of the Malabo Commitments. While acknowledging the growing interdependencies in the world and the multi-faceted and evolving nature of the relationship between donors and Africa, together these documents articulate the principles and intended modus

¹ http://pages.au.int/sites/default/files/Malabo%20Declaration%202014_11%2026-.pdf

² http://pages.au.int/sites/default/files/Guidelines-for-Donor-Support_Platform.pdf

operandi of our development assistance in support of the Malabo Declaration Commitments and Implementation Strategy and Roadmap and the principles and goals of CAADP.

Principles

1. We acknowledge our support for and alignment to the vision articulated in the Africa Agenda 2063, to the Malabo Declaration Commitments, the Implementation Strategy and Road Map (ISRM) and 2015-2025 Results Framework, and to national and regional frameworks and processes guided by CAADP principles.
2. Donors engaged in the Africa Region provide support to and partner with African Governments, Regional Economic Communities, African Union Institutions and other stakeholders – following their respective mandates – in the formulation, implementation and tracking of a coherent and coordinated set of aligned actions that contribute to achievement of the Commitments articulated in the African Union Malabo Declaration on “Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods”, as issued by Heads of State at the 23rd Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly.
3. We reaffirm our commitment to the principles of Ownership, Alignment, Harmonization, Managing for Results, Mutual Accountability and Inclusive Partnership, articulated in the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-Operation.
4. We recognize the importance of linking our responses on broader development challenges and ensuring coherence with the principles and processes of CAADP.
5. We underscore our commitment to mutual accountability for delivering results to the intended partners of our co-operation, recognizing the significance of such results with respect to global food security, agricultural growth and inclusive development.
6. We count on continued excellent leadership in Africa to translate political and policy commitments into concrete actions through country and regional institutions and systems.
7. We partner with and promote active inclusion of all CAADP stakeholders³ in the Malabo implementation processes.
8. We recognize the need for increased coordination and harmonization of donor and development partner actions, including joint planning and reviewing.
9. We recognize the need to partner and coordinate with non-traditional donors, the private sector and NGO’s to achieve the Malabo Declaration goals.
10. This donor framework is aligned with the two Objectives and 11 Strategic Action Areas of the Malabo Declaration Implementation Strategy and Road Map (ISRM)⁴ and com-

³ Eg. farmer organisations, nontraditional donors, marginalized actors (youth, women, smallholders...), civil society, private sector representatives, and knowledge institutions.

⁴ http://www.nepad.org/sites/default/files/Implementation%20Strategy%20%26%20Roadmap_English.pdf

plements the CAADP Implementation Guidelines⁵ established under NPCA coordination that will form the basic framework for CAADP stakeholders' engagement.

Country/Regional/Continental Level

The CAADP process is led by national governments, Regional Economic Communities, and the African Union who maintain primary responsibility for the coordination of stakeholder engagement in the process. Donors are encouraged to deliver on the call of the Malabo Declaration by organizing their support at country, regional and continental level through the following means, as appropriate to their institutions.

1. Donor Coordination: Through the Development Partner Coordination Group (DPCG) and Country and Regional Sector Working Groups address CAADP coordination and alignment at all institutional levels (country, regional, continental, HQ), including in the following ways:

- Allocate sufficient time and resources to allow meaningful participation in CAADP coordination structures at country, regional and continental level.
- Participate in, strengthen, and contribute to CAADP governance and review mechanisms.⁶
- Transparently and regularly exchange information on current and -whenever possible- forthcoming activities with other development partners, underlying good practices both with respect to technique and process (coordination, alignment, monitoring and evaluation) to improve the overall vision of CAADP support.
- Promote understanding and awareness among their institutions of the institutional responsibilities of the Malabo Declaration and CAADP, including the implications for donors of key CAADP documents and processes and their potential added value.
- In consultation with CAADP institutions, promote consensus between development partners, define and share a common agenda and seek increasingly harmonized approaches for supporting Malabo implementation.
- Through inclusive national and regional sector working groups, support and align to commonly defined NAIPs/RAIPS or compacts, adapting support measures where necessary.
- Where relevant, actively support inter-sectoral initiatives that contribute towards achieving the Malabo Declaration goals.

2. Accountability: Support and participate in national, regional and continental mutual accountability systems, and mechanisms established under Malabo in the following ways:

- Contribute to mutual accountability processes through regular and transparent exchange of information on commitments and results.

⁵ The CAADP Implementation Guidelines under Malabo Declaration have been validated at 12th CAADP PP in Accra/Ghana in April 2016.

⁶ Inter alia CAADP Partnership Platforms, CAADP Business Meetings, Joint planning exercises, Joint Sector Reviews.

- Support CAADP institutions to strengthen and conduct the mechanisms of mutual accountability, in particular the Malabo Biennial Review.
 - Strengthen the capacity of national governments and regional institutions to use existing data, collect additional data and conduct analysis and reporting in order to fully participate in Mutual Accountability Processes.
 - Harmonize data requests for their own/donor purposes used to track progress and evaluate program performance.
 - Participate in mutual accountability processes and provide details, as relevant, of their funds, activities and results.
 - Articulate and review commitments against the CAADP results Framework, national and regional work plans and their indicators.
 - Promote and participate in multi-stakeholder peer review processes respecting African frameworks.
- 3. Policy Dialogue: Engage with governments, regional and continental institutions and other development partners on the formulation, implementation and review of African policies and programmes to deliver on the Malabo Commitments. This dialogue should take place through coordination mechanisms, inclusive of other sector stakeholders where appropriate and of all development partners, established by the AUC, RECs and national governments.**
- Support, strengthen and promote these coordination mechanisms at, and between, country, regional and continental levels.⁷
 - Promote stakeholder reviews of relevant sectors, generating a broad consensus on priority areas for policy change, institutional reform and capacity building, and investments.⁸
 - Support policy coherence between national, regional and continental levels and between sectors on Malabo issues, and on broader policy issues.
- 4. Funding: Assist CAADP institutions and national and regional investment plans to leverage public and private resources in support of Malabo Commitments in the following ways:**
- Discuss, define and adapt adequate financial instruments for CAADP support that are on budget and pooled where possible to strengthen national, regional and continental systems.
 - Use synergies with other sectors to facilitate access to sources of finance that currently are not being used for NAIPs and RAIPs implementation.
 - Support country, regional and continental-led estimates and assessments of government, development partners and private sector financing.
 - Improve efforts to jointly assess and share existing agriculture-related donor assistance and use this information to inform CAADP investment programmes.
 - Strengthen the predictability of donor support through provision of transparent information on projected funding.
 - Support domestic, regional and foreign public and private sector investment to foster sustainable growth beyond donor support.

⁷ Including Sector Working Groups.

⁸ Including NAIP/RAIP updates, Joint Sector Reviews, etc.

5. Capacity Building & Technical Assistance: Support national, regional and continental institutions to identify and address capacity needs critical to delivering on the Malabo Commitments in the following ways:

- Support countries in mapping and gauging capacity of existing institutional architectures and policy making structures to implement Malabo.
- Support CAADP stakeholder capacity building including facilitating increased engagement of non-state actors.
- Provide and, where possible, coordinate technical support to strengthen African institutional capacity to undertake policy analysis, data collection, evidence-based planning, and monitoring and reporting.
- Support vertical linkages between national, regional and continental support programmes.
- Support horizontal linkages between different sectors programmes, to mobilize technical knowledge, capacity and expertise outside the agriculture sector (i.e. on industrial development, trade, health, etc.).
- Promote knowledge sharing from one country to another, ideally creating south-south linkages.
- Support knowledge sharing through web and other platforms to facilitate the widest possible dissemination of information to enable the upscaling of successful initiatives within the continent and to allow for a documentation of case studies and lessons learnt.

Conclusion

We reaffirm our determination to translate these principles into action and take all the necessary measures to achieve global food security through the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Malabo Declaration. We are determined to improve donor coordination to better align our support to the implementation of Malabo at country, regional and continental levels. We encourage all CAADP stakeholders to join in this common effort through a coherent approach.

This Framework is a statement of intention to strengthen collaboration and coordination among donors. This Framework is not intended to be legally binding, or constitute an obligation of funds. Any provision of donor funding is subject to the availability of funds. It is intended that the arrangements for specific activities and projects would be set forth in separate written agreements.

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