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CONCEPT NOTE TO THE 'CAADP DAY'

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CAADP

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 2009, the African Union Commission (AUC) and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Secretariat (now the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency), with support from Regional Economic Communities, Pillar Institutions, Partners and countries held the first ever Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program Day (CAADP-Day) on the 27th June 2009 at Corinthia Bab Africa Hotel, Tripoli Libya.

The CAADP Day was held within the Context of Theme of the 13th Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, namely 'Investing in Agriculture for Economic growth and Food Security'.

A key recommendation from the first CAADP Day was for this event to be institutionalized as an annual event and for this Day to 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 that are supporting agriculture-led development in Africa.

It is in this regard that in 2010, the "CAADP Day" is expected to provide both the AUC, NEPAD, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), the private sector and development partners with an opportunity for engaging each other on the progress achieved in the implementation of CAADP since 2003 and also to explore the challenges that may delay the process in achieving the CAADP targets, if they not addressed.

2.0 SHOWCASING CAADP: 'CAADP DAY' AT AFRICA AGRICULTURE SCIENCE WEEK

The next CAADP day will be held on the 21st of July 2010 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso within the margins of the Africa Agriculture Science Week (19-23 July 2010) in the context of following theme: '*Post-Compact CAADP Implementation: the African private sector and investments in agriculture*'.

The 2010 'CAADP Day' is set to be an inclusive dialogue platform bringing together African political leaders, CAADP Champions, farmers and CSOs, the private sector, think-tank institutions, representatives from the diaspora and the development partners. However, deliberations this year will reinforce discussions and support key decisions and proposals that are in support of private sector engagements in CAADP.

Within the context of the engagements aligned to the CAADP Day is the second CAADP Journalists Network Training session which will be held between the 22nd and the 23rd of July in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Besides simply engaging with each other on how to best support the work of CAADP, the media practitioners will also work to publicise the CAADP Day and the related engagements at the Africa Agriculture Science Week.

In sum, the overall vision of the CAADP Day is to widen / broaden (i) the political space and (ii) investment climate for CAADP to Agriculture by paying particular attention to the role of the private sector. And also to (iii) showcase the work of CAADP.

3.0 THE CAADP DAY: RATIONALE

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.

Countries need to be supported with regard to their stocktaking exercises, the development of strategies for investment plans and the implementation of these 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.

Exhibitions

Both the African constituency and the international development community development agencies, including multilateral and bilateral organisations, international NGOS, Private sector etc are 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.

4.0 VISION, OBJECTIVES AND KEY CONSIDERATIONS

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 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.

The CAADP Day is not duplicating and/or replicating the work, aims and rationale of the CAADP Partnership Platform (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

Main events

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 will 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 to show case their activities and programmes within the framework of CAADP.

Participants

The following will participate in the CAADP Day.

- African Ministers of Agriculture championing the causes of CAADP, including post-compact advanced and pre-compact countries

- CAADP Focal points
- Pan African Platform of Farmers Organisations
- Leading African private sector operators (specific focus on Bank)
- CAADP Journalists Network
- Heads of donor / development partner / international financial agencies
- AU-DREA representatives
- NPCA – CAADP Team
- Pillar lead institutions
- Renowned Africans in the Diaspora

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

The following outlines the programme of events for the CAADP Day

<p>2:00 - 2:55pm Opening Ceremony</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statement from the NEPAD CEO (10 mins) 2. Statement from the Development Partners (10 mins) 3. Statement from the Commissioner for DREA (10 mins) 4. Opening statement / Welcome remarks by the Host Country Representative (10 mins) 5. Synopsis on the progress on post-compact investments: challenges and opportunities. (15 mins) <p>2:55 – 3:40 (Press-)Moderated panel discussion</p> <p>Panelists: Ministers of Agriculture, Burkina Faso, Sierra-Leone, Benin, Rwanda, etc.</p> <p>Representatives from the private sector (Banks = Standard Bank, Eco Bank, Land Bank etc)</p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>3:40 – 4:00</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reflections from farmers' organizations 2. Thoughts from the African agri-business sector TBC <p>4:00 – 4:10 Closing and Word of Thanks</p> <p>4:10 Guided Tour of Exhibition</p>
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