

ADVANCING COUNTRY-LED ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PERFORMANCE IN THE AG SECTOR: AFRICA'S CAADP BIENNIAL REVIEW

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Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Greetings Everyone, welcome to our Agrilinks webinar. We will begin at 9:30 Eastern US time. Please take some time to fill out the polls, and let us know where you are joining from today.

indra klein: independent consultant, dc

indra klein: Good morning...really excited to learn more about accountability efforts

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Hi Indra, so glad you are with us today!

Moneim: Hi all

Josephine: hello

Josephine: Josephine and Angela here

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Hi Josephine and Angela, welcome!

Susan Ndungu: Greetings dear Great Leaders hope you are doing well

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Hello Susan

Falah Al-Hadid: Falah Al-Hadid: Peace & Blessings to all

WILLIAM AKIWUMI: Hi all. This is William Akiwumi from USAID/Africa Bureau.

Billy Hall: Hi fellow William!

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Hi Falah and William, so glad to have you with us.

Jim Oehmke: Ha! A new nickname: Fellow William!

Dennis Kiyimba: Hi all

Billy Hall: oh boy :'D

WILLIAM AKIWUMI: Jim, yes a new nickname from Billy

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Welcome everyone! This is Julie MacCartee with the NEW USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security. :-) Thanks for joining the webinar today! Please feel free to introduce yourselves

Mure Agbonlahor: Hi everyone, i am Mure joining from African Union. Glad to be able to join in

Andrew Mbega: Hi Everyone, this is Andrew from ActionAid connecting from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Anoma Lokossou: Anoma Lokossou from Syngenta Seeds, connecting from the Netherlands

Razaq Fatai: Hi Everyone, I'm Razaq Fatai from ONE Campaign and based in Abuja, Nigeria

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): It's always exciting to connect with colleagues across the globe on these webinars. Thanks for joining!

Glenda Paiz: Good morning everyone, this is Glenda de Paiz from Guatemala

Moneim: Hi Again, This is Moneim from IGAD

Wangui Gitau: Wangui Gitau from World Renew, Managing a Food Security and Conservation Agriculture Program. Connecting from Nairobi - Kenya

Tracy Kapezi : Hi Everyone! I am Tracy Kapezi and I am a graduate student at Gerogetown University where I am studying Global Human Development with a focus on Agriculture, Food and Nutiriton Security. I am Malawian!

Helen: Welcome Tracy!

Dick Tinsley: greeting from across the river in VA unable to return to CO

Dick Tinsley: i have you loud and clear

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Hi Dick, sorry to hear you are unable to return home. Glad you are in my home state of VA though

Tracy Kapezi : Thank you Helen!

Bescaye Diop: Hi everyone

Anselme Vodounhessi: Good morning everyone

Billy Hall: Hi Bescaye!

Dick Tinsley: hi i hope all are save and healthy

Helen: Sorry you can't get back to Co just yet, Dick, but glad to have you with us in Va!

Mary Murimi: Hi Everyone. Mary Murimi from Kenya.

Helen: Hello Mary! How lovely to see you here!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Just a few audio tests as we finish getting set up. Thanks for joining!

Anselme Vodounhessi: hi Moneim

Loise Wagaki: Hi. Loise Wagaki from Nairobi

Dick Tinsley: are our host working from home or office?

Lusike Wasilwa: Hi I am looking forward to the presentation

Mira Mihajlovich: Mira Mihajlovich here from Clemson University.

Kirsten Spainhower : Morning! Kirsten Spainhower from USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security

Helen: Hello Loise!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): @Dick, yes, the Agrilinks team is all working from home!

Robert Ouma: This is, Robert Ouma, joining from Nairobi. Very happy to see some old friends here!

Tom Shaw: HI. This is Tom Shaw with CRS logging in from home in Baltimore

chika Orji: hi, i cant seem too get the audio

David Nielson: Hi - David Nielson joining from Washington, DC

Dick Tinsley: It is great what technology can do for us in this time of concern

Moneim: Hi all this is Moneim - Programme Manager Food Security and CAADP Focal Person - IGAD

Courtney Buck: Courtney Buck USAID/RFS Policy

Helen: Indeed, Dick! Grateful for this technology!

indra klein: Loud & clear

Helen: I can hear you!

David Nielson: audio working well

Dick Tinsley: loud and clear

Tom Shaw: Yes can hear fine. Loud and clear.

martin fowler: Martin Fowler here and hearing well

Katie Garcia: Yup

Anita Champion: Hello everyone, This is Anita Champion, CEO of Connexus

Stephen Smith: I can hear you. This is Steve from La Paz

John Komen: very well

Tracy Kapezi : Yes!

Shannon: Hi Tom, I'm Shannon Sarbo with the LINK project. Also from Baltimore today!

Josephine: yes

Michael Butschek: Hi, I can hear you very well

Stephen Wash: Good audio - thank you!

Godfrey Bahiigwa: Yes

Dennis Weller: yes

Moneim: Yes

Wangui Gitau: Sure , Can hear you

Andrew Bracken: Good morning all. Andrew Bracken, Partnership & Data Manager from Feed the Future Partnering for Innovation joining from Washington, DC.

Mure Agbonlahor: good audio

Mildred Irungu: Yes can hear you

Didier Alia: Hi, I am a research associate, Agricultural economist at the University of Washington. I Can hear you clearly

Anselme Vodounhessi: Hello Godfrey

Shavonn Whiten: Yes, can hear you

Moneim: Hi anselem

Moneim: Anaeleme

Godfrey Bahiigwa: Hi Anselme

Rachid Sanfo: Hello

Moneim: Hi Godefry

Robert Ouma: Anselme, how are you Big Boss?

Anselme Vodounhessi: We are fine ! Hi to all !

Aarti Mahajan : Hi. I am Aarti from Uganda

Myra Wopereis: good afternoon. look forward to this presentation.

Robert Ouma: Hey Rachid, hope all is good in SA

Sharon Ress: Hi Roxana, from the Washington DC Area

Robert Ouma: Welcome Aarti, Myra and Sharon - allgood!

Cornelia Flora 2: Cornlliea Flora in Ames, Iowa

Lev Kuchevski: Good Morning

Irina Gonzalez: Good Morning

Mamadou L. T. Bah: Mamdou: Hi everyone. I am Mamdou L. T. Bah, M&E Specialist USAID Guinea

Sarah Lowder: Good morning everyone. Sarah Lowder, independent agricultural economist joined from Washington, DC.

Rachid Sanfo: Yes I am well Robert. Thanks

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Cornelia, I have family in Ames so find myself there often :-)

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Thanks for introducing yourselves, everyone

Christine Ndiaye Sene: Hello everyone and special hello to Robert and James. I am Christine SENE from Senegal (ex-Africa Lead Senegal)

Helen: Hi Christine! How lovely to see you here!

Shannon: Hi Christine, thanks for joining!!

Christine Biles: Speaker is going in and out, not sure if anyone else is having this issue?

Daniel Abah: Hi, this is Dr Daniel Abah, Agribusiness Specialist, Technoserve Nigeria

Robert Ouma: Hallo Christine, wonderful to "see" you today. Hope Dakar is calm.

Douglas Shadd: Doug Shadd Bush Company Good Morning

Christine Ndiaye Sene: Hi Shannon, happy to link with you again; Hi Helen

Denise van Wissen: Greetings all from Nicaragua, where I'm a Food Security consultant. :)

chika Orji: Hi, i cant seem to hear a thing. Please do kindly assist

Robert Ouma: Welcome Dr. Daniel Abah from Nigeria!

Communication Groasis: Hi all, Michael Klaasse calling in from The Netherlands. I'm 'magager digital communication' for Groasis. I was notified by e-mail for this webinar.

Halima Ouattara Ayanou: hello, Halima USAID/West Africa

Ivan Rwomushana: Joining the Webinar from CABI Africa, Nairobi

David Nielson: sound is working well here in Washington

Daniel Abah: Thank you Robert Ouma

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): For those with audio issues - our webinar hosts will try to private chat with you to troubleshoot. Look for a blinking tab at the bottom of this chat box

Glenda Paiz 2: sound is working well here in Guatemala

Francine Picard: Hi , i am Francine Picard, policy advisor at the International institute for Sustainable development, joining from France

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Unfortunately, there are sometimes bandwidth issues with internet connections - especially since more people are using all of these webinar platforms right now due to teleworking

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Glad to hear it, Glenda! Welcome from France, Francine!

Stephen Wash: Accountability efforts at donor level are an agricultural innovation.

Rematus Innocent Rusomyo: Glad to be connected here from Tanzania

Saul Kabali: Greeting from Uganda, Am super glad to be part of this webinar

Mure Agbonlahor: Hi Godfrey, Robert and Moneim

Jan Hijkoop: Jan Hijkoop joining from MoFA Netherlands

Jim Oehmke: @Stephen--yes, thank you!

Robert Ouma: hallo Mure!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): As a reminder, you can download the slides under "File Downloads" on the screen.

Susan Ndungu: Thanks we will

Semachew Kassahun: Semachw- Sound is clear here in Addis

Robert Ouma: Folks, as Godfrey makes the presentation, you can post any questions and comments here, and we will try to respond

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): That serves as a good reminder - if you'd like to view the slides in full-screen, you can hover over the presentation and click on the 4 little outward-pointed arrows at the top right.

Guillermo Gonzalez: Thank you very much, thanks for the invitation.

Stephen Wash: What are the reporting and dialogue mechanisms with civil society organizations at member state level?

indra klein: CAADP: Of the 7 commitments, which has been the most challenging to measure & meet standards?

Tim Quick: Why a "Final Report" in 2026? Isn't CAADP something that will be needed indefinitely?

Shannon: Great question, Stephen. Each country does a country validation process which involves engagement with nonstate actors, including private sector and civil society groups.

indra klein: Given the various locations &, & perhaps more differences, can you elaborate on efforts taken to gain trust & buy-in?

Shannon: While this looks different at country level across Africa, it is one of the CAADP principles to engage multistakeholders in the process

Jim Oehmke: @Tim Q. There are a set of 2025 targets in the Malabo Declaration, but the African Union if it so chooses can continue/expand the BR process

Stephen Wash: Hi Shannon, I am familiar with the high level dialogic process which involved some civil society to validate plans - but not any regular feedback mechanisms at state level with civil society.

Glenda Paiz 2: There is problem with the sound

Shannon: Also, Stephen, we have Constance Okeke as one of our panelist who will specifically speak about this issue. So stay tuned for the panel discussion!

Yirgalem Gebremeskel Kahessu: Yirgalem Gebremeskel ,USAID Ethiopia ,EG&T office

Robert Ouma: Indra - There is a process through which countries and experts themselves contribute to the determination of which indicators are part of the Biennial Review. This builds trust and buy in.

chika Orji: Thanks Tyler and Ahmed , Am good now. I can hear the speaker.. Thanks

Gary Jahn: Can the CAADP toolkit help understand how COVID-19 will affect Africa's food systems?

Glenda Paiz 2: The sound is back again

adote akwei: Hi, I'm David AKWEI, microinsurance broker, LORICA from Togo

Jim Oehmke: @indra Trust is very important and often lacking. In the BR context trust is built by making public voluntary commitments, and then executing these commitments in good faith

Robert Ouma: Bienvenue, welcome David from Togo!

Stephen Wash: Thank you Shannon

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Sorry for the full-screen dance - working out some kinks!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Thank you for your great questions

Glenda Paiz 2: Who develops the scorecard?

Myra Wopereis: how is the benchmark determined?

Semachew Kassahun: ending poverty by 2020; i.e after 5 years seems unrealistic as were we stands now

Billy Hall: @Semachew, I believe the goal is halving poverty, which may still be ambitious but still motivating

Jim Oehmke: @ Glenda @ Myra The scorecard and targets are developed by tDREA and its technical partners and reviewed by a Special Technical Committee

Mamadou L. T. Bah: Why for some counties we have N.A. ? what does that means?

indra klein: With regard to financing, can you elaborate on challenges & what efforts are being made to address them?

Glenda Paiz 2: thanks Jim

Jim Oehmke: @Mamadou NA is not available--the country did not report

Modibo Traoré: Hello. I am Modibo from USAID Mali

Robert Ouma: Myra, the benchmark is a reflection of the commitments of African countries in the Malabo declaration. It is a calculation of where, overall, in terms of performance metrics across all 47 indicators you need to be at in order to be said to be on track to achieving CAADP Malabo goals by 2025

Shannon: Hi Mamadou, N.A. means that data was not reported. This is getting better over time

Mary Murimi: Would be nice to hear what Ghana did

indra klein: To what degree have partnerships evolved...expanded? Thoughts on strategy in this regard?

Stephen Wash: Ultimately. small holder farmers are in principle at the center of the Malabo process for each member state, what are the processes to encourage accountability to small holders farmer at member state level?

Helen: @Mary: We will very shortly hear from Ghana!

Robert Ouma: Semachew - some of these goals may sound aspirational just like MDGs and SDGs - we can debate what is achievable and what is unrealistic...

Myra Wopereis: so the benchmark is increasing in value, does this mean that more indicators are being met? so in the end, we want to have a benchmark of 10?

Dick Tinsley: actually the full screen dance is needed to read some of the text. I think you need to develop some guidelines for slides specifying a minimum font size , etc. Don;t forget the marginal cost of an extra slide is zero

Robert Ouma: Myra - yes. It is cumulative.

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Thanks Dick, each attendee can make their own screens larger...

Dick Tinsley: within limits

Jim Oehmke: @Myra--the benchmark is increasing as a target because that shows needed progress over time. The number of green/red scores shows the number of countries that meet the benchmark

Robert Ouma: Welcome Modibo Traore. Glad to have you!

Mildred Irungu: It is very encouraging that member states are ready to share this report

indra klein: Commitment #2: can you elaborate on the reasons for poor performance in 2019 report?

Glenda Paiz 2: Yes please.

Diana Horvath: What are the sources of investment?

Lusike Wasilwa: What can be done about the zero commitment to agriculture? Why is Africa refusing to support agriculture? How can we change this?

Glenda Paiz 2: So, what happens if countries are not on track. /are they advancing in anyway?

WILLIAM AKIWUMI: How is investment finance measured? What goes into the measure?

Robert Ouma: Yes Midred Irungu, your country signed on and we have to accept the results. Remember all this data comes from countries, submitted by the relevant PS or senior government official

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Thanks for the great questions. We are grouping them to be answered during the panel discussion that is next. Even if your question can't be answered today, the presenters will do their best to answer all questions in a document that we will email to you

Jim Oehmke: @indra The higher number of red scores is because of the jump in the benchmark score from 3.9 to 6.7. Most African countries improved their scores, but only a few increased them rapidly enough to keep up the benchmark and stay on track to achieve Malabo targets by 2025

Dick Tinsley: What is the financial cost of preparing these performance reports? Since this is an administrative effort, if funds are short as they normally are, what priority should this report be given vs.

other agricultural development efforts? Also, if funds are short what is the possibility or probability that the report will be prepared from desktops rather than field activities?

Muchiri Nyaggah 2: Greetings from Nairobi.

Lusike Wasilwa: Okay what crops/livestock are under study? Maybe we are using the wrong commodities

Stephen Wash: Lusike, I would suggest low accountability to farmer / voters in the CAADP member states.

indra klein: With regard to poor performance in meeting commitments, how is dialogue with philanthropy, donors & investors changing to facilitate progress?

Muchiri Nyaggah 2: Are the individual country scorecards available?

Robert Ouma: Sounds like a 64 Billion dollar question Lusike, I think by signing onto CAADP countries are now showing some commitment.

Glenda Paiz 2: And also how are the countries engaging private sector

Shannon: Hi Indra, if we don't have time to elaborate on the reasons for weak performance on commitment #2 during this discussion today, we will be sharing an online tool where you can explore and dig into the details

Mira Mihajlovich: who owns the land being farmed?

WILLIAM AKIWUMI: What are the causes of the poor performance on this indicator?

Robert Ouma: Yes - Muchire. Country scorecards are available and downloadable from the CAADP BR toolkit. We are sharing links.

Razaq Fatai: What's the link between BR report and Modern Agriculture for increased productivity indicator of Agenda 2063 report? Countries on track in the BR are not on-track in the Agenda 2063 report. A bit confused!

Muchiri Nyaggah 2: Many thanks Robert.

indra klein: @Jim, DO you think the benchmarks need to be re-examined? Perhaps reducing them to a more attainable level...to include input from small stakeholders?

Audrey Kinyangi : The decline of members states commitment to eradicate hunger through agriculture is worrying

Jim Oehmke: @indra Please stay tuned, the scores were just relaeased last month and most countries and donors are focused on COIVD-19 right now. It will take a little bit longer for countries to formulatte responses to these scores

Glenda Paiz 2: Who is in charge of monitoring that countries are on track

WILLIAM AKIWUMI: Are there regional differences in the performance on commitment #4?

Shannon: Hi Lusike, this scorecard data is now available and accessbile for using for advoacy purposes in each country. Heads have state have signed on to the CAADP commitment, so advoacy orgs can use the data to advocate for more investment in ag

Dick Tinsley: Let me add a web reference or financially stalled governments limiting the services provided: <https://smallholderagriculture.agsci.colostate.edu/financially-stalled-governments/>

Stephen Wash: Lusike, accountability is predicated on some cause and effect. To the extent that the farmers - targetted by these processes are votes and votes are counted....

Robert Ouma: Glenda, the AU working with RECS and countries are collectively in charge - with AU coordinating. This is part of the Malabo Commitment to Mutual accountability for results and impact

Matthew Thielker: It's also worth noting that many countries' scores are still showing improvement, just not as quickly as the benchmark is moving up. So progress is still being made, even though the amount of red looks discouraging.

Lusike Wasilwa: Thanks Shannon

Jim Oehmke: @Glenda The beauty of mutual accountability is that we ALL are, each of us has a role to play in helping countries improve and stay on track.

Jim Oehmke: @indra

Robert Ouma: Great point Matthew!

Lusike Wasilwa: Thanks Stephen

Jim Oehmke: I don't think targets should be changed because they are difficult--we knew from the start that ending poverty, hunger etc. would be hard. We still need to do it.. However, DREA does lead a process this Spring to review targets, progress, impediments, best practices etc.

Mure Agbonlahor: On the methodology fused in arriving at individual country score, a little patient till the indicators slide

Cynthia Mugo: Hi Robert, kindly link us to the country specific scorecards - is the BR toolkit online?

Robert Ouma: Yes Cynthia - there is a link on the links pod

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Hi Cynthia, you can view the toolkit from the link in the Links pod

Jim Oehmke: @Mildred @ Indra Yes, I agree 100%, isharing this report t is a major step foward and I think helps build trust!

Stephen Wash: Ultimately, if the Malabo commitments aim to serve small farmers in the member states - the 'tur-key' for accountability has to be some form of cause and effect for these small holder farmers in this process.

Lourdes Martinez: Question for Dr Bahiigwa: where in the BR would nutrition and food safety be included?

Yirgalem Gebremeskel Kahessu: Is there a methology in please to monitor individual country report on thier achievment

Jim Oehmke: @Lourdes Malabo commimtment number 3 on ending hunger contains specific language on nutrition and the BR report on commitment 3 contains information on this

@jhowardfoodsec1 Howard: I had the same question as Lourdes for Dr. Bahiigwa about how nutrition is reflected in the BR.

Christine Ndiaye Sene: I am concerned with the degradation of the overall countries between 2017 vs 2019; Do you have any explanation? I am wondering if it's not a result of the difficulty to collect the data for some specific goals and targets? Is there any possibility to enlight progress made by Members states even though they are not on track?

Christine Ndiaye Sene: *I am talking about the overall performance

Cynthia Mugo: One way of addressing wasting, stumnting and general undernourishment is through animal sourced foods. Are there indicators that measure Livestock investments/initiatives?

Robert Ouma: Lourdes - there is a commitment number 3 on ending hunger that measures among other things nutrition and food safety. The food safety iudicators are quite pioneering and innovative.

Myra Wopereis: what is the consequence for a member states if they do not meet the commitments?

Mary Murimi: What mechanisms exist to ensure that the countries don't fall back from the previous years' achievements e.g. commitment 2,4,5 and 13. How do we sustain the commitments

Dick Tinsley: There appears a lack of specific inputs that make it easier for us to relate to what is being commented on such as food nutrition etc

Jim Oehmke: @Christine the overall Red performance is because of the increase in the benchmark from 3.9 to 6.6. Despite not keeping up with the trajectory to fully achieve Malabo by 2025, countries improved their overall scores over the past two years, just not fast enough. We need to support them in accelerating progress

Shannon: Hi Yirgalem, yes each indicator of the BR scorecards has a detailed methodology for generating data behind it. These technical details were agreed to by member states in a participatory way

Julie Kurtz: Much of the poor performance on indicators was because countries reported no data for those indicators. Measuring progress on the commitments can be as challenging as making progress on the commitments -- how are countries balancing the need to make concrete meaningful changes that improve food security and poverty with the ability to MEASURE improvements?

Lourdes Martinez: thanks Jim, it seems that it is not highlighted perhaps is just in this presentation. Malnutrition and foodborne illness kill a lot of people in Africa around 500K. That's why I was a bit concerned that it is not highlighted

indra klein: @Dick, it sounds like specific inputs could be a another session

Dick Tinsley: is no data really no funds to collect the data

Stephen Wash: Accountability processes are as much about political processes linking communities / stakeholders / voters to policy.

Jim Oehmke: @Myra @Mary It is all of our responsibilities to convince countries including government private sector and civil society to elevate attention to areas of need and/or opportunity as evidenced by the BR

Jane Shearer: At the toolkit link, I cannot find scores for performance categories and indicators under each commitment area. Are these available somewhere?

WILLIAM AKIWUMI: How are non state actors engaged in the CAAPD BR process at the country level?

Jim Oehmke: @Dick @indra the BR scores are aggregated from 266 indicators, typically the broader set is available in country

Shannon: Hi Jane, we will spend a few minutes to walk you through how to use the online toolkit. All of the data is available there

Jane Shearer: Thank you, Shannon!

indra klein: echo...

Jim Oehmke: @William A

Shannon: Hi William, we have Constance on the panel to speak to this issue specifically!

Jim Oehmke: @ William A it is very different in different countries

Francine Picard: How non states actors are involved in the process?

Razaq Fatai: Question for Godfrey. What's the link between BR report and Modern Agriculture for increased productivity indicator of Agenda 2063 report? Countries on track in the BR are not on-track in the Agenda 2063 report.

Jim Oehmke: @William A Do you have any insight as to how Ghana was able to move from red in 2018 to green in 2020?

Mary Murimi: Good job Godfrey! thanks for sharing with lots of clarity

indra klein: echo

Lourdes Martinez: yes

Dick Tinsley: soudn good here but Julie still has an echo\

Julie Kurtz: ReSAKSS has an excellent interactive site, on which you can view all the indicators--mapped and rated. I believe it's going live shortly: here: https://ebr.resakss.org/public/all_scores.php

Jim Oehmke: @Cynthia Yes I believe so but I don't know the specifics

Farzana Ramzan: I'm sorry if this was addressed--any updates on gender results? In particular, the indicator "Proportion of rural women empowered"

WILLIAM AKIWUMI: @Jim. I believe Josephine and Angela from Ghana may be able to chime in on the role of non state actors.

indra klein: @Julie & Dick, thank you for sharing links

Jim Oehmke: @William A Thanks!

indra klein: Does dta reflect intergenerational persepectives? Are millennials motivators of changes? To what degree has technology, particularly the Internet of Things (IoT)?

Mure Agbonlahor: echo

indra klein: echo and very low volume

Loise Wagaki: Is it possible to increase the volume

Stephen Wash: The political aspect of accountability. Many people and organizations "representing" small farmers. These processes are sub-national level - to promote member state accountability - probably warrants more emphasis. What experiences to this in any of the member states? Great presentations!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Thanks, all - we fixed the echo. We may not be able to adjust the audio levels - you may need to adjust your own computer volume. Apologies. It's always challenging to bring in people around the world!

Diana Horvath: Where can we find the specific tasks for each commitment area? Eg, how is resilience determined and measured?

Shannon: Hi Diana, the link to the CAADP toolkit in the "links" pod will give you access to the details of each indicators under each commitment

Diana Horvath: I am not finding it there. Can you specify?

Shannon: try: au.int/caadp/toolkit

Morgane Allaire-Rousse: @Diana, within the toolkit go to the "by Commitments" page, or to the country scorecards on the "region/country scores" page

Jane Shearer: To Diana's question, the scores are there, but what about the indicators and data points used to calculate the scores?

Dick Tinsley: bad echo

Adam Ahmed - Agrilinks: Thanks Dick, we are working to resolve audio issues and are aware

WILLIAM AKIWUMI: Data collection and analysis is very expensive and resources intensive, and need to be factored in national investment plans.

Stephen Wash: Ghana has done well, how much is that a reflection of the underlying health of the "political environment". One might conclude that it is not a stretch to suggest a direct link between healthy electoral political processes and government accountability.

Tsitsi Makombe: Josephine, thanks for sharing Ghana's experience with data collection. Can you please give examples of which BR data you have been able to incorporate into your agriculture census?

Morgane Allaire-Rousse: Ah, Right you are Jane, the toolkit currently only goes down to performance/commitment category, and not down to indicator level.

Modibo Traoré: Please do you have a value of the cost of the Ghana process?

Jim Oehmke: @Stephen Good point, I think a critical point is that the introduction of evidence via the BR and other processes helps to strengthen political processes to make evidence-based decisions, but a lot of other types of strengthening are also needed

Diana Horvath: Yes, can indicators be found somewhere on website?

Mure Agbonlahor: Methodological issue of data currency for the reference period in combining primary and secondary data and also how the proxies used were harmonized ?

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): I want to re-iterate that the presenters will be providing answers to all of the questions in a post-event document, since we won't be able to cover them all today. Keep your eye on your email for the recording and other resources.

Douglas Shadd: Doug Shadd Bush Co USA- Were are agriculture infrastructure and post-harvest processing accounted for it the BE and how are their effects equalized?

Stephen Wash: From accountability - there is good value for the CADDP process to look at lessons learned from multi-stakeholder policy processes at sub-national level. Ultimately accountability to small holder farmers must involve DEVOLVED processes - not highly centralized processes. So, I implore more looks at sub-national accountability processes to link small holder farmers to the member state MALABO commitments.

Stephen Wash: Thank you Julie !

Jim Oehmke: @Stephen Agreed and this is in process--but I would love to hear more about what you think are successful cases as well as less successful cases but with important lessons

Tsitsi Makombe: there are examples of devolved ag accountability processes in Rwanda and Mozambique

Shannon: Hi Jane and Diana, I would ask our presenters to speak to your question about country data, but we are running out of time. We can address this question in a post-event follow up information.

Diana Horvath: That would be great, thanks

indra klein: Agrilinks Team: What is the possibility of having a follow-up session focused on data?

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Indra - thanks for the suggestion. Perhaps a mini-webinar is order

indra klein: :)

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Or finding another way to continue the conversation

Courtney Buck: @ Stephen - re: linking smallholders at subnational level to CAADP/Malabo, one example was Africa Lead's CAADP Non-State Actors Small Grants Program. More here: <https://www.africleadfff.org/2019/12/18/local-data-and-inclusive-dialogue-for-food-security-engaging-non-state-actors-in-caadp-implementation/>

Susan Ndungu: Please I am Interested to know which measures we can take on Locust such as Technology & Innovation Adoption to respond to this Crisis

Jim Oehmke: Further dialog on mutual accountability :<https://www.researchgate.net/project/Mutual-Accountability>

Jane Shearer: re: data, that would be great. Thank you.

Jim Oehmke: @COVID-19 some initial thoughts at <https://www.agrilinks.org/post/coronavirus-and-implications-food-systems-and-policy>

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): All - we'll be showcasing the toolkit next, then asking you a question, then coming back to the panel. We'll probably extend 10 minutes past the hour, but we understand if anyone needs to depart.

Yirgalem Gebremeskel Kahessu: would you please share important links for further reading & details through our email

Leila Lubin: How do you calculate the indicators for wasting ,stunting ..@Godfrey please??

Billy Hall: au.int/caadp/toolkit for those having trouble seeing it

Stephen Wash:
[https://www.hks.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/centers/mrcbg/programs/cri/files/MSI%2Bfinal%2BLR%20\(3\).pdf](https://www.hks.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/centers/mrcbg/programs/cri/files/MSI%2Bfinal%2BLR%20(3).pdf)

Helen: @ Yirgalem- absolutely!

Yirgalem Gebremeskel Kahessu: thanks Robert

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): ALL - How might you use the Biennial Review data?

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Feel free to share your thoughts here

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Also, please take a moment to answer our ending polls

Jim Oehmke: @Stephen Thanks!!!

Stephen Wash: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S030691921730026X>

Anselme Vodounhessi: Robert, I was expecting to have some concrete answer to the webinar objective 2 “how a country may use the data to improve their performance”... please guide the remaining time on that

Susan Ndungu: I am Interested to Know why we are not Implementing technology and Innovation in Agribusiness. Yet this is the best solution in 21st Strategy Leadership in Food Security and Protection. please email me Suggestion on susansussy99@gmail.com

Jim Oehmke: @Anselme Hi Anselme. Do you have any insight into the questions on updates on gender results and/or animal source foods or livestock investments?

Stephen Wash: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/216365243_Promoting_effective_multi-stakeholder_partnership_for_policy_development_for_smallholder_farming_systems_A_case_from_the_Sub_Saharan_Africa_challenge_program

Yirgalem Gebremeskel Kahessu: Seconded Anselem's point

Anselme Vodounhessi: Sorry Jim, I missed that point

Stephen Wash: Excellent and eye opening session. Thank you all for enagement.

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Thank you, Stephen!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): The Agrilinks team sincerely appreciates everyone's participation. We are excited to share the post-event FAQ with you.

Paul Gibson: In my role as an instructor/mentor in a regional training program for MSc and PhD plant breeders, the main value I see is recognizing and documenting that the countries are making slow progress, and to encourage the students to think how they can contribute to policies and projects that will increase th erate of gain.

Anselme Vodounhessi: Jim, you can contact me later on that avodounhessi@faraafrica.org or and ansvodhess@gmail.com

Guillermo Gonzalez: Thanks for the link Stephen.

indra klein: BR Data Usage: more indepth tool to help facilitate dialogue with philnathropy/funders/donors/partners/investors, to include innovationwith regard to technology *ag & IoT)

chika Orji: How do we use this BR data to improve agriculural mechanisation with a bias to the smallholder women famer and rural women; Thank you

Stephen Wash: My take away is the need for more progress to build accountability mechanisms between small holders farmers (typically with no political voice) and policy makers. There is a MASSIVE gap here. This discussion today confirmed that to me.

Anselme Vodounhessi: Thanks Angela !

Courtney Buck: I would be interested to see if/how development partners could consider using the BR data to supplement/complement aspects of their own M&E systems. Seems this could allow for greater alignment with and investments in country data systems.

Stephen Wash: <http://www.mspguide.org/>

indra klein: @ Stephen, perhaps NGOs working with said stakeholders should be included -- sharing data as well as servign as liaison with regard to surveys/feedback

Stephen Wash: Some excellent work out of Wageninen on MSP. The manual is in multiple languages.

Guillermo Gonzalez: challanges in the world.

Diana Horvath: Usage: Understand current status of progress and current environment for trying to work with regional partners to advance varieties with resistance to crop diseases. It's rough to see the low level of financial commitment.

Stephen Wash: "What you do for me, without me, you do against me"

Anselme Vodounhessi: From FARA: efforts are required to further mobilize and reactivate the BR Task Force to support countries to have increased understanding of the BR Data, to link BR results to NAIP planning process

Jim Oehmke: @ Thanks Anselme!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): These will be our final comments before wrapping up. Thanks for your engagement, and we hope to see you at future Agrilinks webinars!

Stephen Wash: @INDRA. Yes but also more direct engagement with small holder farmers, farmer gorups, farmer associations.

Moneim: That is graet nselme, please keep us posted on FARA efforts

indra klein: @Julie, Adam & Team, thank you for the great sessions & venue you provide

Peter van der Toorn: thank you very much all organizers and presenters!

Moneim: Anselme

indra klein: Much to consider, time well spent & GREAT exchange

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Thank you, Indra!

Anselme Vodounhessi: :) Moneim, I mean that is the wish of FARA... we just following AU leadership

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): (You already answered the evaluation questions - thanks very much!)

Wangui Gitau: Great Learning for me. Thank you.

Anselme Vodounhessi: Thanks all for teh inetresting interaction !

Moneim: We hope that come to be real

kathy Alison: Congratulations on a great webinar - so nice to reconnect with you all and see the progress you are making

Yirgalem Gebremeskel Kahessu: Thank you all and was informative! Take Care and Stay Safe .

Anselme Vodounhessi: Hello Kathy . Good to hear from you !

Helen: Thank you everyone!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): Thank you!!

CONSTANCE OKEKE: thank you all for the time

kathy Alison: thanks Anselme - good to see you too

Sarah Lowder: thank you everyone.

Billy Hall: Thank you to all of our presenters and attendees for a very lively and informative webinar!

Robert Ouma: Thank you all!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/RFS): So grateful for your participation and honest feedback

Jim Oehmke: Thank you everybody!!

Godfrey Bahigwa: Thank you all for your participation. Much appreciated. I sign off.

chika Orji: Thank you to the organisers and presenters. Great Intraction!

Moneim: Thanks ang good bye

Guillermo Gonzalez: Thanks

Anoma Lokossou: Thank you.. Great discussion on the chat :-) Stay safe

Anselme Vodounhessi: Hi Amarachi, I just see you

Clitandre D. Ingrid CHARLES: Thank you all organisers