CAADP Technical Networks: Building Capacity for Africa’s Agricultural Development

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Background: CAADP and Malabo

• CAADP – overarching African agricultural development framework - unifies community, national, regional and continental efforts

• CAADP coordinated by DREA & NPCA – implementation at national level supported by multiple stakeholders (farmers, private sector, RECS, non-state actors, development partners, etc.)

• CAADP has highest political support expressed and re-affirmed in two Heads of State and Government Declarations:
  - The 2003 Maputo Declaration
  - The 2014 Malabo Declaration
The Maputo Declaration on CAADP (2003 – 2013)

1. Mobilized and focused efforts on Agriculture as an important sector
2. Developed CAADP as a Framework for concerted action
3. Significant progress was made - especially in financing agricultural investment
4. Many **lesson**s were learnt on what works & what does not work. Significant challenges were faced.
5. Maputo years were more heavily on planning and diagnosis
The Malabo Declaration on CAADP (2015 – 2025)

1) From planning & diagnosis to country-level execution (implementation) – 7 Key Goals to be achieved by 2025

2) Commitment to Mutual Accountability for actions and results including Biennial Reviews of performance

3) Sharper focus on enhancing technical and systemic capacities for implementation – a key shortcoming of Maputo years
The Seven Malabo Commitments to be achieved by 2025

1) Recommitment to the Principles and Values of the CAADP Process
2) Enhancing investment finance in Agriculture
3) Ending Hunger by 2025
4) Halving Poverty, by 2025, through inclusive Agricultural Growth and Transformation
5) Boosting Intra-African Trade in Agricultural Commodities & Services
6) Enhancing Resilience of Livelihoods & Production Systems to Climate Variability and Other Shocks
7) Mutual Accountability to Actions and Results
AU Malabo Business Plan

1) Has 7 programs corresponding to the Malabo commitments

2) Has 36 sub-programs across the 7 programs

3) Has a corresponding Operational Plan
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<td>Strengthened in country and regional coordination and accountability mechanisms; and</td>
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<td>Inclusive and sustainable access to agricultural finance; and</td>
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<td>Strengthened food bio fortification of commonly consumed foods, especially to improve household nutrition of low-income households;</td>
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<td>Strengthened technology generation, dissemination and adoption;</td>
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**P 5: Expanded Intra-Africa Trade for Agric**
- Strengthened policy and trade regime harmonization;
- Enhanced food and trade standards, food safety and compliance;
- Expanded market-oriented infrastructure;
- Expanded agricultural growth zones/corridors; and
- Strengthened trade negotiation capacity.

**P 6: Enhanced Resilience Building, and Climate Change and Risk Management**
- Improved Climate Early Warning and Response Systems;
- Mainstreaming of climate change and risk management approaches;
- Developing stronger climate change negotiation capacity (at country level);
- Strengthening natural resource management for enhanced climate change response and livelihoods (especially forestry management); and
- Improved Disaster Risk Reduction and Management.

**P 7: Strengthened Programme Coordination, Partnerships, and Mutual Accountability for Strategic Results**
- Enhanced strategic knowledge management and scale-up;
- Improved strategic communication and advocacy;
- Strengthened continental, REC, and country-level coordination, partnerships and resource mobilization;
- Enhanced continental accountability, biennial reviews and M&E systems/reporting; and
- Strengthened leadership and political engagement for CAADP implementation.
Capacity as a key challenge of CAADP implementation

1) 2014 – Year of Agriculture dominated by lessons on CAADP and Maputo and reflections on how to sustain momentum

2) A key reflection during the Year of Agriculture ➔ Country level technical and systemic capacity too low to implement aspects of CAADP

3) Systemic and technical capacity development became a key part of Malabo:
   - Explicitly addressed in the Malabo Declaration
   - Comprises the Level 3 of the CAADP Results Framework
   - Covered as a key objective in the Malabo Implementation and Strategy and roadmap
Lessons from previous efforts to provide capacity development support

1. Previous efforts to deliver capacity development support for CAADP include:
   - Knowledge Information Systems approach
   - Joint Action Groups
   - Lead Pillar Institutions

2. Key lessons learnt from these efforts
   - Clarity on key capacity gaps & needs of Member States
   - Need for adequate resources
   - How to deal with a wide and diverse African geography
   - Need for strong accountability mechanisms – for both performance and resources
   - Reduce over-dependence on the AU CAADP units for funding
What are CAADP Technical Networks?

1) CAADP Technical Networks are a new continental institutional mechanism to provide technical support to CAADP/Malabo implementers in terms of capacity, tools, systems and knowledge analysis, among others.

2) They are groups of organizations drawn from a technical area, with expertise and/or resources (such as data or technology) that can be used to build capacity of African agricultural institutions.

3) Technical Capacity is interpreted widely: individual, organizational & systemic ability to achieve desired results and impacts.
Features of CAADP Technical Networks

1) There are seven CAADP Technical Networks based on Malabo (composed of agencies and organisations)

2) They provide technical support and capacity development to accelerate implementation of the CAADP-Malabo Declaration

3) Clients of Technical Networks inc. national and regional agriculture sector implementation and governance entities ➔ AU Member States, RECS and other CAADP implementers

4) They are largely demand-driven: they respond to gaps and priorities of and identified by countries
What will CAADP Technical Networks do? Examples of support areas:

Targeting regional and country level actors, Technical Networks will, among other things:

1) Collate and share best practices and/or state-of-the-art methods/tools in specific technical areas

2) Provide targeted training and other capacity development support as appropriate & demanded

3) Technical advice responding to specific queries/challenges – e.g. links to specific technologies/innovations

4) Occasional situational analyses as needed

5) Facilitation of continuous learning and sharing
The Seven CAADP Technical Networks are based on the Malabo Commitments

1) Agricultural investment financing
2) Food Security and Nutrition
3) Agricultural research and extension
4) Agro-industry & value chain development
5) Markets and regional trade
6) Resilience, risk management & NRM
7) Knowledge management, policy analysis and accountability for results
Operational issues: how TN’s work?

• Each technical network has a ‘convening organization’:
  – Secretariat with a limited and rotational mandate
  – ‘first among equals’; coordinates intra-network activity and delivery
    but does NOT dominate and suffocate others

• Technical Networks ==> operate autonomously but coordinate with AUC-DREA and NPCA to align with other CAADP activities and processes

• Technical Networks receive requests for support from member states and other implementers thro’ 1) website, 2) emails, 3) forums, 4) in-country NAIP processes

• Technical Networks devises, in collaboration with Members States, AU and RECS appropriate response and mechanisms for responding
Some underlying principles for success of Technical Networks

1) The right individuals from the right institutions
2) The right incentives for members (individual + organization)
3) Jointly agreed values, principles and rules of engagement
4) The right leadership – style and approach (at all levels)
5) Commitment by AUC, NPCA, RECS, DPs…
6) Adaptive implementation - dynamic process and learning
7) Quality processes - facilitation, mentoring, nurturing and financial support
8) Good communication incl. the use of modern ICT
9) Focus on deliverables: capacities, tools/approaches, products, etc.
Evaluating Technical Networks

1) Each TN to develop broad objectives and goals ==> Linked to biennial reporting systems

2) Ultimate accountability will be to the African Union and stakeholders including non state actors, farmer orgs etc.

➢ Annual Reporting of activities to stakeholders at the CAADP Partnership Platforms

3) Regular evaluation of effectiveness and impact through feedback from countries and other implementers

4) Internal peers review systems and mutual accountability among technical agencies
Financing CAADP Technical Networks

1) Technical Networks will have **core funds** to operate – mobilized from development partners to create a facility for Technical Network

2) Additional resources to be leveraged from Technical Agencies that are part of Technical Networks

3) Technical Networks may develop proposals for funding of specific activities

4) In the long term ==> Member States and other beneficiaries of Technical Network support to provide resources to Technical Networks (service fee approach)
What has been happening?

1) Conceptualisation and design - SEVEN Technical Networks launched in September 2016 with over 60 agencies (see www.caadp-tn.org)

2) Main issues have been identified for each network, including brief analysis of institutional landscape

3) Identification of convening organisations and secretariats

4) Ongoing mentoring and coaching of TNs – Several meetings held to agree on issues and operational matters

5) Recruitment and growth – TNs institutionalisation and leadership; more organisations still joining

6) Technical Networks have commenced activity and have started to respond to demand (e.g. the Biennial Review training)
How you can participate....

1) Technical Agencies and Knowledge Institutions – Join relevant Technical Networks to offer skills, data, tools, approaches and methodologies.

2) Development Partners – mobilizing resources and coordinating support (Jeff will address this in his presentation).

3) CAADP Implementers –
   • Member States, RECS and other CAADP implementers need to be able to identify and communicate their capacity needs to Technical Networks
   • Member States may help direct resources raised from internal sources, loans & grants towards Technical Networks that are providing capacity development support
   • Member States may ask development partners to channel resources through Technical Networks
TN Membership recruitment still open…

- Do you share the CAADP vision for agricultural transformation?
- Do you have relevant Technical Capacity?
- Do you have a GOOD track record?
- Do you have some resources and/or the ability to mobilize resources?
- Are you willing to work under a common framework with other Network members?
- Do you have a genuinely cross-Africa footprint?
Here is how can you join or start to support the CAADP Technical Networks

Four ways:

1. Sign up at the end of the session (using the feedback sheet circulated) and we will follow up

2. Follow the link for online submission of expression of interest: (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EoI_TN_CAADP)

3. Go to the website www.caadp-tn.org

4. Email Betty Tole for more info: betty.tole@picoteamea.org
Other CAADP processes of interest

1) The CAADP Partnership Platform ➔ May 31st to June 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2017, Entebbe Uganda. (Technical Networks will be discussed in a special session)

2) National workshops and processes to domesticate Malabo into National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP)

3) Ongoing training of country level CAADP teams on the biennial review processes – (CAADP Technical Networks providing expertise and other support in the training. Additional support is planned in the countries).

4) Agricultural Learning Policy Workshop – a forum just before the CAADP PP to share and learn lessons on Malabo and CAADP processes
Thank you!
UPDATES ON AGROINDUSTRY AND VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT (AVCD) TECHNICAL NETWORK

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CAADP TN
Building capacity to transform Africa’s agriculture
MEMBERS

- Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA);
- Grow Africa;
- European Center for Development and Policy Management (ECDPM);
- Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA);
- African Agribusiness Incubators Network (AAIN);
- Africa Seed Trade Association (AFSTA);
- ACTESA;
- Market Matters Inc.;
- African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF);
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI);
- Cornell University (CCIFAD);
- East African Grain Council (EAGC);
- New Alliance
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

- WORLD FISH
OTHER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES

- CRS
- WARESA
- Pan African Agribusiness and Agro-industry Consortium (PanAAC)
- Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)
- Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO)
- UN AGENCIES – Food and Agriculture Organizations (FAO)
PROGRESS TO DATE

– PREPARED AND EVALUATED AN ISSUES PAPER ON VALUE CHAIN;

– ATTENDED NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PLANS (NAIP) REVIEW MEETINGS;

– REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PLANS (RAIP) MEETINGS;

– BIENNIAL REVIEW
How Technical Networks would contribute to CAADP processes e.g. Biennial reporting and NAIP processes

In Country:

• Publicize its membership, capacities and mandate to Government CAADP Coordinator and the Non State Actor coordination institution in-country

• Seek to understand how development partners are working to support CAADP in-country and publicize their mandate and capacities to the partners

• Obtain a calendar of key events in the CAADP process such as NAIP reviews, Malabo domestication meetings, Biennial Reviews, partner support meetings, other relevant development planning meetings and send representatives

• Direct inquiry from responsible officers at both the AUC and NEPAD on the dates for these events is also appropriate

• The TN should seek to understand how the country is working with its CAADP responsible REC and try to offer support
KEY PRIORITIES GOING FORWARD

• Coordination/bringing together all value chain stakeholders to integrate them:

• Smallholders: The Continental Agribusiness Strategy notes, “Even though 70% of the value chain actors are small holder farmers, they have minimal participation in the value chain, particularly the profitable segments of the value chain. They remain producers and even that, the level of their productivity and production still remains low on account of a multiplicity of factors.

• Governments: Clear government roles in creating enabling and facilitating environment, Get the policy right, Infrastructure development,

• Skills to compete throughout the value chain: Schools, Colleges and Universities need to reorient and step up skills training relevant to competitive agribusiness growth.
KEY PRIORITIES GOING FORWARD

• Business Training: Business Planning, Marketing, Value Addition and Profitability Understanding

• Financial Institutions/ Finance: Mixture of local and FDI, Commercial Banks, Development Banks, Microfinance Institutions: Smallholders are private sector and need access to finance, Focus on scaling up successful initiatives/partnerships and what works

• AU and RECs: Capacity Building, Integration, Market Expansion and Standards Harmonization efforts

• Private Sector: Commodity association growth, Youth Association building and growth, Strong private sector linkages, Women organization strengthening, Standards, Transformation and Value addition.
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