

Exploring New Opportunities and Strategic Alternatives to Inform African Agricultural Development, Planning, and Policy

Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) Africawide Conference

**UN Economic Commission for Africa Headquarters
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 23-24 November, 2009**

AGENDA

Time	Activity/Agenda Item	Presenter	Chairperson
Day One – Monday, November 23, 2009			
8:30 – 9:00	Registration		
9:00 – 10:00	Opening Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shenggen Fan, Director General Designate and Director, Development Strategy and Governance Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) ▪ Neil MacPherson, UN Global Food Security Task Force ▪ Cecilia Khupe, USAID-Southern Africa ▪ Mafa Chipeta, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) ▪ Yamar Mbodj, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) ▪ Representative from the African Union Commission/Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) 		Representative from the African Union Commission/Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction to conference, review of agenda Presentation: “What is ReSAKSS?”	Babatunde Omilola, ReSAKSS Coordinator, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	

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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break		
Theme 1: Taking Stock: Agricultural Performance, Public Spending, Growth and Poverty Reduction Trends			
11:00 – 11:30	Keynote Presentation: Growth and Investment Options for Achieving Agricultural Growth in Africa	Shenggen Fan, Director General Designate and Director, Development Strategy and Governance Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	Representative from the African Union Commission/Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)
11:30 – 1:00	Panel Discussion: Overview of Agricultural Performance in African regions – how far are African regions from the CAADP and MDG targets? What is the status of public investment for agriculture by region? Q&A and Discussion	Pius Chilonda, ReSAKSS-Southern Africa Mbaye Yade, ReSAKSS-West Africa Joseph Karugia, ReSAKSS-East and Central Africa Babatunde Omilola, ReSAKSS-Africa Wide	Representative from the African Union Commission/Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)
1:00 – 2:00	LUNCH		
Theme 2: Strategies and Options for Improving Agricultural Performance			
2:00 – 4:15 15 min presentation, 10 min commentary, 10 min Q&A	Panel Discussion: Presentation 1: How to promote growth, poverty reduction and climate change adaptation through land and water management? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commentator: Hilmy Sally, International Water Management Institute (IWMI) ▪ Q&A Presentation 2: Promoting smallholder market access and the modernization of regional marketing systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commentator 1: Suffyan Koroma, Economist, Trade and Commodities Division, FAO • Commentator 2: Christa van Louw, Executive Chairperson of Intshona Agricultural Products (Pty) Ltd. ▪ Q&A Presentation 3: Prospects for social protection of the most vulnerable populations in the face of increasing global volatility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commentator: Ibrahima Bamba, WARDA, Q&A 	Presenter 1: Elijah Phiri, Facilitator of CAADP Pillar I and Lecturer, University of Zambia Presenter 2: Baba Dioum, Facilitator of CAADP Pillar II and Head, Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of West and Central Africa (CMA/AOC) Presenter 3: Sheryl Hendricks, Facilitator of CAADP Pillar III and Professor of Food Security, University of KwaZulu Natal	Ousmane Badiane, Director for Africa, IFPRI

4:15 – 4:30	Coffee Break		
4:30 – 6:00 15 min presentation, 10 min commentary, 10 min Q&A	<p>Presentation 4: What are the best methods of utilizing agriculture research for poverty reduction and economic growth?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commentator: Nienke Beintema, Head of ASTI, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) • Q&A <p>Presentation 5: Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) strategy for CAADP implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commentator: Barbara Bamanya, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) • Q&A 	<p>Presenter 4: Emmanuel Tambi, Representative of CAADP Pillar IV and Director for Regional Policies and Market of Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)</p> <p>Presenter 5: Samuel Benin, Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</p>	<p>Yamar Mbodj, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)</p>
7:00	Conference Reception		

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Day 2 –Tuesday, November 24, 2009			
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome		Master of Ceremonies, Babatunde Omilola, ReSAKSS Africa Wide Coordinator
Theme 3: Mechanisms for Implementing Agricultural Development Strategies			
9:05 – 9:35	Keynote presentation: Promoting an enabling policy environment: How to implement learning and peer review processes at the regional and national level via ReSAKSS	Ousmane Badiane, Director for Africa, IFPRI	
9:35 – 10:50	Panel Discussion Panel 1: Policy and knowledge systems in agricultural development at the country level: Experience from different African countries Q&A	Presentation 1 panelists: Todd Benson, Country Program Leader, Uganda; Klaus Dropplemann, Senior Program Coordinator, Malawi; James Sackey, Country Program Leader, Nigeria; Helder Gemo, Program Coordinator, Mozambique; Emily Schmidt, Country Program Coordinator, Ethiopia	Anthony Ikpi Professor, University of Ibadan
10:50 – 11:15	Coffee Break		
11:15 – 12:00	Panel 2: How have RECs used ReSAKSS? How does ReSAKSS strengthen capacity of RECs? Q&A	Presentation 2 panelists: Yamar Mbodj, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); Martin Muchero, Southern African Development Community (SADC); Abdiweli Mohamed, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)	Isaac Minde, ICRISAT
12:00 – 12:45	Panel 3: Farmer organizations' experience with ReSAKSS Q&A	Presentation 3 panelists: Ishmael Sunga, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU); Ndiogou Fall, ROPPA; Stephen Muchiri, East Africa Farmers Federation	Mafa Chipeta, FAO Sub-regional Coordinator for Eastern Africa and FAO Representative to the African Union and the UN Economic Commission for Africa
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch		

2:00 – 4:00	<p>Panel 4: The future role of ReSAKSS in informing African agriculture development, planning and policy</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Panelists: Boaz Keizire, African Union Commission/CAADP; Ousmane Badiane, IFPRI; Isaac Minde, ICRISAT; Cecilia Khupe, USAID; Ishmael Sunga, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU); Yamar Mbodj, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); Babatunde Omilola, ReSAKSS Coordinator, IFPRI</p>	<p>Shenggen Fan, Director General Designate and Director, Development Strategy and Governance Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</p>
4:00 – 4:30	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shenggen Fan, Director General Designate and Director General, Development Strategy and Governance Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) ▪ Representative from the African Union Commission/Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) 		
4:30	Conference closes		