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The Establishment of Country SAKSS Platforms in East and Central Africa

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Africa Wide

Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System

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Outline

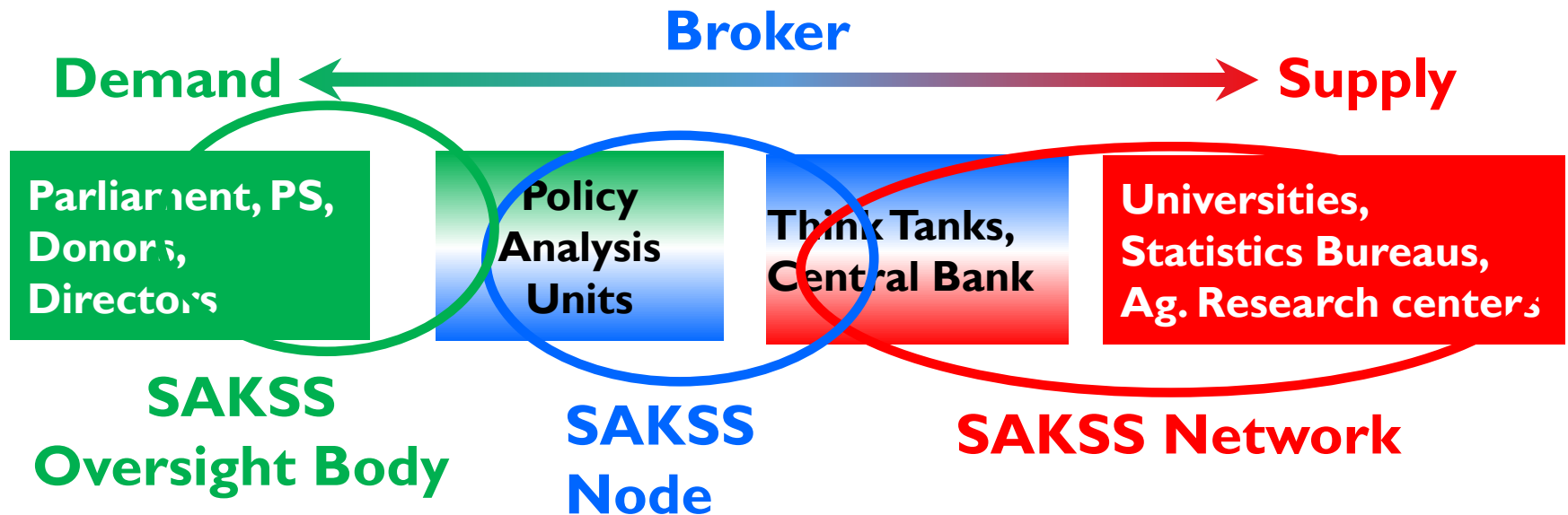
- Concept of SAKSS
- Functions
- Steps of establishing SAKSS
- Experience from ECA
 - ✓ Process
 - ✓ Status
 - ✓ Challenges
 - ✓ Achievements



The Concept of Country SAKSS



SAKSS: Broker of Strategic Analysis/Knowledge



- Credence of **SAKSS** in CAADP process
- **Governance**
- Channel knowledge and evidence to policy making

- Identify and sensitize knowledge gaps
- Synthesize knowledge
- Mobilize and coordinate knowledge generation
- Facilitate capacity building

- Express interest and buy into vision
- Align knowledge generation activities
- Receive training & funding to undertake analysis



THE COUNTRY SAKSS LINKING DATA - ANALYSIS - POLICY

K-Demand

K-Supply



**POLICY
DIALOGUE
PLATFORM**

Policy consultation
Performance review
Inclusive dialogue
Mutual learning

**KNOWLEDGE
MANAGEMENT
FUNCTION**

Needs identification
Research coordination
Data management
Knowledge management
Communications
Outreach
Training

**STRATEGIC
ANALYSIS
NETWORK**

Universities
Statistics offices
Planning units
Ag. Research centers
Other Think tanks
External partners



Key functions of a country SAKSS



Strategic analysis

- Providing timely and relevant analyses to inform design and implementation national agricultural strategies
- Undertake analytical studies on topical issues



Monitoring and Evaluation

- Development outcomes & impacts;
 - e.g. income growth, poverty and hunger reduction, food and nutrition security, etc
- Overall agricultural sector growth target & specific subsector targets
- Required financial and non-financial resources to effectively implement the agricultural strategies
- Policies, programs, institutions, and implementation processes



Knowledge management, communication, and policy dialogue

- Enable easy access to credible knowledge products (e.g. data, analyses, and tools)
- For dialogue, evidence-based policy making, review and learning



Capacity strengthening

- Build human and institutional capacity to improve the quality of agricultural policy planning, implementation, and M&E based on needs



Steps of Establishing and Operating a Country SAKSS



Step I: Establish SAKSS Core Team and Governance Structure

- Develop operational guidelines and terms of reference (TORs) for;
 - ✓ Coordinator, platform, secretariat, network, & steering committee
- Select host institution
- Recruit coordinator and secretariat staff
- Hold inception workshop to introduce SAKSS objectives to key stakeholders
- Hold first meeting of SAKSS Steering Committee to set SAKSS priorities
- Develop a work plan & budget and seek its approval from SC



Step 2: Developing/strengthening and implementing a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework

- Developing outcomes for monitoring performance;
 - ✓ Selection of key performance indicators
 - ✓ Development of baselines, benchmarks and targets
- Review of existing agriculture sector strategies and aligning them with long term agricultural development targets
- Work with key agencies to collect/compile high quality data on indicators in the M&E framework
- Prepare country Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR)



Step 4: Conducting strategic analysis and research to fill knowledge gaps and assess policy and investment options

- **Assessment of evidence gaps in;**
 - ✓ Agricultural strategy processes, in data, tools, and knowledge for conducting strategic analyses
- **Conducting analyses to support formulation and or implementation of national agriculture strategies**
- **Conducting strategic analyses, including building blocks of JSR**
- **Producing high quality knowledge products (issue briefs, brochures, working papers)**



Step 5: Developing knowledge management, communications, and policy dialogue platforms

- Establishment of an interactive knowledge platform
 - ✓ e.g. website, country e-Atlas etc
- Assessment of stakeholders, networks, existing knowledge systems, and level of dialogue in agricultural strategy processes and find ways for strengthening processes
- Workshops and seminars to bring together stakeholders to facilitate and inform strategy dialogue on key issues



Step 6: Strengthening capacity for effective collaboration, partnerships, and long term sustainability of SAKSS Node

- Assessment of the capacity-strengthening needs of stakeholders to identify areas needing strengthening
- Supporting the development or strengthening of an agriculture joint sector review (JSR)
- Design and implement training modules on key strategic analysis and knowledge management tools and methods
- Establishment of effective local partnerships and links to the broader regional and international research community



Step 7: Operation and Governance of a SAKSS

- Holding SAKSS Steering Committee meetings
- Holding meetings of the SAKSS network
- Staffing and resource mobilization



The process undertaken to establish Country SAKSS in ECA region



Awareness creation

- Two sensitization workshops held;
 - 1st workshop for SAKSS ready countries/sensitized; held in April 2012 for countries that had previous experience on SAKSS/or SAKSS-like structures
 - ✓ Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, DRC, and Tanzania
 - 2nd Workshop for SAKSS aware countries; held in June 2012
 - ✓ Burundi, Comoros, South Sudan, Seychelles, Djibouti, Sudan and Congo-Brazaville



Preparation & Validation of Capacity Needs Assessment Reports & Capacity Development Strategies

- Capacity needs assessment studies commissioned in SAKSS ready countries
- Studies undertaken and validated in;
 - Kenya
 - Ethiopia
 - Uganda
 - Rwanda
 - Ethiopia
 - Tanzania



In-country consultations on the structure of the country SAKSS & the Work Plan

- In-country stakeholders consult on the country SAKSS architecture, ToRs & work plans
- Issues for consultation include;
 - Host institution for the SAKSS secretariat
 - The constitution of the SAKSS steering committee
 - Membership to the SAKSS network
 - ToRs & the work plans



Launch of Country SAKSS

- Several countries have already launched country SAKSS
 - Rwanda
 - Tanzania
- Some are about to launch;
 - DRC
 - Ethiopia
- Others are in the consultation stage;
 - Kenya
 - Uganda



Challenges

- Inclusivity
- In-country consultation process taking too long time



Achievements of Country SAKSS: Case of Rwanda SAKSS

- Play a key role in M&E & review process in the agriculture sector;
 - Lead the preparation of the country Annual Trends and Outlook (ATOR) Report since 2010
 - Secretary to the Agriculture Sector Working Group
 - Play an active role in the Joint Sector Review for agriculture sector
- Capacity building for the SAKSS network members
- Support the implementation of the national agriculture strategy document (PSTA III)
- Appreciation of the usefulness of the country SAKSS by government;
 - The Ministry of agriculture and animal resources allocates budget to the country SAKSS

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