



## Targeting and Measuring Nutrition Impacts across the CAADP Results Framework

### Abstract

Despite advances in agricultural productivity and economic growth over the past 50 years, malnutrition is still widespread in Africa. A unique opportunity exists to demonstrably reduce malnutrition throughout the African continent, through the current design of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) 2015-2025 Results Framework. The Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) provides data to facilitate benchmarking and learning for the CAADP agenda. ReSAKSS is facilitated by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the African Union Commission (AUC), the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), and leading regional economic communities (RECs). Given ReSAKSS role in tracking the progress of the CAADP indicators, it is important to agree upon the proper indicators of nutrition that can be tracked and reported in a consistent manner. In addition, the roadmap for achieving the African Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods goals (3ATGs) will be presented at the AU Headquarters in January 2015. The side event will provide an opportunity to discuss the incorporation of nutrition-sensitive indicators and monitoring into the CAADP Results Framework and can provide insight for this ATG road map. This will build upon the expertise of the speakers and attendees as well as the analysis conducted by the CAADP Nutrition Task Force and the CAADP Nutrition Capacity Development Initiative. Indicators of nutrition and the measurement and monitoring of these indicators will be discussed as well as institutions engaged in this work. The side event will feature facilitated presentations from three experts that will discuss the following:

- Implementation of the Nutrition Capacity Development Initiative in country development plans (Dr. Namukolo Covic)
- Experiences and lessons learned from Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in East Africa (LANEA) (Dr. Mesfin Beyero)
- Opportunities for nutritional monitoring and implementation at a country level (Mr. Kambaila Munkoni)

### Objectives

The objectives of the side-event include:

1. Provide direction on the incorporation on nutrition-sensitive indicators and monitoring in the CAADP Results Framework
2. Set out an agenda for inclusion of a detailed nutrition discussion into the plenary portion of the next CAADP/AUC meeting

## **Speaker Bios**

### **Dr. Namukolo Covic**

*Nutrition and Dietetics Department, North-West University, South Africa*

Dr. Namukolo Covic is a senior lecturer at North-West University in South Africa where her research within the Centre of Excellence for Nutrition focuses on food and nutrition security, micronutrients, and nutrition program implementation. She has been actively involved in the initiative to mainstream nutrition in the CAADP National Agricultural Investment Plans. She is currently involved in research aimed at using agricultural interventions to impact nutrition in communities vulnerable to food insecurity. She was part of an expert group of panelists who conducted a recent “*Consensus Study on Improved Assessment of Micronutrients*” for the Academy of Science of South Africa aimed at optimizing approaches to the assessment of nutritional status in different settings. She was also a member of the Panel of the New York Academy of Science of the Sackler Nutrition Institute that conducted a study on strengthening, implementation and utilization of nutrition interventions through research that developed a framework and research agenda on the topic.

### **Dr. Mesfin Beyero**

*Independent Consultant, Public Health and Nutrition, Ethiopia*

Dr. Beyero is a public health and nutrition expert with over 20 years of field level experience in training, program design, monitoring and evaluation. He has served as a Nutrition and Public Health consultant in Ethiopia and elsewhere with many international NGOs, UN agencies and the donor community. Most recently, Dr. Beyero was a Consultant for the collaborative initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in East Africa (LANEA) case study as a contribution towards promoting greater agriculture – nutrition linkages. He also served as a Nutrition Consultant for the East, Central and Southern Africa (ECSA) Health Community. In this project, Dr. Beyero facilitated the roll-out of “Essential Nutrition Actions” technical training to Health, Nutrition, HIV/AIDS and Early Warning professionals and experts from seven countries in East and Southern Africa with the target of increasing the capacity of local health professionals and services provided. Dr. Beyero holds a Master of Arts in Public Health from the University of Innsbruck and a Doctorate of Medicine from Addis Ababa University.

### **Mr. Kambaila Munkoni**

*UNDP – Lusaka*

Mr. Munkoni joined the Central Statistical Office (CSO) in 2001 where he was employed as a Statistician, in the Economic and Financial Statistical department. He worked in various sections of the Economic and Statistical Department of the Central Statistical Office until 2006, when he was promoted to head the Living Condition Monitoring Unit of the Economic and Financial Statistical Department of CSO. He was head of this unit which is responsible in the Monitoring and Evaluating of Poverty, Nutrition and Education. During his tenure as Head of LCMB, he managed two Living Conditions Monitoring Surveys of 2006 and 2010. In 2012, he was seconded to the United Nations Development Program, Zambian Country Office, as a National Economist in charge of Micro Economics and Poverty. Kambaila Munkoni was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Public Administration in 1998 from the University of Zambia. He has a Masters Degree in Economic Policy Management (EPM) from the University of Zambia.

**Discussant:**

**Dr. John McDermott**

*Director, CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health*

John McDermott joined IFPRI in 2011 to lead the CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH), led by IFPRI. Previously he was Deputy Director General and Director of Research at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in Nairobi from 2003-2011. John has lived and worked in Africa for 25 years. As a researcher, John's research career has focused on public health, animal health and livestock research in developing countries, primarily Africa. He has led projects on zoonotic and emerging diseases in Asia and Africa. John has a strong background in quantitative methods (modeling, study design, statistics).

**Facilitator:**

**Dr. Summer Allen**

*Research Coordinator, Markets, Trade and Institutions Division (MTID)*

Summer Allen is an agricultural economist and serves as a Research Coordinator in MTID, focusing on A4NH activities. This includes value chain activities for better nutrition as well as food safety in Africa and Asia. Summer has years of experience leading research projects on agricultural development and water issues throughout Africa and Latin America. Summer previously worked on food security with the Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization. She also worked for a number of years on water policy for agriculture and development for the US Environmental Protection Agency.

**RSVP:** Confirmation of attendance will be needed in advance so that invitations can be sent to the ReSAKSS conference. To RSVP for this side event or for more information, please contact Summer: [s.allen@cgiar.org](mailto:s.allen@cgiar.org).