

## 2<sup>nd</sup> CAADP ReSAKSS Continental Steering Committee Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, Hilton, Yaoundé, Cameroon

### MINUTES

#### Attendance

Name	Title/Function/Institution/Organization
Keizire Boaz Blackie	CAADP Advisor, AUC
Yemi Akinbamijo	DREA, AUC
Mbaye Yade	Coordinator, ReSAKSS-WA, IITA
Simon Kisira	M&E, CAADP, NPCA
Claude Bizimana	Coordinator, Rwanda-SAKSS
Leonard Oruko	M&E Specialist, FARA
Abebe Haile-Gabriel	Co-Chair of SC, Director, DREA, AUC
Martin Bwalya	Co-Chair of SC, Head, CAADP, NPCA
Sam Kanyarukiga	Coordinator, CAADP, COMESA
Susan Thompson	CAADP Donor Task Team, USAID
Jeff Hill	CAADP Donor Task Team, USAID
Baba Dioum	CMA/WCA, CAADP Pillar II
Henri A. Minnaar	Programme Manager, NEPAD Business Foundation
Sam Benin	Secretary of SC, Coordinator, ReSAKSS-AW, IFPRI

#### Agenda

Time	Speaker (s)	Topic
08:30–08:45	Martin Bwalya (co-chair) & Abebe Haile Gabriel (co-chair)	Welcome and call to meeting of committee; presentation of agenda; and review of last meeting's minutes
08:45–09:00	Sam Benin	ReSAKSS 2010 progress and 2011 work plan
09:00–09:15	Open discussion	
09:30–10:00	Sam Benin	2010 CAADP Continental M&E Report
10:00–10:30	Open discussion	
10:30–10:45		COFFEE BREAK
10:45–11:05	Sam Benin/Simon Kisira	Establishment of CAADP Country SAKSS Nodes
11:05–11:30	Open discussion	
11:30–11:50	Simon Kisira/Leonard Oruko/Maria Ketting	How to use the continental M&E Report in the Mutual Accountability platforms
11:50–12:15	Open discussion	
12:15–12:25	Keizire Boaz Blackie	Review of meeting: conclusions and summary
12:25–12:30	Martin Bwalya (co-chair) & Abebe Haile Gabriel (co-chair)	Closing of meeting
12:30		LUNCH

## Summary of Discussions and Actions

### 1. Welcome and call to meeting

Introductory remarks made by the co-chairs of the Steering Committee, Mr. Martin Bwalya and Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, underscored the pivotal role of the Steering Committee in supporting CAADP implementation, especially as countries increasingly engage in programme implementation. They further emphasized the role of ReSAKSS in providing policy-oriented knowledge products and services to facilitate evidence-based planning and decision making processes of CAADP at various levels. It was further noted that the outcomes of the Steering Committee meeting should feed into and inform the CAADP Partnership Platform (PP).

### 2. Review of minutes of the first Steering Committee meeting

The meeting endorsed the minutes of the first steering committee meeting. A few follow-up actions were agreed upon.

#### Actions

- The meeting called upon AUC/NPCA to communicate to the constituent institutions of the Steering Committee to provide names of people to serve on the committee;
- It was agreed that the rotational cycle for some of the constituent institutional members (e.g. Pillar Lead Institutions, Regional Farmer Organizations, Regional Private Sector, and Country SAKSS) be left to the respective institutions to decide;
- It was recommended that the ReSAKSS planning and reporting cycle should be linked to cycles of major CAADP events, especially the CAADP PP so as to leverage opportunities for review and dialogue on the M&E report, as well as fostering its utilization; and
- Related to the above, it was proposed that the steering committee considers holding virtual meetings in addition to the physical meeting held annually on the margins of the CAADP PP. The Secretariat was tasked to develop and circulate a pager outlining timing of drafting the M&E report, reviewing it virtually, and finalizing and producing it in time for the CAADP PP.

### 3. ReSAKSS 2010 progress report

The meeting noted the progress made by ReSAKSS during the year 2010. Particularly, it took note of the M&E framework that was validated; the trainings that ReSAKSS has provided to various CAADP constituencies; the special analytical studies conducted; the publications produced; the support that ReSAKSS has provided in roundtable processes; as well as the support and guidance to countries in the establishment of country SAKSS.

### 4. ReSAKSS 2011 workplan

The key elements in the workplan include: developing the Annual Trends and Outlook Report at the continental and regional level, as well as for selected countries, with the feature topic on raising and maintaining high agricultural productivity; providing technical support to establish country SAKSS and other capacity strengthening activities; developing web-pages for regional nodes and selected country

SAKSS; and strategic analysis and production of occasional papers, which reflect flexibility in the workplan to address emerging issues to the extent that they are within the capacity of ReSAKSS and do not compete for resources allocated to the core activities mentioned above.

#### **Actions**

- The meeting took note of the need to articulate better the criteria for selecting the annual feature topics for the M&E report
- The meeting commended the flexibility in the workplan and called upon ReSAKSS to articulate how it works, particularly how key partners such as AUC, NPCA, RECs and Pillar Lead Institutions can access this to support their analytical agenda in support of CAADP implementation.

### **5. The M&E Report**

The meeting applauded ReSAKSS for preparing the 2010 CAADP Continental M&E report and took note of the significant improvements made in making the report more focused and relevant to the CAADP decision making processes. The meeting welcomed the proposal of publishing regional-level reports as well as reports in selected countries, as these would further strengthen the relevance and utilization of M&E results at these levels.

#### **Actions**

- AUC and NPCA to rally political support in the use of the report for policy and decision making processes;
- ReSAKSS to include analysis of links between investments and growth and other outcomes, as well as description of lessons learned.
- ReSAKSS was called upon to strengthen mechanisms of improving data quality for M&E at all levels.

### **6. Using the Continental M&E Report in Mutual Accountability (MA) Processes**

The meeting underscored the instrumentality of the report in providing the evidence base for mutual accountability.

#### **Actions**

- For purposes of strengthening the relevance of the report to the MA process, the meeting recommended that the MA framework should not duplicate the M&E efforts and that relevant indicators for the MA be included in the set of indicators reported on in the M&E report
- The meeting further recommended that AUC and NPCA coordinate the efforts between the two teams to avoid duplication and to ensure coherence and promote stronger linkages between the M&E report and the MA processes.

### **7. Establishment of Country SAKSS**

The steering committee meeting applauded the progress made by ReSAKSS in supporting countries in the establishment of country SAKSS. It also took note of the proposal by the Task Team on the architecture of the country SAKSS, including the roles and functions of the key actors (i.e. AUC, NPCA, RECs, Pillar Lead Institutions, ReSAKSS, national governments, development partners, etc.) in the establishment of the SAKSS.

#### Actions

- AUC/NPCA and the RECs were called upon to advocate and raise funds for the establishment of country SAKSS, clearly articulating the value of country SAKSS to relevant policy and decision making.
- The members of the Committee agreed to provide feedback on the proposal to the Task Team by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, on the basis of which a roadmap for establishing the country SAKSS will be prepared by the Task Team and presented to the Committee by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011.
- The meeting recommended AUC/NPCA, RECs and ReSAKSS to undertake joint missions to countries in raising awareness on the importance of the country SAKSS in strengthening their M&E systems for informing progress review and implementation of their national agricultural investment and food security plans.

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#### Signed:

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Abebe Haile Gabriel, co-Chair of SC

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Martin Bwalya, co-Chair of SC