

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**16<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Partnership Platform (PP)**

*“Malabo Commitments Five Years on: Translating Lessons Learnt into Accelerated Action towards 2025”*

**24-25 November 2020**

**INVITATION TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.**

**WHAT:** 16th CAADP PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM

**WHEN:** 24 – 25 November 2020

**TIME:** Tuesday, 24 November - 1300hrs -1900hrs EAT (GMT +3)  
Wednesday, 25 November – 1300hrs -1810hrs EAT (GMT +3)

**WHERE:** ZOOM virtual platform: ***Registration in advance is required for this meeting.***

Registration link: <https://pp.aucaadp.org/registration>

**WHO:** This event is organized by the African Union Commission (AUC), Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA) in collaboration with other partners.

**SPEAKERS:** Various high-level speakers and panelists will deliver key remarks and discuss pertinent issues.

**Opening Remarks:**

1. **Mr. Holger Kray**-Chair, CAADP Development Partner Group, and Practice Manager, Agriculture and Food Security, World Bank
2. **Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki**- Chief Executive Officer, AUDA-NEPAD -
3. **H.E Amb. Josefa Sacko**-The Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC
4. **Hon. Angela Thoko Didiza**, Chair of the AU STC on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment, and Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa

**Keynote Address: Dr. Ousmane Badiane (Chairman Akademiya 2063):** Galvanizing inclusive agricultural growth and transformation to cut poverty in Africa by half by 2025 – are we still on track five years after Malabo?

## BACKGROUND:

The 16<sup>th</sup> CAADP Partnership Platform meeting comes in the wake of findings of the Inaugural and the Second CAADP Biennial Review (BR) Reports on the Implementation of the Malabo Declaration, adopted by the 30<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sessions of the AU General Assembly, in 2018 and 2020, respectively. The Second BR Report revealed that **out of 49 Member States that reported progress in implementing the Malabo Declaration, 36 had made positive progress between the two reviews in 2017 and 2019 towards achieving the Malabo Commitment targets by 2025.** However, only four (4) Member States (Rwanda, Morocco, Mali and Ghana) attained or surpassed the minimum score required to be on-track.

The report also revealed that only two Member States (Rwanda and Tanzania) were 'on-track' towards achieving target of 100% on recommitment to the principles and values of the CAADP process; no country was on track to achieving the 10 percent of annual public expenditures in agriculture; only one country (Uganda) was 'on-track' towards achieving the ending hunger by 2025. Overall, there was dismal performance toward achieving the targets set in the Malabo Declaration. This is quite a worrying finding and therefore more effort is required to accelerate the pace towards 2025.

However, even though most countries were not on-track, there are some highlights to celebrate. A few Member States scored marked progress (being 'on track') in certain performance indicators. **Rwanda was assessed to be the best overall achiever, for the second reporting period running, in the summative indicator (all seven commitments) of agricultural transformation in Africa, followed by Mali and Morocco.** Countries varied with regard to scoring in the different categories assessed. Uganda was reported to be 'on track' toward meeting the commitment on ending hunger in Africa by 2025. A lot more of cases of achievements are highlighted in both reports.

Thus, the 16<sup>th</sup> CAADP will provide a platform to reflect on the results and the inherent lessons to be learnt toward motivating renewed commitment for action in the next journey towards 2025. The 2019 BR Report calls for action to transform Africa's agriculture, making four recommendations as follows:

1. Integrate the Malabo Commitments into well designed National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPS) and ensure effective implementation.
2. Build capacity for evidence-based agricultural policy-making and programming by making the Biennial Review process a part of regional and national decision systems.
3. Prioritize initiatives to end hunger in view of evidence of increasingly poor performance across key indicators of wasting, stunting and general undernourishment.
4. Accelerate progress towards building the climate resilience of Africa's food systems in line with Africa Agenda 2063, CAADP Malabo Commitments, and the SDGs.

## PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The 16<sup>th</sup> CAADP PP will cast broad light on the progress of implementation of the Malabo Commitments, and what it takes to increase momentum. It will gather insights across the spectrum of stakeholders and use existing evidence from the BR to spurring action toward integration of the Malabo Commitments into National Agricultural Investment Plans. It will also set focus on approaches for developing pragmatic strategies, initiatives and bankable projects that are inclusive, investment oriented and attractive to potential agribusiness investors. Special focus identifying gaps in investing in certain agricultural commodities (crop, marine and animal) with potential to become strategic in the short-, mid- or long-term, and which offer value chain investment potential.

Furthermore, the 16<sup>th</sup> CAADP PP is leverage on possible opportunities the different stakeholders have, which can be harnessed, be they in the form of technical expertise, experience, financing sources, and/or managerial systems. This exploration of opportunities will be done by way of experience sharing and showcasing of unique practices and case studies that have produced results and impact.

In order to invoke this desired value, the PP will utilize the services of experienced and purpose-driven facilitators. Each session will be as interactive and conclusive as possible. to arrive at a consensus on actions, goals and targets, and spell out associated roles and responsibilities in the implementation of the decisions of the Malabo Declaration for realizing the 2025 vision of Africa Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation. In-depth discussions will be conducted by way of facilitated breakout sessions, as well as question-and-answer driven plenary sessions.

### EXPECTED OUTCOMES

This 16<sup>th</sup> CAADP PP is expected to garner three key outcomes:

- a) Inspire a renewed spirit in CAADP partners, stakeholders at the various levels to see light at the end of the tunnel and go home with a renewed commitment and determination to play a part in supporting identified priorities of the National and Regional Agriculture Investment Plans;
- b) New strategic directions for accelerating action based on evidence from the BR and shared experiences;
- c) Identified strengths and opportunities for moving the agriculture transformation agenda forward and for sealing the gaps.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE EVENT:**

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