

Accelerating the Implementation of the Kampala Declaration for Agrifood Systems Transformation: Lessons From The Country-Level

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1. Background and Rationale

Africa's food systems face increasing pressure from climate shocks, vulnerabilities, and declining donor support. Despite significant progress, gaps in food security, financing, and investment targeting remain. The 2025 Kampala Declaration shifts toward inclusive, high-performing agrifood systems, providing a framework for evidence-based, accountable transformation. AKADEMIYA2063 and partners support its domestication in Kenya and Togo, aligning national policies, budgets, and strategies with the Declaration's goals. This side event highlights early progress and lessons. Emphasizing local data, stakeholder engagement, and strategic priorities ensures resilient, impactful commitments. Tools like the updated NAIP Toolkit and cross-country learning promote transparency and sustainable financing. Inclusive consultations with diverse stakeholders enhance the legitimacy of agrifood transformation strategies, helping turn the Kampala Declaration's aspirations into impactful outcomes.

2. Relevance to the CFS

The Kampala Declaration is highly relevant to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) as it reinforces CFS's mandate to promote inclusive, evidence-based policy coordination for food security and nutrition. It emphasizes national ownership—translating continental goals into policies and budgets—mirroring CFS's country-led approach and supporting the uptake of CFS Policy Products at national and regional levels. Its inclusive design engages civil society, researchers, and local actors, aligning with CFS's participatory model. The focus on data-driven decisions reflects CFS's emphasis on evidence-based policymaking through the HLPE. The Declaration advances shared priorities—Malabo, Agenda 2063, and the SDGs—on hunger, malnutrition, and resilience. Tools like the updated NAIP Toolkit foster capacity building and peer learning. This side event highlights national experiences that can inform CFS discussions and strengthen global efforts toward sustainable food systems.

3. Objectives

- Showcase best practices and identify key challenges from the domestication of the Kampala Declaration in Kenya and Togo.
- Highlight the contributions of local expertise and civil society in enhancing accountability and implementation capacity.
- Explore financing instruments, institutional mechanisms, and coordination platforms that support effective implementation at the national level.
- Foster dialogue among stakeholders to encourage cross-country learning and the replication of effective approaches.

4. Relevance to CFS Policy Products

- Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition
- Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition
- Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises
- Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems
- Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security
- Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition
- Voluntary Guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of the national food security

5. Preliminary Agenda (75 mins)

2 mins	Introduction/housekeeping • Dr. Natasha Hayward, Global Lead, Food and Nutrition Security and Program Manager, Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)
5 mins	Opening remarks • Amb. Josefa Sacko, Permanent Representative of Angola to Italy and the Rome-based UN agencies, former AUC Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development
10 mins	Lessons learnt from CAADP Kampala Domestication • Ms. Tsitsi Makombe, Director of External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063
38 mins	Moderated Panel • Amb. Nosipho Jezile, CFS Chairperson and Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the Rome-based UN agencies • Dr. Canisius Kanangire, Executive Director of the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF) (online) • Ambassador Dr. Yaya Olaniran, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to Italy and the Rome-based UN agencies • Mr. Alexander Riithi, Head of Programs, The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA) • Dr. Babafemi Oyewole, CEO, PAFO (online) • Dr. Nicole Claasen, Head of Sector Program Food and Nutrition Security and Fisheries, GIZ
15 mins	Audience Q&A
5 mins	Closing remarks • Dr. Andreas Schaumayer, Head of Division for Food and Nutrition Security, Fisheries, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

