CGIAR SCIENCE WEEK
Consultation on the Post-Malabo Agenda for Action on CAADP
Theory of Change and Results Framework

📅 July 1, 2024  🕒 9:00 – 12:00 (EAT)
📍 United Nations Conference Room 1, Nairobi – Kenya

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Since its launch in 2003 in Maputo by African Union (AU) Heads of State and Government, the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) has promoted evidence-based decision-making and performance monitoring of Africa’s agricultural transformation, food security and nutrition, economic growth, and prosperity for all. In 2014, the African leaders reaffirmed their commitment to CAADP with the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods. Through the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS), which migrated to AKADEMIYA2063 in 2020, IFPRI and the Africa-based CG Centers (IITA, ILRI, and IWMI) have supported implementation of CAADP.

After two decades of CAADP implementation, the continent has made enormous progress in terms of expansion of public investments in agriculture and intra-African agricultural trade, agricultural and economic growth, and improvement in poverty and nutrition outcomes. Despite this progress, immense challenges remain. The COVID-19 pandemic, for example, interrupted economic growth and caused deterioration in hunger and nutrition outcomes. Also, the slowdown in growth has been compounded by the effects of climate change, conflicts, and other epidemic outbreaks such as locust and fall armyworm infestations across the continent.

With the Malabo Declaration set to expire in 2025, the African Union Commission (AUC) is leading efforts to identify the strategic direction of CAADP (or the Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda) for the next 10 years (2026-2035) as part of the AU Agenda 2063 aspirations. AUC seeks to ensure that the Post-Malabo Agenda development process is broad, inclusive, and evidence-based and that all analytics to inform the design of the Agenda are led by African centers for excellence with the support of global knowledge centers. The Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda is expected to be launched at an Extraordinary AU Summit in Kampala in January 2025.

The overall goal of the consultation is to reflect on the CAADP journey so far and discuss the top issues to be considered in framing the Agenda. The specific objectives are: (1) review CAADP’s achievements and challenges so far, (2) discuss the long-term outcomes and actions to be considered and key indicators to track their progress, and (3) identify areas and mechanisms for deepening the CGIAR’s planned support to the Post-Malabo Agenda development process and beyond to facilitate implementation of the Agenda.

The event will allow participants and especially the CGIAR community to (1) better understand the ongoing process in the development of the Agenda, including the knowledge gaps and analytics needed, (2) contribute to the development of the theory of change and results framework of the Agenda, and (3) learn of the opportunities and mechanisms for further engagement, especially following adoption of the new Agenda. Learn more.
Session Program

1. Opening and introduction (15 minutes)
   - Dr. Johan Swinnen, Director General & CGIAR Managing Director of the Systems Transformation Science Group, IFPRI
   - Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
   - Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC

2. Objectives, the CAADP journey, and top issues in framing the Agenda for the next ten years (30 minutes)
   - Objectives:
     - Dr. Samuel Benin, Acting Director for Africa & Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI (5 minutes)
   - CAADP achievements and challenges:
     - Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu, Director of Knowledge Systems, AKADEMIYA2063 (10 minutes)
   - Post-Malabo theory of change and results framework:
     - Dr. John Ulimwengu, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI (15 minutes)

3. CGIAR reflections on the strategic direction of CAADP for the next ten years (40 minutes)
   - Dr. Simeon Ehui, Director General, IITA
   - Prof. Appolinaire Djikeng, Director General, ILRI
   - Dr. Mark Smith, Director General, IWMI
   - Dr. Éliane Ubalijoro, Chief Executive Officer, CIFOR-ICRAF and Director General, ICRAF

4. Q&A, group discussions, and reporting back (1 hour and 20 minutes)
   - Q&A (20 minutes)
   - Group discussion (45 minutes)
   - Reporting back (15 minutes)

5. Closing (15 minutes)
   - Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC
   - Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
   - Dr. Channing Arndt, Senior Director, Transformation Strategies, IFPRI 1201 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC