



**STATEMENT OF THE CAADP NON STATE ACTORS COALITION (CNC) ON THE  
THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT  
ADDIS ABABA, 13-16 July 2015**

Dear World Leaders,

You will soon meet to participate in the Third International Conference on Financing for Development scheduled from the 13th to 15th July in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This conference is a vital opportunity for the strengthening of global partnerships in the delivery of tangible development outcomes towards eradicating extreme poverty and hunger. Its result is expected to harmonise and integrate perspectives from all stakeholders in implementing the post-2015 development agenda.

As you prepare to kick-start that new era of global partnerships, it is vital to emphasise the need for shared growth and development **for people and the planet**. That need is most certainly demonstrated in the causal relationship between emerging global challenges and agricultural productivity in Africa.

Agriculture accounts for up to 40% of the African GDP and 60% of total export earnings of African countries. Over 65% of the population of Africa rely on agriculture as their primary source of livelihood. It is thus clear that agriculture constitutes a pivot of growth and development across the African continent.

We, the CAADP Non-State Actors Coalition (CNC), are convinced that boosting agricultural productivity is the sure way to go for sustainable development of the African continent. That is why our vision is to see “a prosperous Africa where growth is shared amongst citizens through agriculture transformation and wealth creation” by 2025. We know this can be achieved only if agricultural development in Africa is put on the center-stage in your deliberations.

We strongly believe that investing in agricultural development will unleash African inclusive growth potentials. Agriculture has the potential to create millions of jobs throughout the value chains, putting more money in the hands of the poorest and increasing standards of living. Small-scale producers, mostly women, who depend on agriculture for primary subsistence, are driving that engine of agricultural productivity, thus reducing the gender gap. Young people are also fast taking up enterprise opportunities in the agricultural sector, as unemployment continues to rise.

We hereby consider the forthcoming Financing for Development Conference as a crucial opportunity for development actors to commit to supporting African governments in their quest to accelerate agricultural development through the CAADP framework. We recommend that the conference focuses on providing African governments the means to significantly increase qualitative and quantitative investments and to close resource gaps through the mobilisation of domestic financial resources amongst others and through the allocation and increased priority towards small-scale production systems, the empowerment of women and youth, trade and technology transfer. World leaders must also integrate sustainability and climate resilience into both Official Development Assistance and national plans as enshrined in the Malabo declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for shared prosperity and improved livelihood.

We believe that the global conference on FFD will also engender an attitude of collective responsibility through a mutual accountability framework that will enable effective monitoring and evaluation of the process. This conference, we are confident, will stand in time as a land-mark in the construction of genuine partnerships in ensuring sustainable global growth **for people and the planet.**

Yours Sincerely,

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**Endorsements**

West African Civil Society Forum (WACSOF) – West Africa  
Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Center (CISLAC) – Nigeria  
African Agenda Forum (AAF) – Nigeria  
Society for Empowerment and Self Reliance (SESR) – Nigeria  
Global Action for Total Emancipation (GATE) – Nigeria  
Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria – Nigeria  
Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD) – Kenya  
ActionAid International (AAI) – Africa  
National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANTS) – Nigeria  
Women and Resources in Eastern and Southern Africa (WARESA) – Zimbabwe  
Initiative for Community Food and Environmental Safety (ICFES) - Nigeria  
Technical Committee on Mycotoxin Control in Nigeria – Nigeria  
One Campaign – Global  
African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) – The Gambia  
Pan African Agribusiness and Agroindustry Consortium (PanAAC) - Kenya