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The African Union Commission Consultative Meeting with the CAADP Non-State Actors Coalition on the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition in Africa (NAFSN)

Held on 14 October 2016 at Imperial Resort Beach Hotel,

Entebbe, Uganda

Theme: "Responsible Private Sector Investment in African Agriculture".

INTRODUCTION

The Consultative Meeting on the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition (NAFSN) in Africa was jointly convened by the African Union Commission (AUC) Department for Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA) and CAADP Non State Actors Coalition (CNC) on 14 October 2016. It was held at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel in Entebbe, Republic of Uganda in the margins of the 2nd PACA Partnership Platform Meeting (PPM). Organized under the theme: *“Responsible Private Sector Investment in African Agriculture”*, the meeting comprised 18 participants including representatives of the AUC, CNC Steering Committee Members, Women in Agriculture, Private sector, Youth in Agriculture, Farmer organizations as well as other Civil Society Organisations.

This **Consultative Meeting between AUC and CNC on the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition in Africa (NAFSN)** was designed to share and exchange information on the NAFSN; develop a common understanding between the AUC and Non-State Actors regarding responsible and responsive investment in African Agriculture so as to collectively forge a strong partnership towards ensuring inclusive agricultural transformation in Africa, going forward.

The one-day meeting was structured under various sessions including: Introductory Remarks; Plenary Session, with Adoption of Agenda; and Presentation of Objectives and Expected Outcomes of the Meeting. In addition, presentations were made by the NA Team, Grow Africa and CNC members. Discussions were also held in the form of Question and Answer sessions. The meeting ended with a presentation and endorsement of the joint statement for cooperation before the Closing Session. A number of key actionable activities were agreed upon by the end of the day in what is now called the Entebbe Accord. The joint statement is entitled, *“Joint statement of the African Union Commission, the CAADP NSA coalition and partners on mutual engagement and partnership in ensuring responsible and responsive private sector investment in African agriculture”*.

Session 1: Introductory Session

The introductory session was facilitated by Kop’ep Dabugat, Coordinator of the CNC and featured remarks from Dr. Cris Muyunda, Deputy Chair of the CNC, Dr. Janet Edeme, Ag. Director DREA, Amb. Phillip Idro, CNC Uganda Country Coordinating Platform Chairman.

The opening remarks underscored the importance of effective partnerships to deliver on sustainable socio-economic development under Agenda 2063 and the 2014 Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agriculture Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods – the latter re-emphasising the principles of Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). Additionally, the remarks highlighted the efforts of the AU Commission in domesticating the NAFSN and Grow Africa initiative in a bid to drive the agenda of initiatives meant to address African developmental challenges and shared aspirations.

Given the fact that moves are being made towards integrating the NAFSN within the broad framework of CAADP implementation, speakers at the session also highlighted the need for various actors to be on board and work together towards ensuring that private sector

investment works for Africa. The need for a system whereby largescale private investments in African agriculture will symbiotically co-exist with small scale investments by smallholders was also emphasized. In reality, it was highlighted that owing to criticisms from civil society organizations, the need for clarification was needed.

Session 2: Plenary Session

The Agenda of the Meeting was presented and adopted during the plenary session (Refer to Annex 1). The objectives of the workshop and expected outputs were outlined at the beginning of the session underlining the need to move private sector investments and work towards addressing the challenges of the NAFSN. Presentations were made followed by discussions.

2.1 New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition *in support of CAADP and the 2014 Malabo Declaration.*

Delivered by the Senior Coordinator of the NAFSN, Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo, the presentation highlighted triggers that led to Africa's new agriculture business models in the 21st Century. An overview of the Maputo Declaration 2003 and results of the evaluation of CAADP after ten years of implementation were observed. The presenter also introduced the 2014 Malabo Declaration on Accelerated African Agriculture Growth and Transformation as it relates to the NAFSN. The outcomes of the Leadership Council meeting held in New York, USA on 19 September 2016 were shared. In concluding remarks, Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo mentioned that the AUC in collaboration with NPCA are keen to enhance implementation of related frameworks and guidelines to support responsible private sector investments (e.g. Large Scale Land Based Investments Framework and Guidelines, Guidelines on how to handle Grievances, which is currently being developed). She called for strengthening of linkages between the NA and GA within the CAADP mutual accountability framework and for the CNC to engage constructively in policy dialogue to reduce poverty and fight hunger for the betterment of Africa. She further stressed the fact that the CNC has a crucial role to play in supporting smallholders to participate in, and benefit from, the New Alliance and Grow Africa Agenda, besides the usual advocacy part of their work. The full presentation is as inserted.



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2.2. The CNC: Evolution, Current Strategic Directions (2014-2019) and current programs by *Kop'ep Dabugat*

The CNC Coordinator, Mr. Kop'ep Dabugat delivered a power point presentation, which gave an overview of the CAADP Non-State Actors Coalition as a Pan-African Coalition of NSAs with a composition of Farmer Organizations/Associations/Networks, Private Sector, NGOs/INGOs, Academic and Research Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations, Community-Based Organizations, Labor Unions, Media, Youth Organization as well as Women's Organizations. The mission, objectives and strategic direction of the CNC were communicated. The meeting was also enlightened on the progress made by the Coalition in fulfillment of its mission to enhance citizen's engagement and ensure delivery of quality agricultural services, through evidence based policy advocacy and capacity development for CAADP implementation at all levels. The full presentation is hereto inserted.



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2.3 Grow Africa Support for CCA as a tool for Malabo implementation: Mechanisms and Institutional Processes by Nomusa Dube

The Representative of Grow Africa underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in agricultural investments. Quoting the CEO of NEPAD as follows: “Agriculture transformation requires the coordinated efforts of a vast number of partners”, Nomusa Dube stressed the need for large scale platforms for public-private sector collaboration such as those that the World Economic Forum has supported through co-funding and incubation of Grow Africa.. The GA presentation summarized the Strategy 2016-2020 and the value proposition of Grow Africa.



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2.4. Efforts at creating Linkages and Alignment between NAFSN/GA with the CAADP, JSR and Malabo Process by Samson Jemaneh Mekasha

The presentation covered evolution of the mutual accountability agenda in relation to the CAADP process. The core concept of Mutual Accountability (MA) was described by the presenter including the principles of MA processes. The Joint Sector Review (JSR) was identified as one of the available mechanisms to operationalize MA and is able to integrate existing annual reviews such as those under the New Alliance Country Cooperation Agreements (CCAs). JSR processes were also described as useful tools in holding parties accountable, in commonly agreed frameworks, for delivering outcomes. The need for data and evidence based JSR process was highlighted during the presentation. In relation to the NAFSN and Grow Africa Joint Annual Review Reporting, the presenter noted that this process was meant to constitute an important component of the overall JSR process. It was reiterated that the joint NA-GA report should increasingly be done as part of the regular JSR processes at country level in order to avoid parallel processes and ensure the NA process is streamlined in the CAADP processes at country level. NSAs have a crucial role to play in the JSR and NA-GA Reporting processes.

2.5 Presentation on Suggested Roles and Responsibilities of NSAs in implementation of the NAFSN by Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo

In her presentation, Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo outlined the envisaged roles and responsibilities of the key stakeholders under a multi- stakeholder platform approach and in this case, in CCA implementation processes. She also pointed out the key deliverables expected from interventions/contributions that are made by each stakeholder group.



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3.0 Key Issues from the Discussions

3.1 The CNC noted the need for more inclusive framework and to avoid being used to legitimise what they saw as inadequate approaches. CNC stressed the need to enhance a participatory process from planning and implementation to M&E stages.

3.2 Participants reaffirmed the vital role of information sharing and creation of awareness on the NA/GA processes, including the CCAs processes. Provision of necessary and timely information would improve the lobbying and advocacy roles for the CNC. It was encouraged for future campaigns to be informed by this regular sharing and updating of information..

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3.4. The AUC is in the process of distilling lessons learnt, experiences and good practices in implementation of CCAs. This will inform a process on revitalizing the CCAs. A Consultancy is on-going on this to inform what will be called the Country Agribusiness Partnership-Framework (CAP-F). The NA Team encouraged the meeting to appreciate the tool (the CCA) and its capacity to strengthen multi-stakeholder engagement towards the creation of an enabling policy environment for enhanced and responsible private sector investment

3.5. Considering that the CCAs are a country level driven tool, the primary accountability lies with the stakeholders in a specific country. This is the foundation of accountability at continental level. Mobilization to rally around mutual accountability is the responsibility of the country.

3.6. Management of conflict of interest among the stakeholders was also discussed. Transparency in the mutual accountability process (as stakeholders review the implementation of the agreed roles and responsibilities) would be necessary. For example, the NA/GA joint review process offers an opportunity for the voices of the CSOs and their constituencies to be heard.

3.7. It was observed that the CNC could be better positioned to positively contribute to the NA/GA if it strengthens its representation and feedback mechanisms. NSAs should make an effort to prioritize their engagement such that they have distinct specialty, where the participation of NSA representatives in activities should be on the basis of their comparative advantage.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 It was agreed that the investments promoted under the NAFSN and GA should contribute to tangible benefits such as market expansion, technology development, agro-industries and agro-processing and reducing food import bills.

4.2 The impact on women, youth and the marginal poor should be monitored and properly documented.

4.3. Investors should consider the priorities of African governments including investments on infrastructure to benefit smallholders along the agribusiness value chain.

4.4. Country Cooperation Agreements (CCAs) and related Investment instruments must be transparent and accessible to all stakeholders. Therefore, the NAFSN planning, implementation, reporting and monitoring processes should be integrated in the country CAADP implementation processes.

4.5 Second generation of CCAs should be captured as part of the NAIP appraisal processes to avoid duplication and leverage on resources, and to illustrate country ownership.

4.6. NA/GA annual reviews and validation workshops at country level should embrace the participation of smallholders with clear mechanisms to integrate their views.

4.7. The M&E system of the NA/GA processes should be reviewed in order to capture qualitative data that describes the transformative effects of interventions under the CCAs. There is a need therefore, for more disaggregated data on how food security and nutrition, and income for smallholders and women in particular, have been improved through interventions under the NA.

4.8. The NA/GA process should promote agro-ecological practices and innovations to take care of climate change, working with already existing programmes of DREA.

4.9. Regular coordination mechanisms should be established between the CNC and NAFSN/GA. One of the mechanisms is through regular meetings on a quarterly basis.

5.0 NEXT STEPS

5.1. The next meeting was proposed to take place in the margins of the STC in Addis Ababa in December 2016.

5.2. The CNC to continue on regular teleconferences with the NAFSN.

6.0 Closing Session

The workshop was closed by Ambassador. Phillip Idro with a Luo adage, that says *“peace comes when the land has spoken, [and hence the CNC has spoken]”*. This meeting marked the beginning of better working relations between the NAFSN/GA and the CNC.

Annex 1: Agenda

| Time Line | Activity* | Speakers/ Facilitators |
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| 08:30-09:00 | Arrival and Registration | |
| 09:00-09:20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Agriculture Deputy Chair of CNC Steering Committee • Ag. Director for Rural Economy and Agriculture • Ugandan Government Official | , Mr. Cris Muyunda, Dr. Janet Edeme |
| 09:20-09:30 | Presentation of Objectives and Expected Outcomes | Mr. Kop'ep Dabugat/Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo |
| 09:30-09:45 | Presentation on the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition: Institutional set-up for implementation Mechanisms (Country Cooperation Agreements, Working Groups, Letters of Intent, New Alliance Leadership Council, etc.) | Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo |
| 09:45-10:00 | Presentation on Grow Africa Initiative: Mechanisms and Institutional processes | Ms. Nomusa Dube |
| 10:00-10:15 | Presentation on the Founding, History, and Evolution, institutional set-up, Strategic Directions and Current Program Priorities of the CNC | Kop'ep Dabugat |
| 10.15-10.30 | Q&A | |
| 10:50-11:10 | Coffee Break | |
| 11:10-11:30 | Efforts at creating Linkages and Alignment between NAFSN/ GA with the CAADP, JSR and Malabo Process | Samson Mekasha |
| 11:30-11:50 | NSA Perspectives NAFSN/ GA and Private Sector Investment in African Agriculture | Jessica Mwanzia |
| 11:50-12:15 | Presentation on Suggested Roles and Responsibilities of NSAs in implementation of the NAFSN | Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo |
| 12:15-12:30 | Discussions on key principles in enhancing NSA involvement in the NA/ GA processes through CNC participation | Audax Rukonge |
| 12.30-13.00 | Q & A | |
| 13.00-14.30 | Lunch | |
| 14:30-15:00 | Presentation of draft joint statement of commitment to mutual engagement and partnership in ensuring responsible and responsive private sector investment in African Agriculture | Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo/ David Adama |
| 15:00-15:30 | Discussion and Adoption of Draft Joint Statement | |
| 15:30-16:00 | Way Forward and Next Steps | |
| 16.00 | Coffee and closing | |

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