

# Update on CAADP-Malabo Technical Networks

An Institutional Mechanism for Provide Capacity  
Development to African Union *Member States* and  
*Institutions* Implementing the Malabo Declaration  
Commitments

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# What are CAADP Technical Networks?

- 1) They are SEVEN networks of technical agencies and organisations
- 2) They provide technical support and capacity development to accelerate implementation of the CAADP-Malabo Declaration
- 3) Clients include national and regional agriculture sector governance entities → AU Member States, RECS and other CAADP implementers
- 4) They focus on **individual, organizational & systemic** capacities
- 5) Their work will be demand-driven: countries will identify gaps and TNs will respond

<b>Proposed Technical Networks</b>	<b>Results Framework Theme</b>
<p><b>1. Agricultural research and extension</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and Higher Education</li> <li>• Inputs (fertilizer, seeds/breeding, mechanization)</li> <li>• Service delivery/Extension</li> </ul>	<p>1.1 Increased agriculture production and productivity</p>
<p><b>2. Markets and Regional Trade (MRTTN)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Markets development (including Market Information)</li> <li>• Regional trade (trade facilitation, barriers, SPS, food safety)</li> </ul>	<p>2.1 Increased intra-African regional trade and better functioning of national &amp; regional markets</p>
<p><b>3. Agro-industry &amp; Value Chain Development (LAVTN)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product development and diversification</li> <li>• Agriculture entrepreneurship and SMEs (Private sector)</li> <li>• Innovative financing (Value chain finance, Risk sharing facilities, Agriculture insurance).</li> </ul>	<p>3.1 Expanded local agro-industry and value chain development inclusive of women and youth</p>
<p><b>4. Resilience, Risk Management and Natural resources management sustainability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk management</li> <li>• Irrigation and Water Management</li> <li>• Strategic Food Reserves &amp; Safety nets</li> <li>• Climate smart agriculture (Sustainable land management)</li> <li>• Land and Resource Tenure</li> </ul>	<p>4.1 Increased resilience of livelihoods and improved management of risks in the agriculture sector</p> <p>4.2 Improved management of natural resources</p>

## **Proposed Technical Network**

### **5. Knowledge Management, policy analysis and accountability for results**

- Strategic Planning
- Sector coordination
- Policy Analysis
- Agriculture Statistics and data management
- Mutual Accountability (JSR) and Biennial Review

### **6. Nutrition and Food Security**

- Policy and Multi-sectorial plan and coordination
- Women and Children

### **7. Agriculture Investment financing**

- PPP
- Innovative Private Financial Markets
- Public financing

## **Results Framework Theme**

5.1 Effective and inclusive policy design and implementation process

5.2. Effective and accountable institutions including assessing implementation of policies and commitments

5.3 Improved multi-sectoral coordination, partnerships and mutual accountability in sectors related to agriculture

5.4 Strengthened capacity for evidence based planning, implementation and review

5.5 Increased capacity to generate, analyze and use data, information, knowledge and innovations

6.1 Food and Nutrition Security

7.1 Increased public and private investments in Agriculture

# Why are CAADP TN's important?

Deal with a perennial CAADP challenge (since 2003) → how to deliver capacity for agricultural transformation to countries that need this support

## **A few lessons from previous (unsuccessful) efforts**

- Importance of clarity on key capacity issues & a coherent, responsive system for gauging needs of countries
- Need for adequate resources and ability to bring disparate technical support together
- How to deal with a wide and diverse African geography
- Need for strong accountability mechanisms – for both performance and resources
- Reduce over-dependence on the CAADP Secretariat for funding

## The Seven Technical Networks based on Malabo Commitments

- 1) Agricultural investment financing
- 2) Food security and nutrition
- 3) Agricultural research and extension
- 4) Agro-industry & value chain development
- 5) Markets and regional trade
- 6) Resilience, risk management & NRM
- 7) Knowledge management, policy analysis and accountability for results

## Examples of things CAADP Technical Networks do

- 1) Best practice or state-of-the-art methods/tools in specific technical areas
- 2) Targeted training and other capacity development support as appropriate & demanded
- 3) Technical advice responding to specific queries/challenges – e.g. links to specific technologies/innovation
- 4) Occasional situational analyses as needed
- 5) Facilitation of continuous learning and sharing

# What has been happening?

- 1) **Conceptualisation and design:** including consultations with key players
- 2) **SEVEN Technical Networks launched in September 2016** with more than 60 agencies (see developing website [www.caadp-tn.org](http://www.caadp-tn.org)) for membership details
- 3) **Main issues** identified for each network, including brief analysis of institutional landscape
- 4) **Ongoing mentoring and coaching of TNs** – Several meetings held to agree on issues and operational matters: Some TN's have selected conveners.
- 5) **Recruitment and growth** – TNs institutionalisation and leadership; more organisations still joining
- 6) Some Technical Networks have commenced activity and have started to **respond to demand**

# What can we expect next?

- 1) **Website updates and portal development** (version 2.0) for collecting country requests through an online system (in addition to other methods)
- 2) **Sensitisation and advocacy with key country personnel** on CAADP TNs so that countries can start seeking support
- 3) **Capacity support projects** by TNs to demonstrate to countries what is available
- 4) **Intensified OD support:** mentoring and coaching to strengthen Technical Network functionality (leadership, delivery systems, accountability etc)



# What are the challenges?

- **Resources:** to deliver and demonstrate technical capacity support
- **Recruitment** of the most relevant players/agency to deliver the type of solutions being sought
- A **wide and diverse** African geography, language and culture
- **Time:** the Malabo implementation has started – TNs needed to be developed and in place before then → Yet, adequate time is required to develop them in order to avoid mistakes of the past.
- **Managing expectations** of the members of the TNs

# Some examples of TN activities

# Knowledge Management, Policy Analysis and Accountability for Results Technical Network

- 1) Has held several meetings to gel as a group
- 2) ReSAKSS - *Greenwell Matchaya* - selected as Convener
- 3) TN experts currently providing training on Malabo Biennial Review (having been trained as trainers)
- 4) TN experts attending some country Malabo Domestication meetings to identify capacity needs (Uganda, Nigeria)
- 5) Examples of key capacity areas include:
  - a) Malabo biennial review and mutual accountability
  - b) NAIP review, appraisal & related areas
  - c) Policy work - priority setting, planning and strengthening policy formulation, analysis, cross-country harmonisation, implementation and evaluation.
  - d) Capacity assessments
  - e) Knowledge Management and Learning systems

# Markets and Regional Trade Technical Network

- 1) Leveraging on existing projects run by member institutions
- 2) George James Magai (of ACTESA) identified as coordinator
- 3) Some Key issues:**
  - a) Agricultural input trade and policy issues
  - b) The Agricultural Trade Data initiative
  - c) Develop and Document Best Practices on Structured Trading Systems
- 4) Developing profile of membership to show what capacities the TN can address
- 5) Planning to expand membership recruitment significantly
- 6) Developing a Concept Note for an inter-REC learning event on trade and markets in the Malabo era

# Other Technical Networks: Summary

- **Nutrition & Food Security** – Coordinating with CAADP Nutrition Task Force; key issues identified. Several meetings held. Ready to deliver. (*Key people: Kefilwe Moalosi [KefilweM@nepad.org](mailto:KefilweM@nepad.org)* ), Philip Osano [philip.osano@picoteamea.org](mailto:philip.osano@picoteamea.org) )
- **Research and Extension** – discussed and identified key issues. Developed paper. FARA appointed as convener. Linking closely with the Science for Agriculture Consortium. Key players: FARA, SRO's, Universities (RUFORUM). Contact person: Dan Kiambi - [dan.kiambi@picoteamea.org](mailto:dan.kiambi@picoteamea.org)
- **Agricultural Investment Finance** – key issues identified. Meeting held at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Rural Finance Side Event. AFRACA proposed as interim convener. Contact person: Miriam Cherogony - [mcherogony@gmail.com](mailto:mcherogony@gmail.com)
- **Agroindustry and value chain development:** Have started scoping the key issues. Issues paper ready. TN ready to support any country with business incubation needs. Leading members include: AGRA, New Alliance, AAIN, AATF, AFSTA, Grow Africa, ECPDM... Key person: Cris Muyunda [cmuyunda2012@gmail.com](mailto:cmuyunda2012@gmail.com)
- **Resilience, NRM and related issues** – Issues paper developed. Key person: Philip Osano- [philip.osano@picoteamea.org](mailto:philip.osano@picoteamea.org)

# TN Membership recruitment still open...

- 1) **Do you share the CAADP vision for agricultural transformation?** How strongly does your organization's current mission, vision and mandate align with the CAADP principles and approaches?
- 2) **Do you have relevant Technical Capacity?** What is the organization's current pool of expertise, tools, and knowledge?
- 3) **Do you have a GOOD track record?** - What is your organization's track record on delivery of technical capacity development in Africa?
- 4) **Do you have some resources and/or the ability to mobilize resources?**
- 5) **Are you willing to work under a common framework with other Network members?**
- 6) **Do you have a genuinely cross-Africa footprint?**

# How can you join the CAADP TNs?

## Three ways:

- Sign up at the end of the session and we will follow-up
- Follow the link for online submission of expression of interest:
- [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EoI\\_TN\\_CAADP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EoI_TN_CAADP)
- Email Betty Tole:  
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# Our principles for success

- 1) Identification of the **right individuals from the right institutions**
- 2) **The right incentives** for members (individual + organization) development and recognition
- 3) Jointly agreed **values, principles and rules of engagement**
- 4) The **right leadership** – style and approach (at all levels)
- 5) **Commitment** by AUC and NPCA
- 6) **Adaptive implementation** - dynamic process and learning.
- 7) **Quality processes** - facilitation, mentoring, nurturing and financial support
- 8) **Good communication** incl. the use of modern ICT
- 9) **Focus on deliverables:** capacities, tools/approaches, products, etc.



# Thank you!



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