

Teleconference of the CAADP Development Partners Coordination Group 27th April 2017 - Chair's Notes

USAID hosted a teleconference of the CAADP Development Partners Coordination Group (DPCG) on 27th April 2017. USAID is Chair for the CAADP DPCG. The purpose of the teleconference was to update on the new Coordinator for the DPCG; update on progress since the Bonn meeting in March; begin preparations for the DPCG at the CAADP PP; and outline the background and purpose for the AU hosted and guided Policy Learning Event.

Call Participants:

- Jeff Hill, Patterson Brown, Jennifer Chow and Chris Shepherd Pratt (USAID)
- Aude Sauvaget, Bernard Rey (EC)
- Rinn Self (BMGF)
- Dorothe Nett (GIZ)
- Marie Paviot (France)
- Boaz Keizire, Adam Gerstenmier (AGRA)
- Julie Collins (IFPRI)
- Christian Mersmann (Global Donor Platform for Rural Development)
- Simon Hiss (WTO, Enhanced Integrated Framework Partnership)
- Alex Rees (DPCG Coordinator)

Introduction and follow up to Bonn

Jeff Hill introduced Alex Rees as the new Coordinator for the DPCG during USAID's Chair of the DPCG, who in turn, will contribute towards effective function of the group and enhance communication and action on priority issues. Alex greeted the DPCG and outlined intent to engage with them in shaping the way forward.

Jeff Hill provided an overview of the priorities identified led by the AUC: the NAIP refresh, Biennial Review, CAP F, CAADP PP as agreed with AUC/NPCA. USAID met the AUC/NPCA in April for an update. For instance:

- NAIP country refresh meeting has taken place in seven countries, and there are roadmaps forward. A further seven countries are planning to do the refresh in 2017. The target for 14-16 countries in 2017 is on track.
- Biennial Review, the work schedule is progressing. Thirty countries confirmed and working to expand to forty, but expansion will depend somewhat on assistance from FAO. Efforts appear broadly on track with activities at country level. AUC has further developed its operational plan.
- Work to establish the CAP-F – and policy priorities as part of the NAIP.

An issue to be determined, is the extent to which Development Partners (DPs) could target their assistance effectively to countries' needs to move forward priorities as part of a coordinated effort, and whether sufficient information is available to do this. This is particularly relevant where DPs have technical partners that could scale up involvement in providing technical support. AGRA outlined briefly their technical and financial support e.g. for the Biennial Review, and close working relationship with AUC and NPCA.

Planning and coordination in advance of PP

The call spent time determining who is attending the upcoming CAADP PP in Kampala and how best to organise some consultations on the margins. Several DPs will attend the event and several more are working through internal discussions as below.

EU will be represented; they can help with panels / meetings and their representation might be up to the level of Director (Ridolfi); BMGF will attend with up to 3-4 people that will be determined; AGRA will be represented with attendance by its Executive Director and other senior / team members; IFPRI will be represented; France is considering who will attend; EIF / WTO is looking at coming but not confirmed; GIZ will also attend; GDPRD is also considering attendance, deciding early May; USAID will attend (and will confirm perhaps Assistant Administrator/Director Level); and also AfDB planning to attend (possibly Director level), and USAID will contact WB to determine attendance.

Issues and planning considerations for DPCG meeting(s) at the CAADP PP:

- The new Commissioner at the AUC is interested to have engagement with the DPCG at the PP to get to know each other better. NPCA would also attend.
- DPCG meeting on the morning of 31st May, before the official opening. There is need to firm up agenda items, and prepare for, and advance priorities. **DPCG members were invited to suggest agenda items, though there will be follow up with members ahead of the PP.**
- Adam Gerstenmier from AGRA suggested a discussion on the Biennial Review with the AUC including determining what a scorecard might look like.

Other side events at CAADP PP:

- GIZ is planning a side event on “Opportunities and Pathways for unlocking youth dividend in Agriculture and Agribusiness” on the third day of the CAADP PP. The aim of this session is to introduce the concept of a step-by-step guide to introduce ATVET in the national education system’.
- CNC is also planning to do pre-meeting for the non-state actors coalition.
- A new Alliance, CAP-F event may take place but is yet to be firmed up.

The Chair offered to pull together information. Any information on events should be communicated to Alex Rees and Patterson Brown. alex@wasafiriconsulting.com and pbrown@usaid.gov

Boaz (AGRA) asked if the DPCG is being sensitive to AUC requested support for the CAADP PP. It was agreed this can be taken up in Addis during the discussions next week (see below).

Planned Meeting with AUC Commissioner

Jeff Hill (USAID) is planning to be in Addis Ababa next week to meet AUC and the new Commissioner to review support that is being provided by USAID to DREA. He is planning to review preparations for PP and arrangements of support for DREA, and can do so from a broader DPCG perspective. DPCG members are welcome to provide information / questions

/ issues that might be raised with them in advance of the discussions taking place on 4th and 5th May. For DPCG reflection, one of the questions the AUC has, is how is DPCG working with them in a coordinated way? **For those DPs currently providing support for AUC, please confirm if members of your teams would like to contribute or take part in the meeting on May 2nd?** (contact Jeff Hill directly at jhill@usaid.gov)

Aude Sauvaget (EC) outlined likely interest from colleagues based in Addis supporting DREA, and will make the connection with them to determine interest. Similarly, GIZ has Addis based colleagues, and as they are unlikely to be available, they could provide information in advance on activities to aid a joined-up discussion. This was welcomed by the Chair.

Jennifer Chew (USAID) outlined that tracks are likely to blend more closely together between CAADP and the New Alliance as things move forward. It was suggested DPCG members be in close contact with colleagues covering the New Alliance.

Policy Learning Event

Following invitation from the Chair, Boaz (AGRA) provided background on the event outlining that issues of policies and systems are key to accelerating implementation of Malabo. Do we have a common understanding of what constitutes good practice to drive transformation? The Policy Learning Event comes from within framework of the Policy Technical Network, with the aim to build momentum and develop tools, approaches for progress to shape policies and systems. Developing a stronger sense of what constitutes a good system and policy matrix is valuable. Outlining the systemic constraints that can be addressed would add value. The Event is planned for 29th and 30th May. DPCG members are invited and central to an effective way forward. The AU is guiding the event, will build on PP attendees, focus first on countries directly working on these issues, accompanied by Development Partners and Technical Networks.