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### Traveler

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### Date

*30.05.2017 – 02.06.2017*

### Destination

*Kampala, Uganda*

### Purpose and expectations

Attend the 13<sup>th</sup> CAADP Partnership Platform, the meeting of the DPCG and the CAADP Business meeting.

### Persons met/participants

*Godfrey Bahigwa (AU), Rinn Self (BMGF), Bernard Rey, Aude Sauvaget and Adolfo Cires Alonso (EC), Chiji Chinedum Ojukwu (AfDB), Dorothe Nett and Mark Kofi Fynn (GIZ), Ousmane Badiane (IFPRI), Boaz Blackie Keizire (AGRA), Angeline Rudakubana (WFP), Jeff Hill and Christopher Shepherd-Pratt and Jennifer Chow (USAID), Alex Rees (DPCG secretariat), Simon Hess (EIF), Kop'ep K. Dabugat (CAADP Non State Actors Coalition) and several other participants of the 13<sup>th</sup> CAADP PP.*

## Background

The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) is the African Union's strategic policy framework for the agricultural transformation of the African continent. CAADP was established in 2003 by the African Union (AU) and NEPAD. The Donor Platform hosted the CAADP Development Partners Task Team in the early days, where development partners met to coordinate their support to CAADP. The DPTT is now hosted by a rotational chair and meets under the name the Development Partners Coordination Group (DPCG) where the Platform takes part as a member.

## DPCG meeting

The Development Partners Coordination Group met by invitation of chair USAID to produce a set of tangible and clear actions that reflect development partners' commitment and support for 2017, and clarify support for key country level processes.

Her Excellency Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture AUC, graced the meeting, where she thanked development partners for their support and encouraged them to continue supporting CAADP and its initiatives. The biennial review was identified by AUC/NEPAD as the biggest priority on the agenda, where all efforts should be channeled to.

### Business meeting

The CAADP business meeting took place to discuss among other issues, the planning for the 2018 estimated budget, and offer an in depth presentation of the Malabo Business Plan 2017 – 2021 (soon to be available online). Here, the domestication of the NAIPs, biennial review and scorecard, mobilising private sector investment (CAP – F) into NAIPs, strengthening the [Technical Networks](#), thematic area support and frameworks, and strengthening stakeholder platforms (13<sup>th</sup> PP) were listed as 2017 priorities.

Expected outcomes of the business plan include Reviewed/Formulated National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIP) with priority programmes in line with Malabo commitments, optimised in-country coordination and driving an inclusive implementation process, improved policy architecture and reforms to promote inclusive agriculture systems and private sector investment, presence of a multi-year comprehensive spending plan with the Ministry of Finance and a performance scorecard built out of the CAADP results framework to ensure a focus on results and accountability.

### CAP – F Launch

The Country Agribusiness Partnership – Framework was officially launched at the 13<sup>th</sup> PP. This tool is expected to “recalibrate policies, resources and capabilities for accelerated CAADP implementation” by encouraging private sector investment into the NAIP’s.

The concept framework is available [here](#)

### 13<sup>th</sup> CAADP PP

The 13<sup>th</sup> CAADP PP was themed “Strengthening Mutual Accountability to Achieve CAADP/Malabo Goals and Targets” with the aim of establishing better understanding of the biennial review processes and pathways. A press release on the meeting can be found [here](#).

Some themes covered within the panels:

- Private sector finance - Risks involved in agriculture cannot be covered by banks alone and a multi-stakeholder approach is needed. One example offered was the [Uganda agribusiness alliance](#) which is approaching all farmers, including smallholders, as businesses. They also bring together all finance stakeholders on a round table (despite heavy competition between them in some countries) to discuss openly and encourage banks to collaborate, innovate and not just compete. This is helped when evidence based approaches are offered.
- Role of development partners - Mutual accountability means that also donors should be accountable. Challenge of development partners is to be at the right place at the right time. For example, do development partners do enough to exchange about the NAIP? Or even just being able to exchange better between their countries projects would be an important step.
- Youth - There is a running idea to create a technical network on youth. The representative from YPARD mentioned that YPARD and AGRA plan to include youth in the CAADP process because the first round of the NAIP did not mainstream youth, and this second round must. Youth should not just rubber stamp the process, they need to be involved completely.



- Women - The role of women to CAADP has never clearly been defined. The technical networks need to identify and mainstream issues which relate to women. Women should not be treated as a homogenous group.

## Discussions and meetings

### Secretariat discussion with CNC

The secretariat has built up a partnership with the CAADP coalition of non-state actors, since connecting at the 12<sup>th</sup> CAADP PP in Accra. The CNC has since taken part in the Platform's agribusiness work stream and continues to find the group an important space in keeping in touch with donor directions in agribusiness. The CNC was also on 3 different panels during the 13<sup>th</sup> CAADP PP, where they emphasised the importance of multi-stakeholder platforms to achieving Malabo.

### Secretariat discussion with representative from EC delegation Uganda

During the Platform AGA in Brussels in February, Roberto Ridolfi (DG Devco) touched on a new approach of the EC to invest directly into agribusinesses. While in Uganda, the secretariat spoke to Adolfo Cires Alonso who confirmed that this investment fund will start operation from July 2017. As a useful contact, he has been put in touch with the secretariat colleagues who work on agribusiness and shared the following booklet of the [Yield Uganda Investment Fund](#).

### Secretariat discussion with the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)

The EIF takes part in the Platform's trade and agribusiness work, represented by coordinator Simon Hess. The EIF was naturally interested in looking more closely at the CAADP commitment to enhancing regional trade in Africa, and wondered if there could be merit in the Platform's trade group following more closely the CAADP technical network on regional trade and markets. The idea will be followed up with the EIF and the secretariat.

## Next steps

The Platform together with the GIZ CAADP support programme is finalising an overview document on CAADP which makes clear the policy framework, institutions, implementation, partnership architecture and financing of CAADP. Because of the large CAADP landscape, it is envisioned that this overview will serve as a reference point for those development actors who are not part of the DPCG to quickly come to speed on how CAADP operates.