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STRENGTHENING AFRICAN COUNTRY DATA SYSTEMS: THE CAADP BIENNIAL REVIEW TOOLKIT

CHAT TRANSCRIPT

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Dick Tinsley: Are you having problems i just get a message Adam Ahmend is uploading contend

Julie MacCartee: Good morning, Dick! Sometimes large files take awhile to load. We're working out some technical elements before the webinar gets underway.

Dick Tinsley: ok thank you, it seems to be coming on line

Dick Tinsley: audio check please

George Okundi: Greetings. Joining in from The EACS

Dick Tinsley: Does everyone have a very nurvious screen!!

Katherine Haugh: Yes!

Willy Mulimbi: Yes

Lucky Michael: audio check please..

Dick Tinsley: loud and clear

Lucky Michael: not clear

Julie MacCartee: Good morning. everyone! Please let us know what country and/or organization you are joining from

Julie MacCartee: This is Julie MacCartee with the USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security

Dick Tinsley: Dick Tinsley in Colorado

billy hall: Hi, quick question - will this be recorded?

Brian Dotson: Brian Dotson, Director Food Security Programs, Counterpart Intl., Washington, DC

billy hall: USAID - Resilience & Food Security

martin fowler: USAID Uganda

Carol Wallace: Carol Wallace- Context Global Development

Ndeye Fatou Sylla Ndiaye: Ndeye Fatou Ndiaye, USAID Sahel Regional Office

Diba Wako: USAID, Somalia

Derreck Ekanem: Good morning everyone! This is Derreck Ekanem with USDA in Washington, DC

Faith Tarr: Hello, this is Faith Tarr from USAID/RFS

Teferi Tsegaye: Teferi Tsegaye USDA ARS, Beltsville, Maryland, USA

Peter Hobby: Peter Hobby, DC office of FEWS NET

Elon Gilbert: Good morning from the Jocko Valley

Pauline Simmons: Pauline Simmons, USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service, USA

Amit Chandna: Amit Chandna: SCOPEinsight, Utrecht NL

Gert-Jan Stads: IFPRI (Belgium), Agricultural Science and Technology Indicators

Richard Goodman: Rick Goodman, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, USA

karen Smyth: Karen Smyth, SEBI Livestock, Edinburgh

Ngolia Kimanzu: Ngolia Kimanzu, Salvation Army, Sweden

Halima Ouattara Ayanou: Hello, Halima Ouattara Ayanou, USAID/West Africa, Ghana

Michael Omodara: Michael Omodara, NSPRI, Ilorin Nigeria

James Oehmke: Jim Oehmke, USAID/RFS Washington

Paula Menzies: Hi, Paula Menzies from the University of Guelph in Ontario Canada

Stephen Opiyo : Stephen Opiyo from Ohio State University/Patira Data Science

Krista Jacobs 2: Hello! Krista Jacobs with Landesa, based in DC

David Nielson: David Nielson – CSU

Hamilton McNutt: Hi Everyone, Hamilton McNutt based in DC, COO at Strategic Impact Advisors

Muriel Rios: Good morning! Hi everyone, Muriel Ríos from Nicaragua Richard Goodman: YRS

indra klein: GOod morning, is it possible to have access to links for slide deck?

John Magistro: John Magistro, University of Arizona, Office of Global Projects

Faith Tarr: we hear you

Hamilton McNutt: Yes we can hear you well

Chris S-P: Loud and clear

indra klein: loud and clear

Derreck Ekanem: Yes, we can hear you!

Michael Omodara: Yes

Romao XAVIER 2: Hello Everyone...Here is Romao XAVIER from CARE Mozambique country office

Ngolia Kimanzu: Yes

Tomer Malchi: Tomer Malchi - CultivAid from Israel working in East Africa

Robert: Yes - Loud and Clear!

Paul Gamba: Clear

Paul Hixson: yes audio is good

Vitalis Ogemah: Hello! Ogemah from MMUST, Kenya

Tom Kakuba : Tom Kakuba, Uganda

Jean Markendy CHARLES 2: Hi everyone, Jean Markendy CHARLES, MEAL OFFICER – FONHDAD

Rogers Andrew: Please help to coonect me

Donald Mizambwa: Hi

indra klein: indra klein, independent consultant, dc

Cephas Taruvinga 2: Hello everyone Cephas Taruvinga APHLIS

Donald Mizambwa: Donald Mizambwa, AGRA Tanzania

Courtney Buck: Courtney Buck, RFS/Policy

Lydia Wafula : Mercy Wafula, Mercy Corps-Kenya

Willy Mulimbi: Hey, Willy Mulimbi from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

HILDA KABULI: Hello. I am Hilda Kabuli from the Department of Agricultural Research Services.

Mohamed Dhaqane: Hi

Roger Steinkamp 2: Roger Steinkamp, MN, US

Andrew Bisson: Andrew Bisson, Livestock Advisor, RFS, USAID

Wilm van Bekkum: Wilm Head of M&E Self Help Africa UK

Matteus van der Velden: Matteus van der Velden, Aquaya, Nairobi/San Francisco

Dan Norell: Dan Norell, EconDev International LLC, Principal Consultant, Economic Development based in the metro Washington, D.C. area.

Paul Gamba: Paul Gamba, Policy Expert, Kenya

Paul Hixson: Hi everyone: Paul Hixson here, Researcher lead for ICT Connectivity in SSA, USAID-funded Soybean Innovation Lab

Ousman Tall: Ousman Tall: SWAC

Kathleen Morris: Kathleen Morris, MEL Officer, The Hunger Project, Boston

Alex Rees: Hi folks, Alex Rees, Wasafiri - already engaged on BR amplification and dissemination, great to join the webinar

indra klein: loud and clear

Richard Goodman: Yes

Wilm van Bekkum: Wilm van Bekkum Head of M&E Self Help Africa UK

Paul Hixson: audio good

Dick Tinsley: loud and clear

Richard Goodman: Sorry, you may be too close to your microphone?

Rogers Andrew: Rogers Andrew (PhD) Agricultural Economics-Econometrics

indra klein: There is a shufflinf-type backgroudn sound

Charles Dunning: Good Morning everyone. Charles Dunning, Wellntel Water Data Cloud technology

Frederick Orlando: Iam Frederick Oduho Orlando Student at Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre Master Student doing Official Statistics

Julie MacCartee: Thank you all for joining! Glad to have you on the webinar today.

THOMAS ARCHIBALD: Feed the Future Senegal Youth in Agriculture, and Virginia Tech Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education, Blacksburg, VA, US, the traditional lands of the Tutelo/Monacan peoples

Dr. Md. Salim Ullah Khan Eusufzai: Hi! Prof . Dr. Md. Salim Ullah Khan Eusufzai, IUBAT, Bangladesh

Kamweti M: Kamweti Mutu, M&E specialist, Environmental Incentives

Oma Roberts: Omaboyowa Roberts: Global Development Hub Initiative. DC

Stefan Einarson 2: Stefan Einarson at Cornell University in Global Development working in IT and Development

indra klein: Does anyone else hear a scraping kind of noise? very distracting

Auckland Kuteya: Auckland Kuteya, Senior Research Associate, Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), Zambia

Dick Tinsley: yes i hear the scratching sound

Alana DelVecchio: Same, a little scratchy

Julie MacCartee: Apologies that Katherine's mic has a bit of a scratching effect on the letter "S". We will see if we can fix it on the fly! If we cannot, we appreciate your understanding.

Cephas Taruvinga 2: There is a lot of echo and scratching sounds

Muriel Rios: Is the static noise

Krisztina Tihanyi: Krisztina Tihanyi, TASAI Inc. from Ithaca, NY, USA

Jan Middendorf: Hello Everyone! Jan Middendorf, Deputy Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Sustainable Intensification, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

indra klein: Maybe speaker is too close to her mic

Bernard Kimoro: Bernard Kimoro, Livestock Climate Change Specialist, Head of Climate Change Section, Directorate of Livestock Production, Kenya

Lucky Michael: Hello,I am Lucky Eunice Michael Master's student from Eastern Africa Statistical Training centre in Tanzania, masters of official statistics.

Adam Ahmed: Our apologies for the scratchy audio

Caroline DeWaal: Good day everyone, Caroline Smith DeWaal from Feed the Future's EatSafe project. Look forward to the session.

Mwanaisha Ali: Hello, I am Mwanaisha S. Ali from the Eastern Africa statistical Training centre, Master of Official statistics

Lloyd Le Page: Hello Everyone, Lloyd Le Page, Senior Adviser, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change. <u>I.lepage@institute.global</u>

Hope Nwakwesi: Hi everyone, my name is Hope Nwakwesi of Almanah Hope Foundation. We initiated Nigeria Widows Database. Looking forward to learning

Adam Preston: Hello, this is Adam Preston, Digital Health Advisor with RTI International, <u>https://www.linkedin.com/in/ampreston/</u>

Jan Middendorf: Hello Everyone! Jan Middendorf, Deputy Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Sustainable Intensification, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

Deepa Thiagarajan 2: Hi, this is Deepa Thiagarajan, Research Manager and Nutrition Sensitive Food Systems Advisor from USAID Legume Systems Innovation Lab at Michigan State University, USA

Theophilus Olufemi: Hi everyone, this is Olufemi Isimikalu, Soil Scientist at University of Ilorin in Nigeria

Dick Tinsley: again the audio is scratchy

Rose Mary Garcia: Hello, this is Rose Mary Garcia, Director of Economic Growth and Governance at Cardno. <u>https://www.linkedin.com/in/rosemarygarcia10/</u>

Mike Francis Andruga: Hello, This is Andruga.M.Francis, First year Master of official Statistics in Eastern Africa Statistical Trainig Center, Dar es salaam Tanzania

Abel Serikali: my name is abel from Tanzania i am masters studeHello..good evening

Julie MacCartee: So glad to have participants joining us today from all over the globe. Welcome!

Ndimphiwe Shabangu: Greetings everyone, Ndimphiwe Shabangu from the Coordinating Assembly of NGOs (CANGO) Eswatini

Hannah Funk: Do countries score themselves or is it an external evaluation process?

Caroline DeWaal: The food safety indicators are really important for consumer health and fighting malnutrition

Julie MacCartee: @Caroline - agreed!

Maleshoane Kolisang : I have a question on data/ score validity. I was carrying out research on commitment 3.3 and I needed the reports that were submitted to support the scores for several countries, however I was informed that countries do not submit reports - they just submit scores. How then can we trust the validity of the data?

Robert: Hannah - there is a process in which the 55 countries collect data across 47 indicators which are averaged into an overall score

Richard Goodman: no

Hannah Funk: Thank you Robert!

indra klein: Does data indicate breakdown of farms where food is provided? If so, is does data include types of farms?

Robert: @maleshoane countries do not submit scores. They submit detailed data that is used to build the scores

Romao XAVIER 2: Is the Biannual Report an instrument for accountability and support to countries or is just a sharing instrument. I mean if countries are off-track, they are made accountable or get any support from the AU to allow them speed up their indicators?

Getruda Yamsebo 2: Hello, This is Getruda Yamsebo, masters of official statistics at Eastern African statistical training center from Tanzania

indra klein: Given the impact of COVID-19 (and uncertainty of variants), to what degree will countries' goals be impacted?

Robert: @Indra - some of the data provides an idea about the size of sectors (fisheries, crop, livestock etc) as well as performance accross many other indicators. But detailed farm level data is not included.

RICHARD KACHULE: Richard Kachule :Research Fellow, Centre for Agricultural Research and Development; Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Malawi indra klein: @Robert, thank you

Krista Jacobs 2: How is the AU supporting countries' data systems to generate/improve the data needed for the scorecard, especially for indicators on women's and youth's engagement & empowerment in agricultural systems?

Percy Chipunza 3: Percy Chipunza in Washington DC

Stephen Mink: Are the detailed data that go into the 47 indicators available by country on the toolkit platform?

Robert: @Stephen - that data is not publicly available yet, data is available at parameter level.

Paul Rugambwa: Interesting

Robert: @Krista we will pose your Q to Simplice. The AU is working with several partners to try and build capacity for data collection.

Romao XAVIER 2: Is there way to increase the size of the slides?

Krista Jacobs 2: To what extent are countries using data behind the scorecards to also report on the SDG indicators, for example gendered land ownership, sustainable land management, agriculture, etc?

Krista Jacobs 2: @Robert, Thanks!

Fertice Miller III: Greetings Everyone from Cape Town : Fertice Miller III - Agricultural Governance & Investment Advisor with the Tony Blair Institute. Thanks Agrilinks - Very helpful tool presentation!

Maleshoane Kolisang : So how can we be sure that the data is valid? Seeing as we just see scores but we do not see the data leading to the score. Whilst score are good , without detail and content there the data is just a number

william akiwumi: William Akiwumi, USAID/AFR/SD

Adam Ahmed: @Romao, you can increase the pod on your screen by clicking the box at the top of the pod.

Percy Chipunza 3: On public expenditures in agric, can the data be filtered down to programmes and salaries & admin expenditures?

Stephen Mink: Thanks Robert. "Parameter" = indicator? or category?

Robert: There has been work to ensure alignment between many of the indicators in the CAADP BR with SDG indicators - especially indicators on nutrition and poverty.

Robert: @Maleshoana - there is an elaborate multistakeholder data validation process including validation meetings at country and regional levels

Caroline DeWaal: @Nouala -- is the AU capturing best practices to inform and help governments improve their scores?

Robert: @Percy - there is a standard classification of govt expenditures (COFOG) that is used to determine what is Ag Exp and what is not.

Courtney Buck: @Krista - others in this chat know much more about these details!, but I believe some of the metrics do reflect changes/improvements in data capacity & quality.

Simplice Nouala: After the adoption of the report RECs as well as other stakeholders engage countries on lessons learn and best practices.

THOMAS ARCHIBALD: Here is a video of the moving bubble data visualization to which Ms. Allaire-Rousse just alluded: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbkSRLYSojo</u>

Stephen Mink: Percy, I think the answer is "no". See Tech Guidelines for 2017 at https://au.int/sites/default/files/newsevents/workingdocuments/33640-wd-eng_technical_guidelines_for_reporting_on_malabo_eng.pdf. There is a 2019 version of these TG to encompass the 4 additional indicators...

Caroline DeWaal: @Nouala -- thank you

Richard Goodman: Do you take into consideration, unexpected challenges, like COVID? Like Fall Armyworm?

Stephen Opiyo : >How will the toolkit help in the next phase. of BR?

Paul Rugambwa: Appreciate sharing the presentation

Raymond Mugeta 2: do you take in into consideration of pandemic diseases

Percy Chipunza 3: @Robert, thanks a lot

Dick Tinsley: What is the cost of collecting the data, and who is paying for this?

Robert: Please share thoughts and comments here. Thanks!

Romao XAVIER 2: Stephen, the link you provided for guidelines says page no found!!!

Massimo Lowicki-Zucca: @Stephen Mink. I tried the link. Got a "page not found" error

Bernard Kimoro: Very useful in providing evidence for policy formulation

Caroline DeWaal: Will we be able to see the results at the indicator level? For example food safety has three distinct indicators.

Frederick Orlando: This software to me is new and the process to start is complex

Percy Chipunza 3: @Stephen thanks that is very helpful

Stephen Mink: It could be useful for the Toolkit to identify the office in each country that can be contacted to understand the data that officially goes into the value of each indicator.

Maleshoane Kolisang : I would use the toolkit for research studies pertinent to the Malabo declaration - but I would need more data. If countries submit reports together with scores that would really help in terms of information dissemination

Robert: @Stephen - great idea.

Percy Chipunza 3: @Stephen the page is not found

David Luckenbach: This is the 3rd BR; when will 2021 be in the toolkit?

Caroline DeWaal: @Morgane -- thank you

Robert: @Maleshona - thanks for that point of use.

Paul Gamba: Useful for accountability purposes

Robert: Thanks Paul

Gert-Jan Stads: Can we access the methodology behind the data somewhere? Would be helpful to know what is (and isn't) included in certain indicators.

David Luckenbach: Thank You

indra klein: From a donor's/funder's perspective, thoughts on how tool kit can better educate donor/funder with regard to projection planning of need (short & long term)? Bernard Kimoro: what were some of the challenges you faced in collecting the data to populate into the toolkik

Mweemba Chijoka: The tool is a innovation for Africa and like it but in as much as reporting could be an issue for Africa, I feel that the biggest problem is data availability so most countries could continue showing gaps.

Ali Aljane: Can we use the Toolkit to generate data to measure SDGs achievements?

Teferi Tsegaye: How did you collect the data?

Paul Hixson: Does this tool track the availability of ICT connectivity on a per country basis? If so, do you track and differentiate the ability of individuals to access ICT connectivity on an individual level through cellular connections from the ability of institutions such as universities and NARS institutions to connect via fiber? I am particularly interested in bandwidth available and price per mbps.

Ekanikpong Ben: we have a comprehensive farmers data https://fiems.elkanisgroup.com/

Robert: Thanks for all these points on how the toolkit could be used and suggestions for improvement that are emerging!

Dick Tinsley: are you using the calendar year, or an agriculture year as in many countries the agricultural year starts in October or November and ends the following the calendar year

Derreck Ekanem: How can we engage with youth in terms of using the toolkit for agricultural development?

Stephen Mink: Massim and Percy, sorry about the non-functioning link. I got to the document by googling "Document for preparing country Biennial Review report on progress made for achieving the Malabo Declaration Goals and Targets: Technical Guidelines" dated

March 2017. CAADP and NEPAD are the sponsors. If you provide your email I will send it as pdf.

Robert: @paul - there are some indicators that track trade facilitation, phone connectivity and ease of movement

Percy Chipunza 3: @stephen pchipunza@worldbank.org

Robert: @Steven the Guidelines have been updated and can be shared

Teferi Tsegaye: How reliable is the data gathered?

Percy Chipunza 3: @Robert, thanks could you please share the updated version

Rosemary Okoh: nrokoh767@gmail.com

Massimo Lowicki-Zucca: @Stephen. Thanks so much. The tech bits of what data is converted into scores (and how) is really at the heart of how you can rely on what the score is saying. <u>mlowickizucca@gmail.com</u>

Lloyd Le Page: How will this work feed into the Global Food Summit? What mechanisms will be utilized, and how do you connect to the Food Systems Dashboard ?

Robert: Derrick Eckanem - please get in touch with me. My email will be on the last slide

Kamweti M: How confident can we be with the scores? Is there a confidence measure? Thanks, great toolkit!

Robert: @Lloyd - a good question for Simplice

Courtney Buck: Would be interesting to know if any countries are interested in using this to help expand and diversify the range of in-country partners that can support data collection efforts.

Panduleni Elago: @Courtney - very much soo. And us from the REC side can facilitate that engagement to reach out to countries.

Simplice Nouala: I have lost my mic

Michael Friedmann: At RTB CGIAR Research Program, we are concerned on unequal access of women to smartphone technology, affecting more gender inequality, as we support the development of ICT apps for agricultural production, access to inputs and markets. Can the data provide a cross-check between progress in ICT access and gender equity?

indra klein: losd and clear

Robert Navin: Is this work linked to 17 UNDP-led Sustainable Development Goals, with its specific indicators?

Michael Omodara: how can participants in this group assist their respective countries to improve their performances?

Panduleni Elago: To add on what Robert has just responded, it is indeed by large there to help "Mutual accountability - hence the commitment of SADC to include it as a standing agenda - so that the Head of States are held accountable

Romao XAVIER 2: Thanks Stephen. I got it!

Rogers Andrew: We understand that data availability in many of the countries is a challenge. what approach did you to valid the data you used in developing report, Rogers Andrew from Tanzania

Romao XAVIER 2: Robert, sounds good! I thank you. Its much appreciated.

Willy Mulimbi: The tool is great. I'm sure data quality is linked to countries' commitment to use such tool. What are the mechanisms to ensure that? What have been done so far to make governments aware of this tool?

Robert: You're welcome Romao!

Muriel Rios: Thank you!

Richard Goodman: Are there ways this system can communicate about policy adoption for food safety on various crops and techniques that can be very important for adoption strategies?

Robert Navin: SADC, including Malawi, have been struggling with fertilizer bills for more than a decade. Mutual accountability has been built into the process all that time. Why do you think that BR can make a dent in these political and power/money constraints?

Jan Middendorf: @Robert - Congratulations to all! Great to see the progress of CAADP and this wonderful data collection tool. Reflecting on the meeting in Nairobi in 2016, it is great to see the work in operation! Well done!

Robert: Thanks Willy for the Question - there is ongoing struggle to improve quality by working with technical experts to backstop countries.

Robert: Yes - pleasure to meet again Jan, please stay in touch!

Jan Middendorf: Will do! jmiddend@ksu.edu

Krista Jacobs 2: Thank you, @Simplice.

Paul Hixson: The reason I was asking if the tool is tracking the ability of NARS institutions and universities in SSA to obtain fiber-based connectivity to the commercial internet relates to the results of my research with the USAID funded Soybean Innovation Lab that indicates that a lack of such connectivity is a major problem that substantially limits the ability of such institutions to play their role in the development of their country's and region's economic and food security development goals.

Francois Stepman: The European Commission Delegations need to assess the national Food Systems through tracking (a) economic, (b) social and (c) environmental indicators. The 7 CAADP commitment areas (and indicators) can thus only partially inform policy. How will the CAADP toolkit (in the future) accommodate Food Systems indicators ?

Panduleni Elago: @Navin - the BR will is able to pin point those areas that need improvement, including the required policy interventions. Malawi has now reviewed its Fertilizer Bill. The challenge remains - how do we ensure operationalisation of those bills.

Stephen Mink: On improving BR data quality, see IFPRI Working Paper 01925, Improving Data Quality for the CAADP Biennial Review A Partnership Initiative Piloted in Five Countries, May 2020 at

http://ebrary.ifpri.org/utils/getfile/collection/p15738coll2/id/133715/filename/133927.pdf

Massimo Lowicki-Zucca: Thanks Stephen. Very appreciated.

Courtney Buck: To add to some of the other uses already identified in the chat -- we have also heard from some civil society grps who are using their country BR scores and recommendations to inform advocacy efforts.

Maleshoane Kolisang : thanks. I would like to join the working groups - as I was given no answers when inquiring on the validation of data for commitment 3.3., I was told that the countries do not submit reports or data, they only submit scores. I ended up being directed to ECOWAS but was given no data

Robert: Maleshoane - please drop me an email. Happy to include you!

Caroline DeWaal: While food safety can drive trade, it is especially important for domestic consumers. The three sub-indicators added in the last round seem to capture both these objectives.

Robert: Yes Caroline, the food safety indicators are an innovation we are proud of.

Panduleni Elago: To our Donors, it will be appreciated if you can assist Member States in developing good agricultural data management systems - as that produces better reports for BR. We have observed such.

Donald Mizambwa: What is happening to those countries that do not share the full needed data set?

Panduleni Elago: @Mizambwa - countries that are not able to provide data sets, in most cases - it is not because they do not want, it is more the challenge of not able to (technically and financially) collect them. Challenge with their national statistical databases etc.

Massimo Lowicki-Zucca: So, the data is collected specifically for the BR?I thought it relied on indicators already part of each country's information systems.

Panduleni Elago: @Massimo - its both way. you recall i talked about the need for a robust M&E systems for the countries - this is soooo - to allow integration of all Indicators across the board for the countries. Some of he indicators, countries have already been collecting over the years, however some needed countries to add to their usual collection modules

Robert: @Massimo - a lot of the data is already being collected anyway for normal national statistical purposes, but some of the data is collected to respond specifically to the BR (Like Food safety)

Anna Brenes: @Panduleni - agree with your call for more donor support on building and strengthening partner country data systems to better manage data and ensure quality and best practices. It is a primary objective under USAID's J2SR and digital strategy vision.

Massimo Lowicki-Zucca: @PAnduleni and Robert. Thanks, that's helpful.

Robert: @panduleni - agree!

Paul Gamba: Is it necessary to align Country M&E or data systems to the BR?

Donald Mizambwa: Panduleni Elago: What support are you offering to support the improvement of their data base system.

Robert: @paul - I agree. the countries that are doing well on reporting are the ones that have integrated BR data collection into their normal annual and regular data collection and broader M&E systems.

Robert: Great points by Chris and Simplice!

Anna Brenes: @Robert +1

indra klein: Today's session has been quite insightful and engaging -- presenters & attendees questions & comments

Julie MacCartee: Thank you, Indra! Always glad to have your participation, as well.

Panduleni Elago: @Donald - we support by mobilising resources from Partners, hire national consultants to develop or improve their database

Caroline DeWaal: @Simplice, @Robert, @Chris and others, So exciting to see this new platform/toolkit. Please continue to keep making the data transparent and add the indicators if possible. Very useful for civil society as well as donors.

Panduleni Elago: There is also a part of developing countries

Panduleni Elago: Apology for non-ending message there, I wanted to talk to the work we are currently pushing for with support partners, which is the development of National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs)

Maleshoane Kolisang : Yes. the data is used by the private sector which generates economic value.

indra klein: Businesses are also using data, whether to assess & strengthen supply chain or to consider expansion or possible entry

Percy Chipunza 2: This is a very good tool and quite useful. Indeed it helps even non state actors for their programming purposes and private sector for investment decision. Use of the tool has very high impacts. My concern is on credibility of the data that is being provided. What mechanisms have been put in place to ensure the data input process is credible.

Courtney Buck: To build on these points, it's important to note that the BR scores are made particularly meaningful when taken within the context of a country-owned plan and vision for strengthening food system performance.

Robert Navin 2: As the U.S. has learned over the past four years, data and facts are necessary, but not sufficient, to change behavior.. So what more could the BR process do, involving psychology and sociology, to get public and private sector power brokers to achieve CAADP goals?

Anna Brenes: @Robert - Thank you for your comments on data quality and trust. Both are paramount to informing progress and decision making - extremely important for a variety of stakeholders as you stated.

Francois Stepman: Will the National meetings/consultations to present the toolkit also invite the donor representatives to improve alignment with the national CAADP and compact priorities?

Caroline DeWaal: @Robert, the EU has a model for tracking adverse food safety events at a regional level. US CDC also has an excellent model. Feel free to reach out if you want additional information cdewaal@gainhealth.org

Courtney Buck: @Woody - if you're still in Malawi we should chat soon! Drop me a line :) Robert: Thanks Caroline - will reach out!

Willy Mulimbi: Thank you so much for your feedback, Robert, Simplice, Caroline and the team. I'll be thrilled to join the next conservations about this.

Julie MacCartee: You will receive an email with the recording and resources from this webinar in about a week - please keep your eye out and share with your networks!

Liz Ogutu : Robert can you reach out to me? Logutu@cgiar.org

Maleshoane Kolisang : Thanks

Percy Chipunza 2: Very engaging indeed and a second session on this would be great. Perhaps have it for a little longer.

Robert: Liz! Sure, will.

Gert-Jan Stads: Thanks to the organizers for a great event! Look forward to using the tool!

Jan Middendorf: Thank you to all!

Glenn Lines: Thanks everyone for the interesting presentations and discussions.

Julie MacCartee: Also please download the slides at the left of yoru screen!

Anna Brenes: @Simplice, Panduleni ,Kat ,Robert, and Morgane - Thank you for a very informative webinar - congratulations!

Liz Ogutu : Thanks Robert.

indra klein: Thank you Agrilinks for another thought provoking event and all you do!

Robert: Thanks you all - it was a GREAT pleasure!

Aneeqa Ijaz: Thanks

Cephas Taruvinga: Thank @Simplice and everybody

Romao XAVIER 2: Could you please share the few presentations?

Michael Omodara: Thank you ALL.

Jean Markendy CHARLES: Thank you All!!!

karen Smyth: thanks all, very interesting tool!

Katherine Haugh: Thank you everyone for joining this very important discussion! Please reach out to us with the emails listed on the screen to continue to conversation.

Pauline Simmons: Thanks for the presentations and discussions. Very informative.

Dr. Md. Salim Ullah Khan Eusufzai: Thanks to all

Lucky Michael: thank you presenters and the team

Romao XAVIER 2: Thank you all, specially the presenters and the organisers Its great!

Paul Rugambwa 2: Thanks nice discusion Paul Rugambwa Rwanda

George Okundi 2: Thank you team for putting up a very comprehensive progress report on all the 7 themes and indicators progress. Keep it up

Anna Brenes: Thank you all for joining us today

Tshoganetso Timela: thank you, please share the link to the session..

Peter Hobby: Thank you all - very informative!

Panduleni Elago: Thank you all. \

Paul Gamba: Thanks all. Great Webinar.

Julie MacCartee: Slides available for download under "File Downloads" at the left of your screen

Olivia Agbenyega: Thank you very much

Courtney Buck: Great final point! There's always room for improvement, but we know this is the right starting point :)

Adam Ahmed: Thank you everyone! Glad to have you with us for another Agrilinks webinar.

Courtney Buck: thanks all!

Julie MacCartee: Thank you all!

Frederick Orlando: Thank with the impressive presentation I needs to know more about the toolkit that can use design questionnaire and enter data for the analysis, been student will help me in doing the research analysis in Official statistics