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USAID Agrilinks: Welcome everyone! The webinar will begin in about 23 minutes. Please introduce yourself, your affiliation and your location!

Dan Silverstein: Dan Silverstein, Private Sector and Capital Markets Advisor in agricultural development. And, an admirer of Julie MacCartee.

Olivia Collins: Joining from Montreal. Work for a non-profit that does work in the DR Congo, related to agriculture of botanicals.

Emmanuel Tumusiime: Emmanuel Tumusiime, Oxfam America.

USAID Agrilinks: We are opening our intro polls! Please take a moment to fill them out so we can learn more about you. :)

Julie MacCartee, USAID: Welcome everyone, this is Julie MacCartee with USAID/BFS. I'll be facilitating today. Looking forward to your questions for Dr. Abebe!

Aseffa Seyoum Wedajoo: Research Scientist, Arizona State University, working on genetic resource policy, climate change and food security.

Carol O'Neill: Carol O'Neill, Heifer International.

David Atwood: David Atwood, USAID Bureau of Food Security, working on agricultural policy support.

Danielle Niedermaier: Danielle (Stoermer) Niedermaier, Peace Corps/Washington Feed the Future M&E Specialist.

Alison Kathy: Kathy Alison, Africa Lead.

Rene McGuffin: Rene McGuffin, consultant, Gates Foundation.

Jane Luxner: Jane Luxner, USAID Africa Bureau, Agriculture Team.

Ranjitha Puskur: Ranjitha Puskur from WorldFish, Malaysia.

Abby Rubley: Abby Rubley, Michigan State University.

Melanie Berman: Melanie Berman, Winrock International.

Sarah Saunders: Sarah Saunders, Tetra Tech ARD - Agriculture and Economic Growth practice.

Patricia Rwasoka-Masanganise: Hi everyone, greetings from Pretoria, South Africa.

KDAD AV Tech: We'll be starting shortly...

Gary Burniske: Good morning. Greetings from Purdue.

Fanny Granchamp: Hello Everyone! This is Fanny from the Scaling up Nutrition secretariat!

Tony Sims: Greetings from CNFA - Washington, DC.

Willem Janssen: This Willem from WB.

Anne Swindale: Anne Swindale, USAID/BFS Washington DC. Hear you loud and clear!

Zachary Baquet: Joining from Washington DC, USAID.

Michael Doherty: Illinois Farm Bureau.

Lauren Kovach: From WWF Washington DC.

Elisa Wilkinson: Elisa Wilkinson, The Hunger Project.

Samson Konlan: Greetings. Samson Konlan. Joining from USAID Ghana, ACCRA.

Megan Parker: Megan Parker, PATH Nutrition Research Officer in Seattle.

Jocelyn Songco: Hello I am calling in from NY with Soros Economic Development Fund, a private foundation making social investments.

Patricia Rwasoka-Masanganise: USAID Southern Africa - Feed the Future.

Eunice Adofo Boanya: This is Eunice from Africa Lead West Africa Regional Office Accra.

Kedar Mankad: Kedar Mankad, Policy Officer, Agriculture & Inclusive Growth, ONE Campaign.

Jon Florentino: J.M. Florentino, Peace Corps Agriculture Advisor, Ghana.

Patterson Brown: Patterson Brown, Trade Advisor, USAID, Bureau for Food Security.

Brent Wibberley: Brent Wibberley, TechnoServe Inc., USA.

Patrice Hakizimana: Patrice, Agriculture and Rural Development Specialist, USAID/Rwanda.

Fraser Norton: Fraser Norton, mNutrition & mAgri Programme Manager, CABI, UK.

Cecilia Addae: Cecilia Addae, Africa lead West Africa Regional Office, Ghana.

Angela Stene: Angie Stene, GRM Futures Group, Food Security/Nutrition Advisor.

Patricia Neenan: Hi this is Patricia at CABI.

Julie MacCartee, USAID: This webinar is being recorded and we will send the recording to everyone who registered. Thus, you will be able to review anything that you would like to hear again, and share the recording with your colleagues.

USAID Agrilinks: Remember to type questions for Dr. Abebe here, to be answered during Q&A at the end!

Sarah Saunders: Is 12% controlled for population growth? (If anyone knows).

Moffatt Ngugi: Moffatt Ngugi, BFS climate & env in Agriculture advisor.

Joshua Ariga: Joshua Ariga, IFDC, Economist.

Agrilinks2: FAO 2015 Hunger Map: <http://www.fao.org/hunger/en/>

Stephanus Brink: Stephanus Brink Agricultural Economist, South Africa.

Agrilinks2: Maputo Declaration: <http://www.nepad.org/system/files/Maputo%20Declaration.pdf>

Sean Co: Sean Cox, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service Desk Officer.

Kirsten Spainhower: Kirsten Spainhower, Agriculture Development Specialist BFS/Washington.

Ed Salt: Ed Salt, TRG and KDAD.

Ranjitha Puskur: Blog related to the FAO regional review <http://www.focus.rw/wp/2015/06/02/food-security-in-africa-progressing-fao-report/>

Ranjitha Puskur: And the report itself: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4635e.pdf>

Savanna Henderson: Savanna Henderson, Humanitas Global.

Courtney Buck: Courtney Buck, Policy Analyst, USAID/BFS/Policy Division.

Jonathan Thomas: Jonathan Thomas, CoP Solutions for African Food Enterprises, TechnoServe Nairobi.

Kristin Clay: Kristin Clay, The Nature Conservancy.

Scott Bugental: Scott Bugental, Arizona State University.

Joy Straley: Joy Straley Peace Corps volunteer Ghana Oct 2015-Dec-2017 Ag Extension.

Jocelyn Songco: Malabo 2014 file http://www.au.int/en/sites/default/files/Assembly%20AU%20Dec%202017%20-%2020545%20%28XXIII%29%20_E.pdf

Fletcher Souba: Fletcher Souba, Intern, USAID/BFS.

Nazila Dabestani: Nazila Dabestani, Intern for Nutrition Innovations at PATH, Seattle.

Stephen Mink: Stephen Mink, ex-World Bank, worked on agriculture in SSA and most recently on agricultural public expenditure.

Nargiza Ludgate: Nargiza Ludgate, INGE University of Florida PhD student and INGENAES project.

USAID Agrilinks: Thanks to all for tuning in.

Jindra Cekan: Hello, interesting presentation, I am Jindra Cekan, Valuing Voices at Cekan Consulting.

USAID Agrilinks: Please remember to type questions in this chat pod. We will post them to Dr. Abebe in the Q&A period! This is a great opportunity to ask questions on policy and implementation of the ag agenda in Africa.

Nargiza Ludgate: How is gender integrated into CAADP framework? What are the specific mechanisms to make governments commit to gender issues in agriculture?

Amare Ayalew: Unsafe foods impede the lives of millions of people in Africa and national economies. Without access to safe food, consumers are denied access to food, nutrition and health and producers and countries are denied of market access. Dr. Abebe, could you shed light on AUC and member states actual and potential focus on addressing food safety challenges during the phase of implementation of Malabo Declaration Commitments?

Samson Konlan: Q. Going forward, do we expect the Biennial Agric Review Process to replace the current JSRs?

Sarah Saunders: The Feed the Future country initiatives do not cover post-2015. How does the CAADP Strategy consider Feed the Future goals into its framework?

Patricia Rwasoka-Masanganise: What is going to be done differently now to achieve the targets by 2025? Many countries are not able to invest enough resources into the agriculture sector to get the growth that can contribute to ending hunger and malnutrition.

USAID Agrilinks: Thanks for the thoughtful questions! We are recording them. As a reminder, include your org and location if possible when asking them!

Ranjitha Puskur: Ranjitha Puskur from WorldFish: could you please give a couple of examples of 'technical networks around thematic topics'.

David Hansen: Capacity building in Higher Agricultural Education is critical for development of national agriculture/food sectors. This capacity building enables provision of needed high quality training, research and outreach inputs to the sector. What is being done to ensure that higher agricultural education is an integral part of CAADP implementation plans at the national level? -- Dave Hansen, Ohio State University.

Stephanus Brink: When will you realize that your objectives could only be achieved if your main objective is the profitable production of food? You are addressing productivity but what about the input/output price ratio? Food must be produce on the optimum level of production which will ensure sustainable production!!

Ranjitha Puskur: Food and nutrition security is a complex challenge that goes beyond simply increasing food production and assuming that those most in need will reap all or part of the benefits. In addition, multi-factor approaches and broader social action are needed to promote equitable access to available food. Poverty and inequity, caused by human agency, lead to food insecurity. How do we intend to tackle that?

Julie MacCartee, USAID: Hi all - apologies that we lost some concordance between Abebe's presentation and the slides. We will send a link to the slides so that you can review them.

Jindra Cekan: May I ask, has our very informative presenter mentioned what % of GDP each CAADP country has allocated to agriculture, as originally planned?

Stephanus Brink: How much was productivity increased over the past decade?

Fanny Granchamp: How were donors' expectations defined and donors associated to the principles found?

Nargiza Ludgate: From the USA. My PhD research is on greywater treatment technology and women's economic empowerment in

- Jordan. For INGENAES (integration of gender and nutrition within agricultural extension systems, a recent USAID-funded project) we are working to select FTF countries to address gender and nutrition issues in extension systems.
- Jocelyn Songco: Similar question to that of expectations of donors by countries, what are expectations of the private sector relative to this framework/strategy/roadmap?
- Kristin Clay: How is CAADP engaging with the African Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture?
- Agrilinks2: Access the presentation: <http://agrilinks.org/events/implementing-africas-commitments-food-security-agriculture-and-nutrition>
- Patrice Hakizimana: To what extent will this new CAADP integrate nutrition, as malnutrition remains a big issue to Africans despite achievements made towards poverty reduction?
- Kedar Mankad: From US, ONE Campaign. Has there been any progress in defining the 10% agricultural expenditure target? We know that ReSAKKS uses the IMF classification, and FAO's MAFAP uses different numbers. Is agreeing on a common definition a priority?
- Joy Straley: Was the choice to hold bi-annual reviews rather than quarterly reviews the result of only two growing seasons in Ghana? Has there been any thought in building up infrastructure to grow indoors during the wet season?
- Jeff Hill, USAID: The biennial review will be held every two years, not twice a year.
- Maria Hettel: Nargiza - from the CAADP website: <http://caadp.net/flagship-programmes#verticalAccordions2> See Gender, Ag, Climate Change.
- Samson Konlan: Thanks Jeff for the clarification on the biennial review.
- Kedar Mankad: What steps does the AU plan to take on strengthening land governance and security of tenure rights? Will there be a

commitment to implement the AU Framework and Guidelines on Land in Africa?

- Howard Elliott: What are the expectations for secure funding to sub-regional research organizations through the RECs (Regional Economic Communities)?
- Patrice Hakizimana: What are the levels of investments in research and extension, and support to private input business (agro-dealers), key domains for agricultural transformation?
- Jocelyn Songco: *Teynastaling* and *amaseganalloh* for your response to my question Dr. Gabriel.
- Samson Konlan: I'm afraid that Science, Technology and Innovation did not gain the needed investment in Malabo Declaration and may also still not be given the needed amplification in the current architecture Dr. Abebe just presented. Has the AUC and NEPAD considered the type of implementation actions that needs to be given more emphasis?
- Julie MacCartee, USAID: A PDF of Abebe's slides can be downloaded here: <http://agrilinks.org/events/implementing-africas-commitments-food-security-agriculture-and-nutrition>
- Courtney Buck: How are countries being encouraged to be more inclusive in their policy processes? Will the Biennial Review incorporate indicators for representation and inclusion of non-state actors?
- USAID Agrilinks: Remember that you can find Dr. Abebe's slides, as well as all other post-event resources (which will be posted within a week) at the event page, here: <http://agrilinks.org/events/implementing-africas-commitments-food-security-agriculture-and-nutrition>
- USAID Agrilinks: What a great presentation! Thanks to Dr. Abebe, Jeff Hill, and to all of you for tuning in. Until next time!