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Jeff has many years of experience in African agricultural development and currently serves in USAID's Bureau for Food Security (BFS). Jeff works on Feed the Future initiatives, and prior to that worked on many programs that promoted agricultural growth and built on African-led partnerships to cut hunger and poverty. He has designed, led, and managed a variety of teams on research, private sector development, trade, capacity building and policy. He currently chairs the Donor Development Partners CAADP group and process - a group of 32 donors worldwide dedicated to African agricultural development.



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Towards Implementing Africa's Ambitious Commitments on Food Security, Agriculture and Nutrition

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Africa's Commitments on Agricultural Transformation

The 2003 Maputo Declaration on CAADP

- Agriculture as a priority sector
- CAADP as a Framework guiding actions
- 10 Years on: Progress made and lessons learnt

The 2014 Malabo Commitments on Agriculture

- Two important components:
 - Commitment on Goals to be achieved by the year 2025
 - Commitment to Mutual Accountability



Commitments: Goals to be achieved by 2025

- Ending hunger.
- Tripling intra-African trade in agricultural goods and services.
- Enhancing agriculture's contribution to economic growth & a significant poverty reduction objective (at least by half).
- Enhancing resilience of production systems and livelihoods to reduce vulnerability.
- Enhancing investment finance in agriculture (both public and private).



Commitments on Mutual Accountability

- **Conducting a biennial Agricultural Review Process that involves tracking, monitoring and reporting on progress – beginning from 2017 to report in January 2018.**
- **Fostering alignment, harmonization and coordination among multi-sectorial efforts and multi-institutional platforms for peer review, mutual learning and mutual accountability.**
- **Strengthening national and regional institutional capacities for knowledge and data generation and management that support evidence based planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.**



Implementation Strategy, Roadmap, and Program of Work

The Implementation Strategy and Roadmap identifies:

- **Strategic Action Areas**
- **Implementation Modalities and Roadmap**

The Program of Work outlines:

- **Rationale and scope, linking the commitments and IS&R**
- **Proposed activities**



Strategic Action Areas

Objective 1: transform agriculture and ensure inclusive growth

- Double productivity and increase production in a sustainable manner
- Enhance value-chains, markets, trade
- Enhance resilience of livelihood systems
- Strengthen governance of natural resources



Implementation Modalities

- **Implementation is a national responsibility: national ownership & leadership.**
- **Implementation is a multi-sectoral responsibility:**
 - **Within government: agric, infrastructure, trade, industry, health, education, etc.**
 - **Beyond government: producers, private sector, civil society, etc.**
- **Regional and continental institutions to provide catalytic support functions, facilitating linkages to continental and regional strategies and plans, and contributing to the strengthening of systemic capacities at national levels.**
- **Development and technical partners - to provide strategic support to the implementation in an aligned and coordinated manner.**
- **A system for regular review and tracking progress – mutual accountability.**



Strategic Action Areas

Objective 2: Strengthen systemic capacity for transformation through support actions on

- Capacity for planning
- Policies and institutions
- Leadership, coordination, partnerships
- Knowledge, skills, agric education
- Data and statistics
- Institutionalize mutual accountability
- Investment financing



Rationale and Scope

Malabo Declaration + CAADP Results Framework

Provides the overarching vision, goal and targets for the period 2015-2025



The Implementation Strategy & Roadmap

Presents strategic considerations as a guide to determining national and country actions for (a) substantive agricultural performance and wealth creation goals and (b) transformational and capacity development goals



The Program of Work

Outlines work streams that define and continually adapt the strategic actions into country, regional, continental implementation actions



Proposed Activities

- Four categories:
 - Policy development, formulation, and institutional reform to achieve agricultural transformation
 - Investment program design and implementation
 - Capacity building and coordination
 - Monitoring and evaluation, data, and knowledge management



Proposed Activities

- 2015-16 Priority (inception) Action Areas
 - Engaging countries on appraisal of the NAIPs
 - Design of the biennial agricultural review cycle
 - Programmatic support for implementation
 - Development and harmonization of communication strategy



Proposed Activities

■ 2015-16 Priority (inception) Action Areas

- Clarify major streams of work and instruments in place at the country and regional levels, identify gaps and develop options to ensure that services and support systems are available to implement Malabo IS&R.
- Build technical networks around thematic topics reflecting Malabo commitments and IS&R to support implementation.
- Identify and agree on lead technical partners with relevant mandates to support coordination at country and regional levels.
- Design and establish a framework for the biennial review.
- Refine the communications strategy.
- Secure financial commitments to support implementation.



Detailed Actions



Proposed Activities

1. Build and strengthen capacity for evidence-based planning, implementation, review and dialogue

- Review national and regional agriculture investment plans for compliance with or integration of Malabo declaration goals, targets and actions
- Build capacity for policy analysis to support evidence-based decision making and program design and implementation
- Establish and strengthen platforms for regular reviews and dialogue on implementation



Proposed Activities

2. Review and implement policy and institutional reforms that strengthen leadership, management and technical capacity in agriculture

- Undertake institutional and organizational reviews and mapping to align mandate and human capacity for effective implementation
- Undertake policy reviews, design and implement reforms that are evidence-based, transparent and inclusive of all stakeholders



Proposed Activities

3. **Strengthen local ownership and leadership to champion agriculture and CAADP agenda, align coordination and implementation partnerships**
 - Strengthen multi-stakeholder coordination platforms



Proposed Activities

4. Enhance Skills and Knowledge and Agricultural Education

- Strengthen capacity for knowledge management and communication
- Improve planning-Governance and Implementation of Agricultural Education and Training (AET):
- Review and update relevant curricula for strategic agriculture value chains



Proposed Activities

5. Strengthen data and statistics for evidence based planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation and review process

- Strengthen capacity to collect and analyse data
- Promote data sharing across different ministries and agencies



Proposed Activities

6. Establish and institutionalize mutual accountability mechanisms with regular peer reviews and strong dialogue platforms

- Strengthening agriculture M&E systems, including enhancing data generation and analytical capacities and improving agriculture statistics.
- Establishing and strengthening multi-stakeholders platforms for review, dialogue, and debate at country regional and continental levels.



Proposed Activities

7. Identify and enhance innovative financing models for increased public and private sector finance for agriculture investments along the value chains

- Implement public expenditure review to attract additional public resources to agriculture.
- Stimulate and support innovative, best practice and finance models and products through tapping from non-traditional financing.
- Mobilise and create innovative private-private Partnerships to leverage private sector finance in agriculture value chains.



Country Engagement

- Recently we held a retreat with Permanent Secretaries and CAADP focal persons to consult and agree on necessary steps to be taken to implement the commitments (29-30 June 2015).
- There has been appreciation and agreements on broader areas of operationalization as well as immediate next steps to be undertaken.
- The Proposed activities have been validated (implementation arrangements and review process).
- Each country will, as necessary, embark on working on their respective NAIPs to respond to the commitments and to embark on the review process.
- In October there will be a Ministerial Conference (STC on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment).



Country engagement and Donor Expectations

- **Donors are expected and strongly encouraged to:**
 - Align their support to the priorities as defined by countries (consistent with Malabo commitments).
 - Coordinate their efforts (work among themselves) to facilitate country engagement.
 - Agree to work within the framework of mutual accountability (CAADP Result Framework).
 - Work towards leveraging investment finance (both public and private).



Thank You!



Questions and Answers

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