AGRILINKS WEBINAR: CAADP TECHNICAL NETWORKS: BUILDING CAPACITY FOR AFRICA’S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Chat Transcript

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Farai Gwelo: there is feedback. the audio is not clear

AV Tech: You are logged in three times

AV Tech: Please close two of those logins

Farai Gwelo: thank you. its much better

USAID Agrilinks: Hello Betty!!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): Good morning, everyone! We are getting the webinar control room set up. Please sit tight and we will see you at 9:30amET for the start of the webinar!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Welcome Everyone to today’s Agrilinks webinar! We are just getting set up now, in the meantime, take a moment to fill out our webinar polls. Thank you!

Lusike Wasilwa: it is very clear

cris: So, Adam, I am waiting for you to call....Cris

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Lusike, we are happy to hear that is is clear, and that you were able to log into the room.

Lusike Wasilwa: Thank you very much for allowing me to join

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Welcome Robert and Betty! Good to see you both here!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): Hi all! As you can hear, we are getting set up for the webinar. Please excuse our tech tests!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): You are getting a window into our process :)

Benson Kasekera: Am happy to join the webiner

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): We’re happy to have you, Benson!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Everyone! Welcome to today’s Agrilinks Webinar series! We are excited to discuss the CAADP Technical Networks today and are in the process of getting set up. Please do take a moment to fill out the polls for us which are very helpful.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): I am Carla here and happy to help with any issues you may have.

Jorge Oliveira: Jorge Oliveira - I’m online

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Jorge!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Welcome! Where are you joining us from?
Jorge Oliveira: From USAID/West Africa in Accra

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Great! Thank you for letting us know!!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Everyone please take a moment to introduce yourselves here in the chat pod! We will use this pod to generate discussion, ask questions, and engage with each other.

Kodjo Kondo: Hi,

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Kodjo, welcome to the webinar. Where are you joining us from today?

Farai Gwelo: Farai Gwelo from FANRPA in South Africa

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Welcome Farai!

Kodjo Kondo: Kodjo Kondo, CORAF/WECARD, Dakar, Senegal

Miriam Cherogony 2: Hi Carla, There is no option for development finance in the technical expertise

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Happy to have you with us today.

Elon Gilbert: Beautiful morning here in the Jocko Valley (Montana)

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Miriam, good point noted for change at a later date.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Welcome Elon, thank you so much for joining us today!

Toba Omotilewa: Good morning! I am Toba Omotilewa, Purdue University, USA

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Good Morning Toba!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Always happy to have academia join us!

Toba Omotilewa: Thank you Carla

Toba Omotilewa: It’s my pleasure

Miriam Cherogony 2: I am mentoring the agrifinance technical networks and I wanted to register our presence in the webinar

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): What are you studying TOba?

Kenneth Zulu: I am joining from Lusaka, Zambia representing the Feed the Future Southern Africa Seed Trade Project

Derreck Ekanem: USAID/FAS (Derreck) I am so happy to be joining you all from Washington, DC

Toba Omotilewa: Agricultural Economics
Sanath Reddy: Joining SKReddy

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Welcome Kenneth. So happy to have you join us from Zambia!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Derreck and good morning to you!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hi Kenneth, welcome. Happy to have you in attendance.

Patterson Brown: Patterson Brown on from USAID Washington, looking forward to the discussion

Cholani Weebadde: Cholani Weebadde from Michigan State University

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Patterson and good morning to you. Thank you for joining us today.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Welcome Cholani. Great to have an MSU Spartan with us!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Cholani - good morning and welcome. Are you a student or a teacher?

Frank Tembo: Frank Tembo from Malawi. Feed the Future Agriculture Diversification Activity

Cholani Weebadde: I am an Assistant Professor and work with Africa on a number of projects

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Good afternoon Frank!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Great, thank you Cholani!


Cholani Weebadde: Thanks Ahmed, good to hear from you again.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Everyone, we will be getting started here very shortly, in about 5 mintues. Please do take a moment to fill out the poll questions we have in the meantime!

Merrill Jordan: Good Morning, Merrill Jordan from IBTCI

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Merrill, good morning!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hi Merrill, thank you so much for joining us today!

AV Tech: Thanks to all for joining. We will start in about 5 to 10 minutes; first up Godfrey Bahiigwa will be presenting. He is currently located in Addis Ababa, Ehtiopia

AV Tech: Please complete our polls!

Jorge Oliveira: Jorge Oliveira - I’m not having the sound

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Jorge can you hear Adam right now?
Zach Stewart: Zach Stewart with the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Sustainable Intensification at Kansas State and member of the Research and Extension Technical Network. Looking forward to the discussion.

Benson Kasekera: Benson Kasekera joining from Malawi Africa

Jorge Oliveira: Yes thanks

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Welcome Zach! Very happy to have the IL’s here!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): Welcome and thanks for joining!

Vanessa Lester: Vanessa Lester, USDA-NIFA, USA. Happy to be here!

Ben Rinehart: Ben Rinehart, joining from Washington DC

Debbie Hellums: Good morning everyone, Debbie Hellums from the International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC)

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Welcome Vanessa! Happy to have you!

Ronald Greenberg: Ron Greenberg, IDEAT Services LLC from Washington DC

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Good morning Ben! What org are you with?

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Debbie and good morning!

Thomas Miles: Tom Miles International Biochar Initiative and African Biochar Partnership

AV Tech: If you have any issues, please hover your mouse over my name (AV Tech) and private chat me

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Ron!

Merrill Jordan: Thanks Ahmed

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Tom! Welcome to you!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Greetings Tom, thank you for joining us!

Sanath Reddy: SKReddy, Dallas, Texas Hello Jeff and Jorge

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Sanath, welcome!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Sanath - welcome to you from Texas!

Jennifer King: Good morning, this is Jennifer from MEDA in Canada

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Good morning Jennifer!
USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hi Jennifer. Thank you for joining us from Canada today!

Diana McLean: Diana here from the Cornucopia Group, Ontario

Jorge Oliveira: Hello S. Reddy

Douglas Ouma: Good afternoon, Douglas here from Retouch Africa Consulting (RAI), Nairobi, Kenya

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Good morning Diana! Happy to have you join us!

Anita Campion: Good morning everyone!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Good afternoon Douglas

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Welcome Diana. So great to have many people from Canada participating in this webinar!

Meaghan Murphy: Hello - this is Meaghan joining from DC and Fintrac/ FTF Enabling Environment for Food Security project

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Good morning folks - we are about to get started!

Marco Noordeloos: Marco Noordeloos from Africa Lead (calling in from Malta)

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Good morning Anita, and welcome!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Meaghan!

David Cohen: David Cohen, from Cooperative Resources International

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Good Afternoon Marcos!

Mark Walton: Hello all, Mark Walton with Feed the Real World

Corey Watts: Hi, this is Corey Watts, with GFSP

Dima Faour-klingbeil: hello from Germany

Mark Castellino: Good morning. Mark Castellino joining from Fintrac in Washington DC

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello David! Thank you for joining us!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Mark!

Jackie Avila: Hi, here is Serge Eric

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Corey and Dima, welcome to both!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Dima, so great to have you here today!
USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Good morning Mark! Happy to see Fintrac here!

Patterson Brown: Greetings Marco!

Shereen Abdelaaty: Good morning, I’m Shereen with Africa Lead, DC based.

Joshua Ariga: Joshua Ariga, IFDC, joining from Kampala, Uganda

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Good morning Shereen!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hi Shereen, so great to have you at another webinar!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Joshua - good afternoon!

Tsitsi Makombe: hello, Tsitsi Makombe joining from IFPRI

Beverly McIntyre: Hi All, I’m Beverly McIntyre joining from DC.

Donald Mavindidze: Donald Mavindidze Im with the African Agriculture Technology Foundation

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): welcome Tsitsi!

Stephanie Mercier 2: Stephanie Mercier, from DC

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Beverly!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hi Tsitsi, welcome!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Welcome Donald!

Obed Diener: Hello, joining from FHI 360 with the African Union Partnership project

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Obed, so happy to have you with us.

Jan Middendorf: Good morning from the Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab - in route to Kansas State University!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): You can find all post event resources on the Agrilinks event website within the next couple of weeks: https://agrilinks.org/events/caadp-technical-networks-building-capacity-africas-agricultural-development

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Jan! Good morning to you in Kansas!

Courtney Buck (USAID/BFS/Policy): Great to see so many CAADP friends and colleagues here!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Jan, great to have the Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab represented here today.
Doudou Ndiaye: Regional Agriculture Specialist, Sahel Regional Office, USAID/Senegal


USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Welcome Doudou. Wonderful to have you with us today!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Solomon. Thank you for joining the webinar!

Hans Muzoora: Hans Muzoora from the Palladium Group implementing the NUTEC-MD program in Uganda.

acmoore@illinois.edu Moore: Hello from the AgReach Program for extension strengthening at the University of Illinois.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Greetings Hans. Happy to have you with us today.

Patrice Hakizimana: Agriculture and Rural development Specialist, USAID/Rwanda

Andrew Clark 2: Andrew Clark - Pendleton Oregon. Veterinarian Private Contractor

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Moore. Thank you for joining us from Illinois!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Patrice! Welcome to you from Rwanda!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Andrew - great to have you with us!

sarah tisch: Sarah Tisch, Director Food Security and MEL Crown Agents USA

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Greetings Patrice. Thank you for joining us this afternoon in Rwanda!

Amy Azania: Amy Azania, Policy Officer, One Acre Fund.

Catherine Kilelu: Greetings from Nairobi Catherine Kilelu - 3R (Robust, Reliable and Resilience) Kenya working on the dairy, horticulture and aquaculture sectors

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Sarah, we are happy to have you joining the webinar today!

Diana Caley: Diana Caley, Advisor of Food Security and MEL, Crown Agents USA

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): You can download the slides under the "Resources" box on the left - "Webinar Presentation". Also, this webinar is being recorded, and we will email you the recording and transcript.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hi Catherine, thank you for joining us. We are happy you could be here today!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Greetings Diana. Thank you for joining us this morning!
Claude Bizimana: Claude Bizimana, CAADP Focal Person, Rwanda

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Claude. Thank you for joining us today!

Mo Salman: I am sorry for late connection I had some techincal issue with the Adobe.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi Mo, glad you could join us and resolve the technical issues

DAVID DOBROWOLSKI 2: David Dobrowolski, Senior Director, Winrock International, working on inclusive agricultural development. in Africa.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Mo. I hope that you are able to hear and see everything ok now. Thank you for taking the time to join us today!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hi David, Great to have you with us today

Marilyn Warburton: Marilyn Warburton here from USDA ARS in Mississippi. I also had trouble with the Adobe link!

Abdulsamad Isah Abdullahi: Good day, Abdulsamad Isah, Institute for Agricultural Research Nigeria. M&E Expert

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello David. Thank you so much for joining us today!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Thank you for letting us know Marilyn but glad you were able to join us!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hi Marilyn. So happy to have you with us today from Mississippi.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Abdulsamad!

Marilyn Warburton: Thanks! Good to be here, happy I was smart enough to figure out the connection.

Mary Beggs: Good day everyone! Mary from Cardno here, focused on agriculture market systems.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hi Abdulsamad. Great to have you with us today!

ALBERTHA NYAKU: Albertha Nyaku from PATH

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Hello Albertha!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hi Mary. Welcome to the webinar. Thanks for joining us!

Ethiopia Akana: Hi All Ethiopia from Ethiopia

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Greetings Ethiopia. I hope your day has gone well. Thank you for joining us! We are happy to have you here.
USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Folks - please post comments and questions here to the chat box we will ask all your questions during the Q&A

Catherine Kilelu: Where can we access these plans/program documents and are these at country level?

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): For anyone that wants to access the presentation, feel free to download the webinar presentation in the Resources box found below the headshot.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Thanks Catherine!

Jackie Avila: With regards to the 7 Malabo commitments to be achieved by 2025, to what extend the African Union has setup practical steps/plans towards the implementation of these 7 seven commitments by 2025?  
Serge Eric

Robert Ouma: Great to see old friends and meet new ones here!

DAVID DOBROWOLSKI 2: This is helpful since it answers the question "capacity for what?" specifically, and how countries align their goals over time.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): We are very happy to have you with us today Robert!

Simbarashe Sibanda 2: Simba Sibanda, FANRPAN

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Thank you Jackie!

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Welcome Simba. Thank you for joining us today!

Merrill Jordan: Hi Jackie

Solomon Kalema: Some experts would like to still register. Is that still open?

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Yes Solomon the webinar is open

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): they have to register and can join

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Or you can share the link you received

Raphael Babatunde: Hello everyone....nice to be connected. Raphael AGRODEP NETWORK/NIGERIA

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Welcome Raphael. So great to have you with us this afternoon!

Jackie Avila: What is financing mechanism for the 7 Malabo commitments? Do countries buy-in? If yes, how as we know that even travels between countries are critical either by roads or by plane - ie infrastructure, visa and currency conversion constraints?

Merrill Jordan: With regard to sort of the lessons learned and capacity gaps, etc., is CAADP looking to create or have it already created a sort of learning network to share these things?
USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Great questions, thanks!

Catherine Kilelu: Does Malabo financing build on Maputo declaration of member states to allocate at least 10% of national budgets to agriculture. What is the status toward this commitment of the different countries?

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Great question Catherine, thank you so much!

Amy Azania: Catherine, reSAKKS gives a really good breakdown on where each country is at.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Thanks Amy! Great input.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): If you have any links, please share.

ALBERTHA NYAKU: What are some of the activities of the networks especially the nutrition and food security network

Amy Azania: http://www.resakss.org/

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Thanks Amy!

Catherine Kilelu: thanks Amy

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Thank you for your question Albertha!

Tsitsi Makombe: hello, under monitoring progress tab of the ReSAKSS website you can find an assessment of country and regional progress on various CAADP indicators

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Thanks Tsitsi for that great input!

Ousmane KEITA: Any french link for this webinar please?

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): M. Keita, nous sommes desolee mais nous n’avons pas les posibilites de traduir le webinar en francais

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): J’espere q tu pourrais utilize le webinar en anglais

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Si vous avez de questions, tu peux nous demandes. Merci.

Eunice Bonsi: what are some linkages that you have with Nutrition and food security implementers

Ousmane KEITA: Merci Carla, je vais essayer de suivre en anglais, merci.

Robert Ouma: The food security and nutrition technical network is coordinating with the CAADP nutrition task force. They have started to hold some meetings to outline key areas and how to respond to challenges countries are facing
Ethiopia Akana: To what extent continental institutions/arrangements are effective? At the end of the day it always depends on political commitments of member states.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Thank you for your questions Eunice!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): C'est bien. Ce vrais qu'on devra essayer de les traduir mais comme tu comprendras

Merrill Jordan: Robert, are you also looking into existing interventions to address those challenges?

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): les capacites de notre son limite!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Mais, demande moi si tu as des questions

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hello Ethiopia. Thank you for your question.

ALBERTHA NYAKU: I have similar question as Eunice. I am not clear with teh CAADP linkages with Food security and nutrition key players and programs

Kop'ep Dabugat: Dr. Godfrey, Kindly talk louder

Robert Ouma: Yes - they are looking at bringing together all players. The contact person is Kefilwe Maolosi

Simbarashe Sibanda: Which institution is coordinating the food security and nutrition group?

Robert Ouma: Her email is in the Technical Networks brief that is among the resources

Ousmane KEITA: D'accord Carla et merci pour votre disponibilité.

Merrill Jordan: Robert, thank you

Merrill Jordan: this is great

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Hi Simba. Thank you for your question.

Mo Salman: These are two broad questions that some of the speakers may be able to respond: How much would CAADP activities affected by the current proposed cut in the USAID budget as well as the EU financial support? Are there expectations to link on going relevant CAADP activities to the relatively new initiative of Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) particularly in the field of nutrition and animal health?

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Great questions Mo!

Robert Ouma: Mo - Jeff is peaking after Godfrey. He may address that Q

Simbarashe Sibanda: Any examples of member countries that have paid service fees?
David J. Dobrowolski: Donor landscapes are changing. What have been the commitments so far for funding the technical networks, and to what extent can these said to be firm?

Mo Salman: that is good if Jeff can respond to these two questions

Eunice Bonsi: How much emphasis do country members put on nutrition sensitive agriculture to address food security?

Simbarashe Sibanda: There are many initiatives in Africa that are expecting member states to fund activities but I have misgivings about this materialising. What advocacy initiatives are planned to ensure member states contribute?

Sanath Reddy: We seem to be still struggling with basic questions. TNs resources are limite. Networks are top heavy on organization..7 pillars and thirty six subpillars? Not clear on wht specifically was accomplished in the last years. Cheers for the work so far.

Mo Salman: My second question is similar to Eunice’s question in terms of the link of food security to health.

Robert Ouma: Sanath - Great Q. The current mechanism is trying to learn from the limitations of past efforts.


Merrill Jordan: Survey monkey link seems to be broken.

Robert Ouma: Checking that Merrill.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Folks you can join the Technical Networks by visiting the CAADP website at http://www.caadp-tn.org/ or by emailing Betty Tole at betty.tole@picoteamea.org

Robert Ouma: Thanks Carla!

Robert Ouma: This link seems to be working for me: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EoI_TN_CAADP

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Thank you Robert.

Doudou Ndiaye: The technical network looks like a new way to recommit the 4 CAADP Pillars.

David J. Dobrowolski: Readiness for receiving technical support is likely a key criteria.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Thank you Robert! I have also added the link to join the technical network to the Links box found in the bottom left corner of your screen!

Merrill Jordan: Thanks, working now.
David J. Dobrowolski: If TA is given freely it may not be valued without counterpart commitments, buy-in, follow up plans, etc

Robert Ouma: I like your points, David!

David J. Dobrowolski: Demand driven support is key.

Innocent Awasom: So true, David.

Merrill Jordan: does New Alliance refer to the New Alliance ICT Extension Challenge Fund?

Merrill Jordan:

Ronald Greenberg: Q Re: Technical networks: who leads each TN, when will the technical networks publish the key issues and resources available?

Robert Ouma: This is the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition in Africa.

Robert Ouma: https://new-alliance.org

Lusike Wasilwa: Yes indeed I do concur with demand driven to ensure that the private sector support research to develop products for commercialization.

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): Thank you, Robert.

Betty Tole: The Survey Monkey link is also available in French. https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/EoI_TN_CAADP_FR

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Thank you Betty!

Serge Eric: Dear Cris, given the fact that the agro-industry sector is still very weak in trading between countries, what is the African Union support to facilitate the mobility of goods and services among African countries? As we all know, getting processing goods from EU or North America is more easier than from any African country to other?

Lusike Wasilwa: How do we strengthen research in terms of technology development in agro-industry value chain development. How do we link research to industry i.e. food processors; tourism, inputs etc.

Catherine Kilelu: In my experience in Kenya, the agro-industry agenda is pushed by the ministry of trade and the ministry of agriculture is on the periphery. How does the TN also ensure broader interministerial/inter-sectoral collaboration on this agenda?

Ethiopia Akana: Dr. Bahitigwa, The expression of interest for membership to the technical networks is limited to organizations (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EoI_TN_CAADP). How are you planning to involve individuals?
Robert Ouma: Ron - the last page of the Technical Networks brief provides contacts for each Technical Networks including convening organisations where these have been identified.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Thank you for your questions.

Robert Ouma: The brief is available on the resources tab.

David J. Dobrowolski: M&E of capacity development is key.

Robert Ouma: The resources tab is just below the presenter photo left hand side.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Thanks Robert!

David J. Dobrowolski: To answer the "so that" question. TN delivered X so that the country did Y with this output.

AV Tech: Greenwell does not have a powerpoint presentation ... he is speaking only.

David J. Dobrowolski: Mapping of short term outcomes as a consequence of the support that is provided. Advocacy will be important to make this impressive vision a reality.

AV Tech: Please keep the questions coming, we are funneling them to Godfrey, Jeff and Cris.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): and Greenwell!

Robert Ouma: Ethiopia Akana - The TN link does not allow individuals because only organisations are members of TN. But if you write to Betty we can find a way to link you with participating organisations so you can contribute even if you are unaffiliated.

Robert Ouma: TN == Technical Networks

Ethiopia Akana: Thanks Robert.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Folks - All the resources will be made available on the Agrilinks website within the next couple of weeks - you can access it here: https://agrilinks.org/events/caadp-technical-networks-building-capacity-africas-agricultural-development. We will also address as many of the unanswered questions as possible, a document or blog that will also be made available on the Agrilinks event page. Stay tuned and thank you!

Serge Eric: Carla or Ahmed, as participants, we need times for answers to our queries instead of getting speakers to use full time for their speech. In such a way it looks like a TV or Radio show. Q&A is always the best interactive process to assure learning and sharing. Hope we get feedbacks from speakers.

Mo Salman: I am getting the sound; is it only me?

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Good point Serge. We are moving to the Q&A portion of the webinar now.
Serge Eric: Great,

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Thank you Serge, any questions we do not get to will be answered in a blog/document that will be shared on the event page over the next couple of weeks as we know that your questions are as important as the presentation. Unfortunately we had technical difficulties and there was was a lot of information to share this time around. Thank you!

Merrill Jordan: I guess I was really getting at, will there be a space where organizations can sort of have an online working group with a repository to share their own lessons learned.

Robert Ouma: Technical Networks will be a source of documented best practices and lessons in addition to holding regular learning events.

Kop’ep Dabugat: How will the support be provided to the Member States? Are there statutory processes thought out or will the technical support be be discretionary? What is the strategy?

Merrill Jordan: Robert, that’s awesome. I guess I’m wondering how donor will be integrated into the documentation of best practices and lessons learned.

Teshale Endalamaw: I am Teshale From Ethiopia.

Teshale Endalamaw: I am a late comer due to connection problem.

USAID Agrilinks (Ahmed): Welcome Teshale!

Robert Ouma: Kop’ep = a lot of members of the Technical Networks already have mandate to provide technical capacity support and are doing it to some extent. The Technical Networks will help organise their work better. We will have a transparent system for receiving requests and determining what to respond to and how.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): Teshale, no problem. The entire webinar recording and presentation will be made available on the Agrilinks event page found at https://agrilinks.org/events/caadp-technical-networks-building-capacity-africas-agricultural-development

USAID Agrilinks (Carla): The chat transcript will also be made available on that website.

Kassa T Alemu: Hi all, I need more explanation on agro-industry and value chain development. Any website on this?

Solomon Kalema: Solomon from the African Agribusiness Incubators Network (AAIN). Question: Water for agricultural production remains a major challenge in Africa today. Which component within the networks will address this?

Robert Ouma: Teshale may be late to the Webinar but not to the technical networks process. This is just beginning and will support CAADP for years if we are successful!
Teshale Endalamaw: Thank you Robert

Robert Ouma: Kassa - our website is caadp-tn.org but not specific to one TN. In future we might have that. However, I can connect you to Cris who is mentoring that TN. AGRA is the convenor.

Douglas Ouma: Kop’ep for the bieinall review technical support, the country specific neesd are identified during the trainings and the technical backstooling is corindated by ReSSAKSwho deplays various experts within the pool of TN to support. So the support is corinanted and so far is pepged on the neesd analysis.

Ronald Greenberg: The Agro-industry & Value Chain Development and Market and Regional Trade TN seems like a good ppacle to discuss the role of agro-processors and aggregators to drive demand for farmer producer groups and improve access to markets. This approach doesn’t come across in the text of these TNs. How might this topic be addressed?

Robert Ouma: Solomon - there is a Technical Network on Resilience and NRM issues that covers water issues among others.

cris: Serge: This is an important question. Part of the answer is to ensure RECS are truly working to allow free trade. Our TN will seek to strenthen linkages of market actors.

David J. Dobrowolski: I thank Jeff for his response, especially that quality support will attract funds, and that the interest is on longer term support structures.

Solomon Kalema: Thanks Robert. Looking through.

Robert Ouma: Cris - see Ronald Greenberg’s Q

greenwell matchaya 2: Solomon one of the networks that targets investment in water for agriculture is Agricultural investment financing

greenwell matchaya 2: and the other one is on resilience’

Kassa T Alemu: Thank you Ouma and Greenberg

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Folks - we are going to switch over to the end polls in just a moment but the Q&A will continue through until 11AM! Please stay with us as Godfrey and Jeff continue to answer your questions! Thank you!

cris: Ron, your insights are fully spot on. That is exactly much of what our issues paper dealt with...

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Your input is very valuable so please take a moment to take the polls while we continue with the questions

Serge Eric: Thanks Cris! That’ll be great. With free trade area, so many development initiatives could be arised and move themselves without any funding facility
Teshale Endalamaw: Dear can individuals join the network? if so how?

Serge Eric: However, the political will is not buying-in till date for free trade area in Africa.

Ronald Greenberg: cris would love to engage more with you on this. ideatnow@gmail.com Good to see you.

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: All the resources will be posted to the Agrilinks event page within the next couple weeks! https://agrilinks.org/events/caadp-technical-networks-building-capacity-africas-agricultural-development

Michael Hurley: IS there any CAADP package or presentation available for Investors that highlights success and lessons learned in areas of risk mitigation with, for example, success stories from countries who have addressed these issues (corruption, regulatory hurdles, etc.)?

Mo Salman: That is good challenging question Michael Hurley

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Thank you all for joining our Agrilinks webinar series today to discuss the CAADP Technical Networks! We are so happy you could join us and as always thank you for your patience as we channel presenters from various countries across continents. We are going to ask one more question and wrap up within the next couple of minutes. Please do fill out the webinar polls and stay tuned for the post event resources posted to Agrilinks! Thank you!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): For further comments and questions, please feel free to contact me: jmaccartee@usaid.gov

Ousmane KEITA: Est ce que CAAD dispose d’organe de contrôle pour s’assurer de l’effectivité des engagements pris par les Etats?

Lusike Wasiilwa: We need to re-examine the criteria used in prioritizing agro-industry value chains. Also look at how researchers can leverage on this to set the research agenda

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Question from Ousmane Keita: Does CAADP have a supervisory body to ensure that the commitments made by the states are effective?

greenwell marchaya 2: teshale Endalamaw: Dear can individuals join the network? if so how?: You can contact Betty Cole. See the PPT by Godfrey

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Merci Ousmane!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Betty Tole email is betty.tole@picoteamea.org

Solomon Kalema: Well presented. Much thanks to the panel

Merrill Jordan: Thank you all so much
AV Tech: Thanks to all for joining! Please complete the polls and we'll leave the room open for another five minutes or so.

Merrill Jordan: this was great

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Thank you everyone for participating in today's webinar! We will find a way to answer all unanswered questions in a document or blog that will be posted to the Agrilinks CAADP event page within the next two weeks. And thank you to our presenters for all the valuable information that was shared today! You can join the CAADP Technical Networks by emailing Betty Tole at betty.tole@picoteamea.org, or by accessing the survey monkey link or by visiting the CAADP Technical Networks home page!

Robert Ouma: Thanks you!!!

Serge Eric: Thanks

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Thank you Robert!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Thank you Serge!

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): Thank you for joining, all!!

Benson Kasekera: thanks

Michael Hurley: thanks!

Teshale Endalamaw: thanks

Miriam Cherogony 2: Thanks for a wonderful webinar

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Thanks Benson!

USAID Agrilinks (Carla) 2: Thank you all!

Jackie Avila 2: Thank you. This was a good informative session!

Ousmane KEITA: Great; Thank you

Lusike Wasilwa: Thanks

Douglas Ouma: Thanks you team, a great start for TN