

CAADP UPDATE

Editorial

Welcome to the second issue of CAADP UPDATE. As indicated in the first issue, this newsletter provides insights into not only the latest developments on CAADP and ActionAid's engagements in the process, but also goes beyond to other issues relating to agricultural development in Africa.

We are open to your suggestions and opinions, so please do not hesitate to share them with us.

ActionAid Signs Memorandum of Understanding with the African Union Commission



Tennyson Williams (ActionAid) and Commissioner Rhoda Peace Tumušime (AUC) sign the MoU in Addis Ababa, 12 July 2011. © Buba Khan

On the 12 July, ActionAid signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the African Union Commission (AUC) to formalise the relationship the two organisations have built over time.

Since 2009, ActionAid has been actively engaging with social movements and diverse civil society organisations (CSOs) – building their capacities and linking them to

regional agricultural processes such as CAADP and AGRA (Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa) and related political institutions.

Based on positive outcomes of ActionAid's engagement on the CAADP process, the NEPAD Secretariat and the AU Commission for Agriculture and Rural Development opened up the opportunity

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to strengthen the two organisations' relationship through a formal agreement.

The MoU indeed brings many new opportunities and responsibilities for ActionAid, not only on CAADP but also broader agendas on African agriculture.

ActionAid will now be able to formally register, participate, contribute and influence agricultural policies on a myriad of venues – including climate change negotiations, land policy initiatives, agricultural financing meetings, AU summits, African Ministerial Conference and so on.

The MoU will also leverage the political position of ActionAid in Africa, allowing us to advocate for greater policy space for civil society and to ensure that the voices of CSOs and social movements are adequately heard.

Representing ActionAid at the signing ceremony, Tennyson Williams, International Director for West and Central Africa, noted:

“The current rise in price of food commodities across the globe and the attendant protests by citizens and CSOs against such trends is further justification for us to work together and fight the common enemy – poverty.”

Also speaking at the ceremony, Her Excellency Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and

“The signing of this MOU is needed to formalize the collaboration between the two institutions which have been working closely in earnest.”



Dr Edeme Janet (AUC), Commissioner Rhoda Peace Tumusiime (AUC), Buba Khan (ActionAid) and Dr Mariama Jallow (AUC) after the ceremony. Photo: Buba Khan

What remains critical, however, is how ActionAid manages the renewed partnership and implements the MoU, taking into account the increasing demands for our participation and involvement in AU processes.

Further reading:

- [Talking Points by Her Excellency Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, AU Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, at the MoU Signing Ceremony](#) (101 KB, PDF).
- [ActionAid Statement at the MoU Signing Ceremony](#) (288 KB, PDF).

National Non-State Actor Dialogue Workshops

As outlined in the previous issue, the main objective of the Non-State-Actor (NSA) Dialogue Workshops is to enhance the participation of CSOs in CAADP processes and to influence and inform agricultural policy through a coordinated action.

Plans for the nine country* workshops are well underway, with Zimbabwe finalizing the arrangements for its workshop in on 16-18 August. FANPRAN (Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network) and ActionAid food rights staff in Zimbabwe are leading the preparations with financial support from Africa LEAD (The Africa Leadership Training and Capacity Building Program), part of the Feed the Future initiative of the US government. Training of Dialogue Workshop facilitators will be convened by Africa LEAD in Nairobi during the first week of August.

* Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Senegal, Tanzania, Mali, Zambia and Rwanda; Ghana has been removed from the original list.

Pan-Africa Policy Dialogue Meeting

ActionAid, ACORD (Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development) and Oxfam are co-organizing the Pan-Africa Policy Dialogue meeting, to be held on 17-19 October in Nigeria. The meeting will bring together 80 participants including CSOs, NGOs, government officials and international organisations to assess the implementation of CAADP with a view to recommend viable action plans.

Key objectives of the meeting include:

1. Deepening the commitment to and alignment with the key CAADP targets and principles as well as broader issues facing African agriculture.
2. Strengthening the capacity of small-scale farmers, pastoralists, land alliance/land rights, women rights organizations and relevant NGOs/INGOs to engage with CAADP processes at the national and regional levels
3. Sharing information on the CAADP Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF) and how country implementation is organized to address the needs of women and climate change adaptation
4. Facilitating constructive dialogue and exchange of information among stakeholders on broader issues facing African agriculture
5. Sharing lessons and good practices regarding the identification, design and implementation of national and regional policies, strategies and programmes that contribute to enhanced agricultural growth, food security and rural development in Africa.
6. Identifying gaps and give clear recommendations for CAADP implementation at national and regional levels.

Further reading:

- [Draft Concept Note for the Pan-Africa Policy Dialogue Meeting](#) (61 KB, DOC)
- [Draft Agenda of the Pan-Africa Policy Dialogue Meeting](#) (60 KB, DOC)

Partnerships with Regional Farmers' Networks

ActionAid is strengthening its collaboration with regional farmers' organisations as they play a crucial role in achieving the right to food and in pushing for alternative solutions that result in concrete agricultural policies in Africa.

In addition to the PAFFO (Pan-African Farmers' Forum) at the continental level, there are five regional farmers' networks in Africa:

- **West Africa: ROPPA**
(Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et de Producteurs de l'Afrique de l'Ouest)
- **East Africa: EAFF**
(East Africa Farmers' Federation)
- **North Africa: UMAGIRI**
(Union Maghrébine des Agriculteurs)
- **Central Africa: PROPAC**
(Sub-Regional Platform of Peasant Organizations of Central Africa)
- **South Africa: SACAU**
(Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions)

Building partnerships with each of these networks requires national-level engagements to strengthen the links between local, national, regional and continental levels for effective policy advocacy.

ActionAid is due to sign a MoU with the EAFF to better coordinate the work around the COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa) Regional CAADP Compact. Similar partnership is being forged between ActionAid and ROPPA as the latter prepares for its Women's Wing Meeting in September. It is anticipated that such partnerships will gradually be extended to other networks in Africa.

Further reading:

- [Concept Note for the ActionAid - EAFF MoU](#) (143 KB, PDF)
- [Draft MoU between ActionAid and EAFF](#) (242 KB, DOC)

CAADP Mutual Accountability Framework and Country Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support Systems Planning Meeting

ActionAid's Africa Right to Food Coordinator, Buba Khan, took part in the CAADP Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF) and Country Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support Systems (SAKSS) Planning Meeting on 19-22 July.

The meeting was held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania with 15 participants from the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA),

the AUC, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), SACAU, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), COMESA, Agricultural Research for Development in Africa (IITA), the World Bank, USAID, ActionAid, and government representatives from Rwanda, Mozambique and Uganda.

The main focus of the meeting was to develop strategies for coordinating support for countries in enabling operations and strengthening M&E and accountability systems, and to select additional countries for SAKSS and MAF support.

Further reading:

- [Presentation on CAADP Mutual Accountability](#) (66 KB, PPT)
- [Presentation on the Proposal of the Establishment of Country SAKSS \(IFPRI and NPCA\)](#) (804 KB, PPT)
- [Presentation on a review of Uganda's agricultural sector](#) (101 KB, PDF)
- [Presentation on 'Monitoring African Food and Agricultural Policies' as a tool for policy analysis and support \(FAO\)](#) (1.5 MB, PPT)
- [Presentation on the Rwanda Case Study on MAF \(Rwanda-SAKSS\)](#) (326 KB, PDF)

Sustainable Agriculture Training Workshop

ActionAid and IFSN (International Food Security Network) are jointly organising the Sustainable Agriculture Training Workshop on 22-27 August in Nairobi, Kenya.

The main objectives of this training are to share lessons from country experiences on sustainable agriculture, and to build the capacity of ActionAid staff and partners on the technical aspects and the gender dynamics of climate resilient sustainable agriculture.

40 participants will attend the workshop across the Africa region, and ActionAid Kenya will help organize field visits to look at issues of water harvesting, dry land farming, market access and cooperatives, soil conservation and livestock management.

Further reading:

- [Concept Note of the Workshop](#) (22 KB, DOC)
- [Draft Agenda of the Workshop](#) (90 KB, DOC)

Key Dates

Compact Signing

- **September:** Lesotho

Business Meeting

- **September:** Mozambique

Technical Reviews

- **August:** Burkina Faso, Zambia
- **September:** Swaziland, Mozambique

Regional CAADP Africa Forum

- **September:** Eastern Africa
- **October:** West Africa, North Africa
- **November:** Central Africa
- **December:** Southern Africa

NSA Dialogue—Zimbabwe

16-18 August, Zimbabwe

Accelerating Operationalisation of AU-NEPAD Agriculture Climate Change Adaptation-Mitigation Framework

17-19 August, Durban, South Africa

ActionAid Sustainable Agriculture Training Workshop

22-26 August, Nairobi, Kenya

Training of Trainers—Land Policy Initiative

5-9 September, Namibia

An African Ministerial Conference on Climate-Smart Agriculture - Africa Leading the Way: Enhancing Agricultural Productivity in a Changing Climate

8-10 September, Johannesburg, South Africa

Pan-Africa Policy Dialogue Meeting

17-19 October, Lagos, Nigeria

World Rural Forum : Family Farming International Congress: Feeding the World, Caring for the Earth

5-7 October, Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain

37th Session of the Committee on World Food Security

17-22 October, Rome, Italy

Africa Nutrition and Food Security Day Event

30 October, Cairo, Egypt

Increasing Agricultural Productivity and Enhancing Food Security in Africa: New Challenges and Opportunities

1-3 November, Africa Hall, UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Innovations in Extension and Advisory Services: Linking Knowledge to Policy and Action for Food and Livelihoods

15-18 November, Nairobi, Kenya