

# CAADP UPDATE

## Editorial

The past two months have seen a myriad of regional and continental meetings on **climate change** in relation to African agriculture and CAADP. This issue of CAADP UPDATE focuses on ActionAid's engagements in these processes as well as the on-going national and regional activities around CAADP implementation.

## Operationalising the AU-NEPAD Climate Change Adaptation-Mitigation Framework

From the 17th to 19th August, ActionAid took part in the consultative dialogue on operationalising the Agriculture Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Framework in Durban, South Africa, which was organised by the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) and the African Union Commission (AUC).

With attendance of close to 60 participants from the AUC, NPCA, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), governments, civil society organisations (CSOs), regional and national farmers' organisations and other inter-governmental agencies, the meeting aimed to discuss the impacts of climate change and variability in Africa in general and on agriculture in particular.



The meeting recognised the importance of value addition and scaling up good practices in sustainable agriculture in Africa, as well as the need to increase funds for climate smart agriculture and to strengthen the capacity of African negotiators on climate change through stronger research. The role of women in agriculture and the prevalent gender gap in the sector was addressed, and the participants called for more investments in women smallholder farmers.

### Further reading:

- [Draft Report of the workshop](#) (127 KB, DOC)



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## Sustainable Agriculture Training Workshop



From 22nd to 26th August, over 30 participants from ActionAid country programmes and partners took part in a sustainable agriculture training workshop in Nairobi, Kenya. The training benefited from experts from academia, research institutions, civil society organisations (CSOs) including regional farmers' organisations.

The main objectives of the workshop were: 1) to share technical knowledge, principles and concepts on climate resilient sustainable agriculture ; 2) to build the capacity of staff and partners to interrogate gender issues in smallholder agriculture; 3) to share and learn from different country experiences; 4) to deepen the understanding of ActionAid's international strategy, particularly relating to Mission Objective 1 which prioritises sustainable agriculture; and 5) to formulate an action plan to scale-up sustainable agriculture and to influence policy.

The training provided the participants an opportunity to share and learn from each other and as well as to take forward the work on sustainable agriculture at both national and regional levels. Participants also gained a better understanding of CAADP Pillars 1 and 4 which are highly pertinent to sustainable agriculture and climate change adaptation.

### Further reading:

- [Synthesis Report the workshop](#) (340KB, PDF)

## African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN)— “Consolidating the Common Position and Strategy for Climate Change in Africa”

As the 17th Conference of Parties (COP 17) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) draws near, CSOs and governments alike are bracing up for a very challenging and complex negotiations around climate change.

To consolidate and enhance Africa's common negotiating position for COP 17, the Fourth Special Session of AMCEN was held from 12th to 16th September in Bamako, Mali. This official session was preceded by the Pre-AMCEN African Civil Society Climate Change Workshop, organised by the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) in collaboration with the UN Regional Office for Africa and other partners.

This meeting brought together 50 CSO participants, who discussed the impact of climate change on Africa and the strategies to ensure increased civil society involvement in the ongoing international climate change and Rio+20 processes.



### Further reading:

- [Bamako Declaration on the Environment for Sustainable Development](#) (106KB, PDF)
- [Africa Civil Society Demands to AMCEN](#) (113KB, PDF)
- [Expert Group Statement on Climate Change](#) (69KB, PDF)
- [Statement to the Ministerial Segment](#) (108KB, PDF)

## Platform for Exchange between African Research Scientists and Policymakers on Climate Change Adaptation

In order to overcome the challenges policy makers face in formulating and designing policies related to climate change, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has funded the West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF/MECARD) to establish and operationalise a 'Platform for Exchange between African Research Scientists and Policymakers on Climate Change Adaptation'. The platform will provide an environment which will facilitate the knowledge exchange and consensus building between researchers and policymakers and identifying research gaps in policy-options for climate change adaptation in Africa.

ActionAid participated in the two day Regional Sensitisation Workshop on the platform on 28-29 September in Abuja, Nigeria. This workshop brought together relevant stakeholders to share ideas and to promote better understanding of the project, and more importantly to identify synergies and possible collaboration among participants. The workshop also discussed the operational framework of the project to improve communications and outreach to policymakers.

### Further reading:

- [Presentation on the Platform](#) (2.2 MB, PPT)

## National NSA Dialogue Workshops

The national NSA dialogue workshops, which are aimed at building the capacity of NSA representatives to coordinate and increase the participation in the CAADP process, have been successfully completed in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Ethiopia. ActionAid Senegal also organised a similar event in July, which was preceded by a review of Senegal's National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP).

A few more countries are organising similar dialogues towards the end of the year with support from Africa Lead. These include: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Senegal.

To scale up these national-level initiatives, the 'Pan-Africa Policy Dialogue Meeting: Working Together to Tackle Challenges of Agriculture in Africa—Role of NSAs' will be convened in Abuja, Nigeria on 17-19 October. This meeting is co-organised by ActionAid, Oxfam and ACORD, and a detailed outcome of this meeting will be shared in the next issue.

### Further reading:

- [Zimbabwe workshop report](#) (17 KB, DOC)
- [Senegal workshop Executive Summary](#) (414 KB, PDF)
- [Senegal workshop Full Report](#) [[EN](#) | [FR](#)]
- For other reports, contact Buba Khan

## Key Dates

### **Pan-Africa Policy Dialogue Meeting: "Working Together to Tackle Challenges of Agriculture in Africa – Role of Non-State Actors (NSAs)"**

17-19 October, Lagos, Nigeria

### **37th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)**

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

### **CAADP Business Meeting**

7-8 November, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania

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

15-18 November, Nairobi, Kenya