



High-level Workshop
Agricultural Development and Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa:
Building a Case for More Support
Nairobi: 14-16 September, 2005

OBJECTIVE: A better appreciation of the compelling facts underpinning the political commitment made by AU Heads of State and Government in Maputo to increase budgetary allocation to agriculture and rural development, and reaching a consensus on the broad strategic options to implement the Maputo declaration and other political commitments made in favour of agricultural development and food security in Sub-Saharan Africa.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

1. Improved understanding of the food and agriculture situation in Africa and rationale as to why agriculture should be allocated more resources.
2. Appreciation of the progress made in fulfilling AU commitments to support agriculture, and agreeing on the way forward to accelerate their implementation.
3. Government representatives provided with ammunition to argue in favour of increased and effective public support to agriculture with, especially, Ministries of Finance and development partners.
4. Agreement reached on priority policy agenda for Governments, regional organisations and other development partners, including FAO, to advance implementation of these commitments and agricultural development in SSA.

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

- 8:30-9:00 Registration

SESSION I: Official Welcome and Opening - Chair: G. Mrema, FAO Sub-Regional Representative for East and Southern Africa

- 9:00-9:40 **Key speakers:** M. Chipeta (FAO Policy Assistance Division, Director), Dr Mwape (NEPAD Secretariat) and Mr Snrech (Councillor for Cooperation, French Embassy)
- 9:40:10:00 **Setting the Scene: Background, objective and method followed for the initiative** (W. Kidane, FAO Policy Assistance Division, AU/NEPAD Focal Point)

Coffee Break

SESSION II: Key Note Presentations - Chair: M. Bamba, FAO Policy Assistance Branch Chief

- 10:30-11:15 **Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa** – *presentation and discussion* (M. Maetz, FAO Senior Agricultural Policy Support Officer)
- 11:15-12:45 **Country Case Studies: Ethiopia, Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, Nigeria** – *presentation* (Respective authors of the case studies)

Lunch Break

- 14:15-15:00 **Discussion of country case studies**

SESSION III: Key Note Presentations – 2: Chair: Mrs B. Ndisale, African Union

- 15:00-16:00 **Background and conceptual issues underpinning agricultural development strategies, food security and success stories from outside Africa** (J.-M. Boussard and T. Voituriez, CIRAD), *presentation and discussion*
- 16:00-17:00 **Progress made in implementing the Maputo Declaration commitments** (Dr Mwape, NEPAD Secretariat), *presentation and discussion*

End of Day 1 Sessions

Cocktail Dinner

Thursday, September 15, 2005

SESSION IV: Building a Case for More Support – Chair: M. Chikaluka, COMESA

- 8:30-9:15 **Agricultural Development as a strategic option for achieving food security in Sub-Saharan Africa** (M. Maetz, FAO), *presentation and discussion*
- 9:15-10:30 **Performance of the SSA food and agriculture sector – Agricultural Development Constraints and Opportunities** (W. Kidane, FAO), *presentation and discussion*

Coffee Break

- 10:30-11:15 **Lessons learned from, and relevance to SSA of, success stories in agricultural development** (P. Dardel, FAO Policy Officer), *presentation and discussion*
- 11:15 -12:00 **Where do we go from here?** (P. Dardel, FAO), *presentation and discussion*

Lunch Break

SESSION V: Working Groups

- 14:00-14:15 **Introduction to group discussions** (M. Maetz/P. Dardel, FAO)
- 14:15-16:00 **Working Group Discussions**

Group 1 –
Group 2 –
Group 3 –

Coffee Break

- 16:30-18:00 **Working Group Discussions continue**

End of Day Two

Friday, September 16, 2005

- 8:30-10:30 **Working Group Discussions continue**
- 10:30-12:30 **Report Writing (Group Reports)**

Lunch Break

- 14:00-15:00 **Plenary Presentation of Group Discussions and Clarification** - Chair: B. Mochoge, IGAD

Coffee Break

SESSION VI: Way Forward and Conclusion – Chair: J. Rushemeza, Head of FAO Policy Assistance Unit

- 15:00-16:00 **Plenary Discussion on the Way Forward** (Facilitation by M. Maetz/P. Dardel)
- 16:00-16:30 **Closing Session**