



## **CAADP INDUSTRY CONSULTATION WORKSHOP: CONCEPT NOTE**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In July 2003, the African Heads of States endorsed the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) as the continent's framework for agriculture-led growth and development to address food insecurity. This was in recognition of the central role agriculture plays in alleviating poverty and hunger and its crucial contribution in enabling the continent to realise the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- 1.2 The Heads of States committed themselves to:
- Champion agriculture-led growth to reach MDG1
  - Target goal of 6% sector growth rate
  - Increased public investment in agriculture (10% budget share)
  - Comprehensive programme design
  - Policy efficiency, peer review, accountability
  - Inclusiveness: farmers, agribusiness, civil society
- 1.3 To officially begin the implementation of CAADP in South Africa, DAFF in conjunction with the Nepad Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) hosted a one day CAADP Stakeholder Sensitization Seminar on 20 October 2011. The aim of the CAADP Stakeholder Sensitization Seminar was to evaluate existing South African policies and identify avenues of implementing CAADP effectively in South Africa.
- 1.4 Amongst the resolutions emanating from the seminar was a directive to establish the multi-partner CAADP Country Team to oversee the implementation of CAADP in South Africa.

## **2. PURPOSE OF THE AGRIBUSINESS AND FOOD INDUSTRY CONSULTATION WORKSHOP**

The purpose of the workshop is to convene a robust dialogue between DAFF and Agriculture Industry stakeholders. As part of a series of consultations with various stakeholders across the country, this workshop will provide a platform for dialogue on the key priorities for consideration in the drafting of the national agriculture and food security investment plan.

## **3. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

### **3.1 PROVINCIAL CONSULTATIONS**

One of the key components in the promulgation of the CAADP agenda is the operationalisation of CAADP implementation at provincial level under the leadership of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. Provincial consultations are being facilitated to maximise participation.

The provincial consultative processes include all local and provincial stakeholders. These provincial consultations are led by the Provincial Departments of Agriculture and have a provincial structure similar to the National CAADP Country Team. The National CAADP Country Team works closely with the provincial team to provide guidance and oversight to the process.

It is important to recognise that implementing CAADP should be pursued as building CAADP value addition into existing national and provincial agriculture and rural development strategies and plans. Success in CAADP implementation will be seen from improvements in the quality of the agriculture investment plans, strengthened by aligned multi-institutional capacity to implement agriculture development programmes and ensure results and impact in terms of increased productivity as well as increased employment opportunities, incomes and food security for both rural and urban populations.

#### **Each provincial consultation:**

- ❖ Identifies and convenes all stakeholders involved in the implementation of the agriculture and rural development programmes and initiatives including women and youth formations, farmer organisations, financing institutions,

input suppliers and other private sector players, academic institutions and research institutions.

- ❖ Identify key provincial strategies and plans
- ❖ Review the implementation of the existing programmes including successes and challenges, resources and strengths that are available in the province
- ❖ Create a platform to share best practices and specific solutions that address national and local concerns and weaknesses
- ❖ Arrive at a consensus on key provincial programmes to be considered in the design of the national CAADP agriculture and food security investment plan.
- ❖ Identify key issues that will make CAADP implementation a reality at a provincial level.

### **3.2 National level: National Agribusiness and Food Industry Stakeholder Consultation**

The success of the CAADP implementation process at provincial and national levels will largely depend on the support, commitment and mutual agreement from all stakeholder sectors. In addition to national and provincial consultations, dialogue with the private sector in the form of workshops becomes part of the process. This consultation will assist in identifying key priorities for the national plan in terms the requirements of agribusiness and other industry stakeholders. It should also identify existing programmes and projects and the strategic role that the stakeholders can play to support the CAADP process.

The consultation will also act as a first step in establishing a formal, transparent and effective communication platform between the agricultural private sector and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries with regards to the implementation of CAADP in South Africa.

The outcome of the consultation is expected to further strengthen the understanding on areas such as encouraging private sector participation in the work of provincial and country teams.

### **3.3. CAADP COMPACT SIGNING**

The stakeholder consultations will culminate into the national and province-specific priorities and present a portfolio of strategies to help in adaptation/design of investment programmes in order to deliver on the

objectives and targets of provincial and national agriculture, rural development strategies and the country Growth Path Plan. This will provide the basis for signing the national CAADP compact as a demonstration of stakeholder commitment to the agriculture and rural development agenda. This is displayed along a shared vision, collective responsibility and commitment to deliver results and impact.

The Compact will be signed by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Minister of Finance, the Presidents of the Agricultural Unions as well as the President of COSATU and representatives of the Private Sector.

The CAADP Signing will consider recommendations from the stakeholder consultations with respect to:

- ❖ The current status of agriculture and food security in the country
- ❖ The identified gaps
- ❖ Priority programmes for agricultural growth, development and food security
- ❖ Financing requirements towards effective implementation of CAADP in South Africa
- ❖ Alignment of CAADP Implementation to national priorities such as job creation, rural development and poverty alleviation.

#### **4. EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE AGRIBUSINESS AND FOOD INDUSTRY CONSULTATION WORKSHOP**

- 4.1 Private sector-led development programmes are identified.
- 4.2 Schedule to align these programmes with the CAADP pillars.
- 4.3 Commitment for active involvement in the CAADP process including post-compact activities.
- 4.4 Re-affirmation of private sector representation and role playing in CAADP teams (national and provincial).
- 4.5 Private sector role clarification.

## **5. POST COMPACT ACTIVITIES**

- 5.1 As prescribed by the NPCA, post-compact activities include the development of an agriculture and food security investment plan and financing mechanism.
- 5.2 A critical fact of the post-compact activities lies in the implementation and the monitoring and evaluation of the investment plans. DAFF through the existing structures such as the CEO Forum and the country team will monitor the implementation of the investment plan.

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