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## Kenya - Integrating Agriculture in National Adaptation Plans (NAP-Ag) Inception Report

### Inception Workshop Overview

Date: 8 June 2016

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Organizers: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Kenya, FAO, UNDP

The NAP-Ag Inception Workshop for Kenya was attended by 30 representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Jomo Kenyatta University, UNDP, FAO, agricultural extension services and local government officials.

#### Workshop Objectives:

- To familiarise stakeholders and partners to the NAP process;
- To discuss the implementation and management arrangements, including the roles of various partners and stakeholders in the NAP-Ag project;
- To present the country work plan for implementation of the NAP-Ag programme by government focal officers.

#### Highlights:

- Dr. Gabriel Rugalema, FAO Representative in Kenya, opened the workshop and reminded stakeholders of the importance of the agricultural sectors to the national economy and its vulnerability to climate change. By integrating climate change risks and opportunities into planning, a NAP can help ensure resilience to natural hazards and crisis;
- Jasper Nkanya, Director of Agriculture Mechanisation and Engineering, spoke on behalf of the Principal Secretary of the State Department of Agriculture Dr. Richard Lesiyampe. He highlighted the financial, technical, and capacity gaps identified for the agricultural sectors in Kenya's NAP. He stated that the NAP-Ag process would identify and target such gaps, complementing current national adaptation strategies and policies;
- Ms. Julia Teng (UNDP) gave an overview of the national adaptation plan process. This session was designed to deepen stakeholders' understanding of the NAP process and its additional global support structure. An emphasis was placed on peer-to-peer exchange from the eight NAP-Ag partner countries to allow the NAP-Ag programme's impact to be maximised.
- The NAP focal point for Kenya, Dr Stephen Kingúyu, gave a brief outline of Kenya's participation in adaptation planning from March 2013, when the initial National Climate Change Action Plan was launched.

- Government Focal Officers Dr Charles Mutai of the National Climate Change Secretariat and Dr Michael Obora of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, presented each agencies' respective work plans;
- A concluding section moderated by Dr. Zeinabu Khalif (UNDP Kenya) sought feedback from stakeholders and participants. Some of the topics raised included:
  - Concerns over ensuring adequate representation of other relevant ministries in the Project Steering Committee;
  - Questions on linkages with the private sector during NAP implementation;
  - Participants were eager to build synergies with on-going adaptation initiatives in the country to avoid duplication of efforts.

### Country Priorities:

#### *Short-term sub-actions:*

- Promote indigenous knowledge on crops
- Increase awareness of climate change impacts on the agriculture value chain
- Conduct climate risk and vulnerability assessments of the agriculture value chain
- Coordinate and mainstream climate change adaptation into agricultural extension
- Promote new eating habits

#### *Medium-term sub-actions:*

- Promote the uptake of climate change related information for agriculture
- Develop and up-scale specific adaptation actions in the agricultural sub-sectors
- Develop and apply Performance Benefit Measurement methodologies for adaptation

#### *Long-term sub-actions:*

- Promote and implement climate-smart agriculture practices in Kenya

### Results:

- The stakeholders adopted the country work plan for 2016-2018;
- The stakeholders were familiarised with the NAP process and the NAP-Ag programme;
- The two key ministries (Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries) agreed to immediately embark on implementation of the plan's activities;
- The Project Steering Committee committed to convening regular meetings for implementing the NAP-Ag project.

*This overview was generated by the Integrating Agriculture in National Adaptation Plans (NAP–Ag) Programme. The full Inception Report and information on other NAP-Ag activities in Kenya can be found on the following pages:*

[www.fao.org/in-action/naps/partner-countries/Kenya](http://www.fao.org/in-action/naps/partner-countries/Kenya)  
[www.adaptation-undp.org/naps-agriculture/partner-countries/Kenya](http://www.adaptation-undp.org/naps-agriculture/partner-countries/Kenya)