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## CONCEPT NOTE

## Ministerial Roundtable

Strengthening National and Regional Capacities to Effectively Implement Commitments and Increase Investments Made at National And Continental Level for the Eradication of Hunger and the Transformation of Food Systems in Africa for an Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity

### A. Introduction

1. In June 2014, Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU) adopted the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods. The Declaration made seven specific commitments as its pillars, including ending hunger in Africa by 2025 within the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) framework. The SDGs for 2016-2030 adopted by the UN Summit in September 2015 also included a commitment on ending hunger.

2. Based on the lessons learned from the 10 years of CAADP implementation and the MDGs<sup>1</sup> implementation, the ministerial roundtable will discuss, a) how countries could improve their capacities for coordinating and implementing commitments and increase investment for ending hunger, including drawing on lessons for enhancing South-South cooperation and options to boost the Africa Solidarity

<sup>1</sup> MDG: Millennium Development Goal

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Trust Fund; and b) the challenges and opportunities for Africa in the era of COP21 Conference of the Parties and how to address them within the COP22, The Road to Marrakech.

## **B. Expected Results**

3. The Ministerial Roundtable will provide a forum to discuss recommendations and lessons learnt regarding the capacity of African member States to increase investments and effectively implement commitments for food and nutrition security, in the context of the CAADP/Malabo process alongside the growing relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals.

4. The roundtable will also explore opportunities to promote South-South Cooperation in the exchange of agricultural knowledge and technology for rural development and identify potential channels for resource mobilization.

5. Furthermore, the Ministerial Roundtable will address the challenges and opportunities for Africa in the era of COP21 and plans for COP22 which will be held in Marrakech, Morocco, in November 2016.

### **Roundtable organisation**

6. The overall theme of the Roundtable is on: Delivering on The Malabo Declaration - Building capacity for implementing commitment and increase investments.

7. The Roundtable is organized in three interrelated sessions. The first part will centre on how Member States can implement the Malabo Declaration in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals. Discussions will focus on several issues related to the means and mechanisms to end hunger in Africa by 2025:

- Building capacities, implementing commitments and increasing investments.
- Accelerating Implementation of the CAADP/Malabo Framework with a focus on Programme Governance and Coordination.

8. The second part of the Roundtable will focus on strengthening partnerships for resource mobilization in delivering on the Malabo strategy and roadmap. Issues to be discussed will centre on:

- Strengthening Networks for South- South Cooperation
- Lessons from the Africa Solidarity Trust Fund (ASTF)

9. The third portion of the Roundtable will focus on challenges and opportunities for Africa in the era of COP21 and issues related to preparation and implementation of the (COP 22) taking place in Morocco in November 2016.

10. The topics to be discussed may include:

- Improved integration of climate change into agriculture related policies at country level;
- Enhancing technical assistance for climate focused project development and implementation in relation to adaptation and mitigation in agriculture;
- Supporting countries to implement Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) in agriculture and food systems for better food security and nutrition.

11. The recommendations from the Ministerial Roundtable sessions will be included in the Report of the 29th Session of the ARC as matters to be brought to the attention of the FAO Conference and Council and the Heads of State of the African Union.

## Agenda and participants

**Facilitation** David Phiri, Sub Regional Coordinator for Southern Africa

### **1st Session      Accelerating Implementation of the CAADP/Malabo Framework with a focus on Programme Governance and Coordination**

09:00-09:10      Welcome and Introduction of participants: H.E. M. Sangafowa Coulibaly, Ministre de l'Agriculture et du Développement rural ; Côte d'Ivoire, Chair of the Ministerial Roundtable

09:10- 09:20      Opening Remarks: Mr José Graziano da Silva, Director-General, FAO

09:20-10:00      Ministerial Panel Discussion

1)      H.E. Jose Pacheco, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, Mozambique

2)      H.E. Essam Osman Fauyed Minister for Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt

3)      H.E. Papa Abdoulaye Seck, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Equipment of Senegal

4)      H.E. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace.

AU Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture

5)      Dr Harold Roy-Macauley, Director-General, AfricaRice

10:00-10:15      Break

### **2nd Session      Strengthening Partnership for Resource Mobilization**

10:15-10:20      Introduction of participants: H.E Kobenan Kouassi Adjoumani, Ministre des Ressources Animales et Halieutiques, Côte d'Ivoire, Chair

Video: Africa Solidarity Trust Fund – 3 minutes

- 10:20-10:55 Ministerial Panel Discussion:
- 1) H.E. Marie-Noëlle Koyara, Minister for Rural Development – Central African Republic
  - 2) H.E. Afonso Pedro Canga, Minister for Agriculture; Angola
  - 3) H.E. Chief Audu Ogbeh, Minister for Agriculture, Nigeria
  - 4) H.E. Monty Jones, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security, Sierra Leone
  - 5) H.E. Ahmed Hassan, Minister for Agriculture , Somalia
  - 6) Panelist (NPCA) - TBC
- 3rd Session COP21/COP22: The relevance for Africa and the Road to Marrakech**
- 10:55-11:00 Introduction of participants: H.E. Rémi Allah Kouadio; Ministère de l’Environnement et du Développement Durable Côte d’Ivoire – Chair
- 11:00-11:20 Opening Remarks:
- Madame Maria Helena Semedo , Assistant Director General and Coordinator for Natural Resources, FAO
  - H.E. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, AU Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture
  - M. Mohamed Ait Kadi, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Morocco
- 11:20-11:50 Ministerial Panel Discussion:
- 1) H.E. Tefera Debrew Yiman, Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Ethiopia
  - 2) H.E. Mme Jacqueline Marthe Sultan, Minister for Agriculture, Guinea
  - 3) H. E. Mapalesa Mothokho, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, Lesotho
  - 4) H.E. Teodorico De Campos, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development , Sao Tomé and Principe, on behalf of African SIDS

Closing Remarks: H.E. M. Sangafowa Coulibaly, Ministre de l'Agriculture et du Développement rural; Côte d'Ivoire, Chair

11:50-12:00

Signing Ceremony

Signing of Partnership and Liaison Agreement

1) Côte d'Ivoire (Hon. Sangafowa Coulibaly, Ministre de l'Agriculture et du Développement rural) and FAO

Signing of Africa Solidarity Trust Fund Agreement

1) Islamic Republic of The Gambia (Hon. Pa Ousman JARJU, Minister for Environment, Climate change, Fisheries and Parks and Wildlife)

2) Swaziland (Hon. Moses VILAKATI, Minister of Agriculture

Signing of MoU between FAO and AfricaRice (Dr Harold Roy-Macauley, Director General)