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- Improved communication linkages and consultations between policymakers, policy analysts, and policy beneficiaries on agricultural and rural development policy issues.

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Introduction

The Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) is an Africa-wide initiative to achieve accelerated economic growth and poverty reduction through agriculture-led development. One of the keys to the country-level CAADP process is the need to build broad-based multi-stakeholder partnerships and participation in the development and implementation of agricultural programs and policies. This includes state and non-state actors, such as civil society organisations (CSOs), farmers' organisations, and the private sector. The CAADP agenda seeks the direct participation of in-country partners, as well as the active participation of lower-level government where agriculture and rural development programs are implemented.

However, there are indications – such as the September 2009 Addis Consensus on deepening awareness among in-country partners, as well as the resolution of the 38th National Council on Agriculture in Nigeria on the need to raise the level of awareness among the States – that CAADP has not achieved the high level of inclusion and participation envisaged at its inception. In response, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD), in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), began a series of six sensitization workshops (one in each geopolitical zone) for stakeholders at the state level in order to foster their engagement in the CAADP process. The fifth of these sensitization workshops took place at Golden Royale hotel in Enugu on the 25th of October, 2011.

The objective of the workshop was to:

- Raise the level of understanding and awareness about the CAADP process
- Elicit broader stakeholder participation and buy-in
- Initiate the preparation of State Agricultural Investment Plans (SAIPs)

The workshop attracted both state and non-state actors from the states in the South-East zone, including the Permanent Secretaries of the State Ministries of Agriculture, as well as Heads of parastatal agencies, farmers' organizations and civil society organizations. Overall, 97 individuals were in attendance, including 10 female participants (see Appendix B for the participants list).

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was chaired by Prof. Martin Anikwe, Honourable Commissioner of the Enugu State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It began with an opening prayer followed by a welcome address by Patrick Ayogu, the Permanent Secretary of the Enugu State Ministry of Agriculture. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Sunday Uhiene, Head of CAADP Secretariat, on behalf of Mr. Zacheaus Atte, Deputy Director of PPAS, representing the FMARD Permanent Secretary, Dr. Ezekiel Oyemomi. Goodwill messages were delivered by Mr. Nduka Okaro, USAID; Dr. Emmanuel Tambi, FARA; Mr. Celestine Okwudili Odo, representing the National Civil Society Coalition; Dr. Hiroyuki Takeshima, IFPRI; and Prince Ike UBaka, AFAN. The workshop was thereafter declared opened.

The keynote address, as well as the goodwill messages, re-iterated the fact that the endorsement of CAADP in Nigeria is not the introduction of an external and independent intervention, but a framework to support ongoing country-level efforts by the government to achieve broad and comprehensive economic growth through agriculture. It is therefore supposed to be country-owned and country-led. The sensitization exercise is just a reminder to the government and partners of NEPAD and CAADP of objectives to which they are already committed by having signed the agreement. Also emphasized was the need for increased awareness and greater participation in the CAADP process in order to influence the direction and outcome of the development programs it contains. This is because broader participation will increase ownership of program outcomes. In addition, the expansion and

strengthening of partnerships among all stakeholders can lead to increased contribution of agriculture to overall development and economic growth, poverty and hunger reduction in Nigeria. The keynote address and goodwill messages also sought commitments from the states to hold state-level sensitization workshops and develop State Agricultural Investment Plans (SAIPs) to address state-specific constraints to agriculture.

Plenary I: Summary of Presentations

The plenary session was chaired by Prof. Martin Anikwe, Honourable Commissioner of the Enugu State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. To acquaint participants with the CAADP agenda and its related activities, three presentations were made during the first plenary session. They were “Update on CAADP Process in Nigeria,” by Dr. Sunday Uhiene; “Overview of NAIP, 2011-2014,” by Engr. David Oyakhilome; and “Highlights of the Nigeria Incentive-based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL),” by Mr. J.A. Adeboyeke of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

Update on CAADP Process in Nigeria

Dr. Sunday Uhiene, Head of CAADP Secretariat in Nigeria, began his presentation with an explanation of CAADP as an agricultural initiative endorsed by African Heads of State in 2003 in Maputo. He explained that the programme is built upon four pillars, each of which addresses a critical issue relevant to revamping the agricultural sector. According to his presentation, the main goal of CAADP is to help African countries reach a higher path of economic growth through agriculture-led development that eliminates hunger, reduces poverty and food insecurity, and enables expansion of exports. Toward that end, African Heads of State pledged to commit 10 percent of their national budgets to investments in the agricultural sector and achieve annual growth of 6 percent in the agricultural sector with a view to meeting the MDG1 of halving poverty and hunger. The CAADP process in Nigeria began with a stocktaking of existing programs (and a strategic analysis of growth options and the required investment for growth), a CAADP retreat (meant for preparing briefs and brochures), a stakeholder meeting and roundtable, and lastly the signing of a country-level agreement called the CAADP Compact. The presentation also touched on post-Compact activities, such as updating of the agricultural strategy, preparation of an investment plan, inauguration of the SAKSS steering committee, and training of CAADP champions for change, among others.

Overview of National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP) 2011-2014

Engr. Oyakhilome’s presentation highlighted the fact that each country that is signatory to the Maputo declaration (including Nigeria) is expected to design a NAIP as one of the post-Compact activities. The NAIP, a framework for the 10 percent budget commitment, was prepared using a private sector-driven value chain approach. It is comprised of all FGN projects, as well as partnership programs that are either fully- or partially-financed by donors. The NAIP essentially derives from existing government policy responses and strategies, such as the 7- and 5-point agendas, and Vision 20:2020 (all of which align with the CAADP principles and its four critical pillars). The presentation showed that the NAIP is built around five key themes, each addressing important issues needed to grow the agricultural sector by 6 percent. Also, selected targets were set against which to monitor progress of the component programs. Engr. Oyakhilome stated that the NAIP was prepared in collaboration with stakeholders, and highlighted likely financing gap and risks.

Highlights of the Nigeria Incentive-based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL)

The NIRSAL presentation by Mr. J.A. Adeboyeke of the Central Bank of Nigeria was described as a methodical approach by the Nigerian government through the CBN to de-risk the financial administration of loans to agriculture in Nigeria as a way to enhance financing

the required value-chain addition to the primary products. The document reviewed Nigeria's agricultural landscape and the major challenges hindering Nigerian Agriculture (from policy environment to market linkages and aggregation failures). He explained the process through which the farmers can access the fund which requires the state support and quickly noted that the NIRSAL document was built on five pillars basically to "de-risk" the agriculture value chain, build long term capacity and institutionalize agri-lending incentives. The presentation finally captures the identified 10 high potential breadbaskets in which to pilot investment across the agro-ecological zones in the country as contained in the NIRSAL document as follows: Cotton, tomatoes, maize, cassava, soyabeans, rice, leather, cocoa, oil-palm and the aquaculture.

Plenary II: Breakout Session

During the breakout session, all participants separated into five different groups according to the five states (Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu, and Imo) represented at the workshop. Written questions were given to each group to facilitate discussion of how to engage stakeholders at the state level to move the CAADP process forward. Specifically, the questions sought to encourage each state toward holding its own state-level CAADP sensitization workshop, and producing its SAIP. During the course of the exercise, the following people were identified as key focal persons for the CAADP process in each state:

- 1) Abia: Director, PRS
- 2) Anambra: Director, Agricultural Services
- 3) Enugu: Honourable Commissioner of Agriculture
- 4) Ebonyi: Director, PRS
- 5) Imo: Permanent Secretary, State Ministry of Agriculture

Way Forward / Vote of Thanks

Following the breakout reports from each state, the workshop communique was written, approved by participants, and signed by representatives from each state. Dr. Sunday Uhiene, Head of CAADP Secretariat, gave the closing remarks and vote of thanks, in which he thanked participants for their effort and for the thoughtful discussions which had taken place during the workshop. He encouraged participants to carry the knowledge they had gained at the workshop back to stakeholders in their own states. He also reminded participants that they should continue the work which had started and move toward the development of their SAIPs.

After the closing prayer was said, the workshop came to an end.

Appendix A: Agenda

8:00 - 9:00am	1.	Registration of Participants
9:00 - 10:00am	2.	Opening Ceremony i) Opening Prayer ii) Welcome Address by Permanent Secretary, Min. of Agric. Enugu ii) Goodwill Messages by ECOWAS, USAID, FARA, CSO, IFPRI, AFAN iii) Keynote Address by Permanent Secretary, FMARD
		Group Photograph
10:00 - 10:30am	3.	Tea/ Coffee break
10:30 – 10:50am	4.	Plenary Session I Chairman : Permanent Secretary of Enugu a) Overview of CAADP Process in Nigeria - Dr Sunday Uhiene
10:50 – 11:10am		b) Presentation of NAIP document - David Oyakhilome
11:10 – 11:30 am		a) Presentation of NIRSAL document - Isaac A. Okorafor
11:30 – 12:15 pm		Discussion
12:15 – 2:00pm	5.	Breakout Session based on States - 5 Groups
2:00 – 3:00pm	6.	6. Lunch
3:00 – 4:00pm	7.	Plenary Session II - Chaired by Representative of CSO Reports from Breakout Sessions - 5 Groups + Discussion
4:00 – 4:30pm		Tea Break
4:30 – 5:30pm	8.	Communiqué / Next Steps
5:30 – 5:40pm		Closing Remarks/ Vote of Thanks - Director, PPAS, FMARD Abuja
5.40 – 5.45		Closing Prayers

Appendix B: Participants List

S/N	NAME	ORGANIZATION	STATE	TITLE/DESG	M/F
1	Baye S. B	FMARD		Asst. Director	M
2	Salisu G. Ahmed	FMARD (M&E)		Asst. Director	M
3	Iweanya Arthur. O.	ADP	Anambra	Ag. DPME	M
4	Ezebilu M. C	ADP	Anambra	Director of Extn.	M
5	Solomon Enebi Agamah	FMS Ltd		MD/CEO	M
6	Mohammed Jobdi	Fed. Dept. Of Agric. FMARD		CAO	M
7	Obinna Anozie	Fed. Dept. Of Fisheries		Asst. Director	M
8	Mohammed Ibrahim	FMARD		Prin. Planning Officer	M
9	Dinka Alice	FMARD		Con. Sec	F
10	Samaila Sani Azare	FMARD		Executive Officer	M
11	Ihuoma M. C	FMARD		Csa	M
12	Nduka Okaro	USAID/ NIGERIA		MEO	M
13	Dr. Uche E. Nwafor	FMARD	Anambra	Director	M
14	Prince Ike E. Ubaka	AFAN		Deputy National President	M
15	Chief G. C Ezenagu	Min. Of Agric.		Hon. Commissioner	M
16	Catherine R. Aloe	ARCN			F
17	Emejuru Charles Sam	FMARD	Anambra	Field Officer, Livestock.	M
18	Nwokike Chinedu Sam	FMARD	Anambra	Field Officer, Fishries.	M
19	Emmanuel Tambi	FARA		Director Advocacy	M
20	Oluyori Aguda	FMARD		AD	M
21	Nwokoma Anthony	FMARD	Abia	DD	M
22	Udechukwu Chuke	FMARD	Ebonyoi	AD	M
23	Idah, Racheal Hauwa	FMARD		Youth Corper	F
24	Prof. Wale Adekundu	FARA		Prof	M
25	Dr. Mike A. Foster	Consultant Advisory Services		Dr	M
26	Dr. A.C Opara	FPMU	Imo	HOU	M
27	Amogu, E. K	FMARD		AD	M
28	Abu M. Foster	FARA		Consultant	M
29	Ezenwanne Okwolisa	Radio Nigeria		Reporter	F

30	Oha Ike	NTA		Reporter	
31	Okorie C. O	NTA			M
32	Abdul S.	NTA			M
33	Daniel A. Ogbogu	CBN		Senior Manager	M
34	Celestine Ado	CAFOD			M
35	S.G. Ahmed	FMARD		AD M&E	M
36	Fatima B. Ahmed	FMWR		NAIP Desk Officer	F
37	Umeobi O. Andrew	MOA	Anambra	Perm Sec	M
38	Chudi Mojekwu	FADAMA 3 Project		SPC	M
39	JC.O Ifekandu	MOA/ RD		D(PRS) & M/E	M
40	Mekoh Nnamdia	AFAN	Anambra	C/MAN	M
41	Imoka Uzodimma	FMARD	Anambra	Prog. Manager	M
42	Dr. P.O Nwadukwe	MANR		Dir. Agric. Services	M
43	M.C Ezebialu	ADP	Anambra	Director Extn Services	M
44	Dr. Nwafor E. Uche	FMARD		Director	M
45	Dr. Chris Obiechina	ADP	Anambra	Rtd PM	M
46	Kalu Amarachi	FADAMA 3 Project	Abia		M
47	Dr. M . Kalu	Fed. Dept. of Livestock		Field Officer	M
48	Donlop Okoro	AFAN		Chairman	M
49	Ezealu M. I	Civil Soc. Org.		State Officer	M
50	Agu Steve E.	ADP	Abia	DPME	M
51	Ekeh E. E	FMAR		HOD	M
52	Chikezie Nnenna	MOA	Abia	DPRS	F
53	Obioma Queen Ngozi	ADP	Abia	Director Extn Services	M
54	Nelson Uzoma Ukauwa	MOA	Abia	Director of Agric	M
55	Enyinnya F. Elekwachi	ADP	Abia	Prog. Manager	M
56	Dr. Chima	Fed. Dept. of Livestock		HOD	M
57	Ede Daniel	CAAP	Enugu	SPC	M
58	Chief Agwe Amaechi	Enugu Chamber of commerce & industry	Enugu	TFM	M
59	Idia B. O	MOH	Enugu	D(PRS)	M

60	Prof. Martin Arikure	MOA	Enugu	Commissioner	M
61	Florence Ifeanyi Aneke	NECI	Enugu	ED	M
62	Ayogu Patrick	MOA	Enugu	Perm Sec	M
63	Ude E.E	MOA	Enugu	HOU	M
64	Adunike, M. O	ADP	Enugu	DES	M
65	Uzor P. K.O	NIPC SEZO	Enugu	Asst. Director	M
66	Nwigwe C.A	FMARD	Enugu	Field Officer	F
67	Onyema Nwodo	ADP	Enugu	PM	M
68	Eddy Ugwu	MOA	Enugu	PR Manager	M
69	Chief A. C. Eneh	AFAN	Enugu	State Chairman	M
70	Lambert Eze	MOA	Enugu	Director	M
71	Peace N. Onwe	MOA	Ebonyi	PPO	M
72	Okoro Juliet	ADP	Ebonyi	Director of Extn.	F
73	Eje Boniface O.	ADP	Ebonyi	Director PME	M
74	Amadi E. A	FMA	Ebonyi	Coordinator	M
75	Obazi William O.	FMA	Ebonyi		M
76	Dr. Cletus C. Nwakpu	FADAMA 3 Project	Ebonyi	Coordinator	M
77	Ijuma Sunday M.	ADP	Ebonyi	Ag. PM	M
78	Ushie Joseph A.	FMARD			M
79	Nwasum Romanus O		Ebonyi	Commissioner	M
80	David E. Oyakhilome	FFIAD		Coordinator	M
81	HRH Eze D. I. Aloh	Civil Soc. Org.			M
82	Oshim P.U	MOA		DD	M
83	Hon. Joseph Ununu	Rice mill Company			M
84	Elder Steve Orogwu	MOA	Ebonyi	Perm Sec	M
85	Chief R. O Nwasum		Ebonyi	Commissioner	M
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91	Barr. Clifford Adibe Mbakaogu	Fed. Dept. Of Fisheries	Imo	Chief Fishries Officer	M

92	Mr. Amuneke Romanus Emeka	MOA	Imo	Perm Sec	M
93	Igwe Peters	ADP	Imo	Dir. PME	M
94	Chief Don Okwu	ADP	Imo	PM	M
95	R. O. Nwaiwu	MOA		Director	M
96	Njoku J. O	MOA		Director PME	M
97	Chief Ayo Vitus Enwerem	FADAMA 3 Project	Imo	Coordinator	M

Appendix C: Communiqué

ECOWAP/CAADP PROCESS IN NIGERIA SOUTH EAST ZONAL SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON THE COMPREHENSIVE AFRICA AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CAADP) PROCESS IMPLEMENTATION IN NIGERIA HELD AT GOLDEN ROYALE HOTEL, ENUGU, ENUGU STATE ON 25TH OCTOBER, 2011 COMMUNIQUE

The fifth in the series of the Zonal Sensitization Workshops of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Process in Nigeria was held at Golden Royal Hotel, Enugu on the 25th of October, 2011. The Workshop was organized by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMA&RD) in collaboration with Farmers Organizations, Civil Society Organization, Private Sector, United State Agency for International Development (USAID) and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) for the South East States of Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo. The Workshop theme was *“Deepening Awareness and Enhanced Partnerships for CAADP Implementation in Nigeria”*.

2. The opening ceremony was Chaired by Professor Martin Anikwe, Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Enugu State. Others include the Honourable Commissioners of Agriculture, Ebonyi; Anambra and Permanent Secretaries, State Ministries of Agriculture and Natural Resources of Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo and other State Government Officials from the South East Zone; Representatives of Farmers Organizations, Civil Society Organization, Private Sector, USAID, IFPRI, FARA and Officials from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Overall, a total of 97 participants attended the Workshop.

3. The welcome address was presented by Mr. Patrick Ayogu, Permanent Secretary, Enugu State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The keynote address was presented by Dr. Sunday Uhiene, Head of CAADP Secretariat on behalf of Mr. Zacheaus Atte, Director, Research and Statistics, FMA&RD who represented the Permanent Secretary, FMA&RD, Dr. Ezekiel Oyemomi. Goodwill messages were received from Mr. Nduka Okaro, representative of USAID; Dr. Emmanuel Tambi, representing Professor Monty Jones, Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA); Mr. Celestine Okwudili Odo representing

the National Civil Society Coalition on the CAADP Proces; Dr. Hiroyuki Takeshima, the representative of IFPRI and Prince Ike Ubaka JP, Deputy National President of All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN).

4. The main objective of the Sensitization Workshop was to promote a broad-based stakeholders' participation at lower levels of government in Nigeria in line with deepening the awareness about CAADP among in-country partners. This is in response to the resolution reached at the 38th National Council on Agriculture and Rural Development (NCARD) held in March, 2011 in Abuja.

5. During the technical session, three presentations namely; "An Overview of CAADP Process in Nigeria" by Dr. Sunday Uhiene; "National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP) Document" by Engr. David Oyakhilome and "Highlights of the Nigeria Incentive Risk-based System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL)" by Mr.J.A. Adeboyeke of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) were presented.

6. Breakout Session based on States was organized to discuss questions and issues towards the development of various State Agricultural Investment Plans (SAIP) under the guidance of facilitators. The outcome of the group meetings was presented by each State and discussed at the 2nd Plenary Session.

7. Highlights of the major decisions and recommendations of the Sensitization Workshop are presented as follows:

- i. The Workshop recognized the commitment made by African Leaders to allocate at least 10 percent of their national budget to agriculture to support the CAADP process in order to achieve at least 6 percent growth in the agricultural sector annually;
- ii. It noted that Nigeria is among the 28 countries that have completed the CAADP Round-table process and signed their Compact. Progress made in implementation of the CAADP Process include among others; the preparation and review of National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP);
- iii. Members agreed that in line with the Maputo Declaration of 2003 and CAADP principles, States should allocate minimum of 10 percent of their annual budget to facilitate the implementation of their SAIPs in order to achieve the 6 percent annual growth in their agricultural sector;

- iv. It was agreed that each State should prepare its own agricultural investment plan that aligns with the national plan addressing those unique agricultural circumstances, constraints and opportunities existing in the State with focus on the agricultural value chain for key priority commodities;
- v. That in order to ensure sustainability, States are encouraged to align their programmes with the principles of CAADP and NAIP culminating in the development of Bankable Projects to attract financing from Development Partners and the Private Sector;
- vi. The meeting also noted the need for more private sector participation as well as inclusion of gender friendly technologies for women in the implementation of the CAADP Process since its success hinges strongly on the Private Sector;
- vii. The meeting noted the 18 agricultural commodities to be promoted under the NIRSAL initiatives. States were however encouraged to identify and promote commodities in which they have comparative advantage. The meeting then recommended the need for sensitization and awareness campaign in States; and for States to reach out to the CBN and FMA&RD with a view to benefiting from NIRSAL;
- viii. The meeting noted the absence of outstations for Nigeria Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR), Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria (RRIN) and National Cereal Research Institute (NCRI) in the South East despite the fact that the region is noted for the production of Oil Palm, Rubber and Rice. It then recommended the establishment of these outstations to cater for the South Eastern Region;
- ix. The meeting noted that to make agricultural extension more effective, capacity building of extension agents, skill enhancement and empowerment of particularly women and youths should be enhanced through more funding at all levels of programmes such as farmer to farmer contact and the Research Extension Farmer Input Linkage System (REFILS);

- x. The meeting noted the continued problem faced due to post harvest losses. It therefore recommended the establishment of more farm storage and warehousing to address this issue;
- xi. The meeting observed the low level awareness and publicity of agricultural policies, programmes and projects which has grossly affected Government's effort to agricultural development. It therefore welcomed the idea of the use of more jingles in the media, handbills and television adverts to publicize agricultural programmes as it is being done in other sectors like health and education;
- xii. To ensure active participation and further deepen the CAADP Process, It was agreed that States should extend the sensitization exercise to Local Government Areas to ensure stakeholders buy-in and ownership;
- xiii. Each State provided the names, designation, organization, phone numbers and e-mail address of their Focal Persons on the CAADP Process as well as a provisional timeline for the State Level Sensitization Workshop and preparation of SAIP.
- xiv. It was agreed that each State should set up a SAIP Team Structure to facilitate the CAADP Process in their State.