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THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
**CLIMATE-SMART
AGRICULTURE
PROGRAMME** *for*

FOOD SECURITY,
ADAPTATION AND
MITIGATION IN AFRICA

Synergies and partnerships for implementation



As part of the third Annual Forum of the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture (GACSA) to be held in Rome, Italy, FAO Headquarters, on 12-14 December 2017, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the New Partnership for Africa's Development of the African Union (AU-NEPAD) and GACSA are organizing a side-event to present and foster consultation on a new AfDB programme on Climate-Smart Agriculture: **The Africa Climate-Smart Agriculture (ACSA) Programme for Food Security, Adaptation and Mitigation in Africa (2018-2025)**.

This programme is one of the flagships of the AfDB's **Feed Africa Strategy 2016-2025** of the African Development Bank, which vision is to transform African agriculture into a competitive and inclusive agribusiness sector that creates wealth, improves lives and secures the environment. Four specific goals are underpinning this vision:

- To contribute to the end of poverty;
- End hunger and malnutrition;
- Make Africa a net food exporter;
- and move Africa to the top of export-orientated value chains where it has comparative advantage.

To achieve these sustainability goals, the Feed Africa Strategy 2016-2025 is relying on increasing the development, dissemination and use of practices and technologies for Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA), with an effective potential to sustainably increase agricultural productivity and incomes, adapt and build resilience to climate change, and reduce and/or remove greenhouse gas emissions where possible. For smallholder farmers, most of them being women, CSA offers an opportunity for improved food security and increased income. It also delivers climate change mitigation co-benefits thereby contributing to positive global public goods.

The ACSA Programme

The African Climate-Smart Agriculture (ACSA) Programme 2018-2025 is a **flagship programme** of the Feed Africa Strategy 2016-2025 of the **African Development Bank**.

The ACSA Programme aims **to enhance sustainable transformation of the African agriculture for food security under a changing climate**.

The **specific objectives** of ACSA Programme are:

1. To sustainably increase agriculture productivity and income;
2. To adapt and build resilience to climate change; and
3. To reduce and or remove greenhouse emissions, where possible.

The ACSA Programme will **assist African countries to deliver:**

- a thriving and successful agriculture sector creating jobs, economic and livelihood benefits;
- a resilient sector that can successfully manage the risks of today's and tomorrow's climate challenges; and
- a sustainable sector where negative environmental impacts of agriculture are avoided.

By 2025, the main **expected results** of the ACSA Programme by 2025 are the following:

- 10 million farmers fully adopting climate-smart agriculture practices and having access to climate information services;
- 5 million ha of agro-pastoral land covered with resilient infrastructure and practices;
- 3.5 million ha of restored degraded land, forests and agroforestry under sustainable management;
- 80% new irrigation schemes using clean energy;
- and circa USD 1.5 billion mobilized from climate finance to co-finance for building resilience of African agriculture.



Objectives of the side-event

The overall objective of the side event is to introduce the ACSA Programme to various technical and financial partners being active on CSA in Africa, and to discuss synergies and partnership developments for scaling up the adoption of CSA in Africa and contribute to AU-NEPAD's goal of supporting at least 25 million farm families to adopt and practice CSA by the year 2025.

The side-event will provide the opportunity to regional and national decision-makers, researchers, civil society, private sector and relevant development partners to discuss:

- The role of CSA in achieving the National Determined Contributions in the agricultural sectors and the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa;
- The challenges and best practices in integrating CSA into agricultural investment programmes, and in designing, financing and implementing CSA programmes in Africa;
- The scope, role, activities and approach for implementation of the ACSA Programme;
- The synergies to be developed, and opportunities to be seized with various key initiatives and stakeholders to scale up CSA in Africa; and
- The necessary partnerships to move forward the development and implementation of the ACSA Programme, alongside with the CSA agenda in Africa.

Expected outcomes

The expected outcomes are the following:

- Shared lessons and best practices in integrating CSA into agricultural investment programmes, and in designing, financing and implementing CSA programmes in Africa;
- Enhanced awareness on the ACSA Flagship Programme of AfDB for Food Security, Adaptation and Mitigation in Africa, and on some key regional CSA initiatives in Africa,
- Enhanced collaboration, and identification of potential synergies and partnerships, amongst international, regional and national stakeholders and initiatives for the implementation of the ACSA Programme, in line with the Nationally Determined Contributions in the agriculture sectors of the African countries, and the AU-NEPAD's goal of supporting at least 25 million farm families to adopt and practice CSA by the year 2025.

Synergies and Partnerships for Implementation

The ACSA Programme is in line with the **AU-NEPAD's Agriculture and Climate Change Program, known as "25 by 25"**. Working with the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Program (CAADP), AU-NEPAD has set a goal of supporting at least 25 million farm families to adopt and practice Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) by the year 2025.

To implement the ACSA Programme, the African Development Bank will develop a set of technical and financial partnerships. Some partners are already involved in the development of the ACSA Programme, including the AU-NEPAD, the African Climate-Smart Agriculture Alliance (ACSAA), FAO, CGIAR/CCAFS, the CSA Youth Network (CSAYN), and the UNCCD. Others partners will be taken on board as well, such as the AAA initiative, UN Environment, bilateral cooperation, the private sector, and International NGOs.

Participants

The participants are including representatives from:

- AfDB
- AU-NEPAD
- FAO (Headquarters, Regional Office for Africa, sub-Regional Office for East Africa)
- GACSA
- CGIAR (CCAFS, CIAT, IRRI)
- Regional Economics Communities in Africa: ECOWAS, COMIFAC, IGAD, EAC, COMESA, and SADC
- Regional CSA alliances and platforms: Africa CSA Alliance (ACSAA), West Africa CSA Alliance (WACSAA), Eastern Africa CSA Platform (EASCAP)
- The AAA initiative led by the Kingdom of Morocco
- The National Coordinators of the FAO regional project "Support transition towards climate-smart agriculture food systems", from: Ghana, Zambia, Niger, The Gambia, Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Ethiopia
- Farmers Organizations, including the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation
- Civil Society Organizations, including the CSA Youth Network
- International NGOs, including CARE International
- Research organizations and academia
- Various technical and financial partners.

Side-event agenda

Facilitators:

Ms Rima Al-Azar Senior Natural Resources Officer, Climate and Environment Division of FAO

Mr Marwan Ladki Expert in Sustainable Agriculture, Climate and Environment Division of FAO

Time	Content and speakers
14:00 – 14:20	Opening speeches (5 mins. each) Mr René Castro Salazar Assistant Director General of the Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department of FAO Mr Al Hamdou Dorsouma Division Manager, Climate Change and Green Growth Department of the African Development Bank Mr Martin Bwalya Head of the Programme Development Division, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency of the African Union Commission, and Africa CSA Alliance Ms Mi Nguyen co-Chair of GACSA
14:20 – 14:30	Keynote address on the ACSA Programme for Food Security, Adaptation and Mitigation in Africa (10 mins.) Mr Laouali Garba Chief Climate Change Officer, Coordinator for CSA, Agriculture and Agro-Industry Department of the African Development Bank
14:30 – 14:45	Q&A with participants on the ACSA Programme (understanding and clarification) (15 mins.)
14:45 – 15:20	Synergies and partnerships for implementation: Views from the regions (5 mins. each) Mr Kwame Ababio Programme Officer for Climate Change and Agriculture, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency of the African Union Commission, and Africa CSA Alliance Mr Ablassé Bilgo Head of the Operational Technical Unit for Programs at the Regional Agency for Food and Agriculture of the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS) Mr Ladislaus Kyaruzi Head of Climate Change, East African Community (EAC) Mr Michel Ndjatsana Environment and Climate Change Expert, Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) Mr Abdel Moneim Suliman Elhoweris Food Security and Nutrition Expert at the Agriculture and Environment Division of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Mr Mclay Kanyangarara Climate Change Advisor, Secretariat of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Mr Amoako Kingsley Kwako Deputy-Director of the Directorate for Crop Services, Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Ghana
15:20 – 15:35	Coffee Break (15 mins.)
15:35 – 16:00	Synergies and partnerships for implementation: Views from partners (5 mins. each) Mr Riad Balaghi Head of the Department of Agronomy and Agricultural Machinery National Institute for Agronomic Research of Morocco, representative of the AAA Initiative Mr Albert Nikiema Natural Resources Officer - Climate Change, FAO Regional Office for Africa Mr Evan Girvetz Senior Scientist, International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) - Regional Office for Africa, CGIAR/CCAFS Mr Karl Deering Director for Climate Resilient Agriculture at CARE International Mr Ntiokam Divine Founder and Managing Director of the CSA Youth Network
16:00 – 16:45	Open discussion on synergies and partnerships for the implementation of the ACSA Programme (Facilitator) (45 mins.)
16:45 – 16:55	Summary of conclusions and recommendations (10 mins.) Facilitator
16:55 – 17:00	Way forward and closing remarks (5 mins.) Mr Laouali Garba Chief Climate Change Officer, Coordinator for CSA, Agriculture and Agro-Industry Department of the African Development Bank

