

29th AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE
REPORT OF THE SUBREGIONAL CONSULTATIONS
EASTERN AFRICA

Introduction

The Eastern Africa Sub-Regional Consultations was attended by member states as well as observers from the African Development Bank (AfDB), and Desert Locust Control Organization of Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA).

The Hon Minister of Agriculture, Ethiopia chaired the meeting, while the Uganda Permanent Representative to FAO, Rome served as rapporteur. The Sub-Regional Coordinator, Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa presented a review of priorities proposed for the sub-region in 2014. Achievements, experiences and lessons learnt from the implementation of priorities were also presented.

A draft list of proposed priorities prepared based on prior consultations with FAO Country Offices, two retreats of the Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) as well as consultation with IGAD was also presented. Following the presentation, delegates discussed and reviewed the list and came up with a list of priorities for the 2016-2017.

Priority activities for 2016-2017

The following are the agreed priorities as formulated and endorsed by the Eastern Africa sub-regional consultation, that took place on 07th April 2016 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

- 1. *Promote sustainable use and management of NR to address the root causes & impact of drought and climate change***
- 2. *Agricultural transformation, taking advantage of the youth dividend, through***
 - I. Agro-industrialization
 - II. Commercialization of agriculture, agro-food parks
 - III. Public-Private partnership for agribusiness development
 - IV. Value chain development with emphasis on technologies along specific value chains (crops, livestock, fisheries,)
 - V. Promotion of intra-regional trade
- 3. *Increasing agricultural production, productivity of crops, livestock and fisheries sectors through***
 - I. Agricultural mechanization
 - II. Intensification and expansion of agricultural production
 - III. Small-scale irrigation schemes
 - IV. Access to inputs including seeds and fertilizers and livestock feeds and services
 - V. Control of cross-boundary disease and pests
- 4. *Support the design and revision of sub-regional policies /frameworks***
 - Sustainable Agricultural Production
 - FSN sensitive agriculture and Malabo declaration commitments

For the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD): Technical Support for the IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI), CAADP Regional investment plan

- Value Chains strategies, focus on commodity especially livestock in HoA

For the Eastern Africa Community (EAC)

- Trade promotion, Value Chains development, Food Security and Nutrition policy, livestock policy, CAADP regional investment plan