

# East, Central and Southern Africa CAADP Nutrition Teleconference Meeting

Held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2013

At 1500 PM South African Time

## In attendance:

- Bibi Giyose - NEPAD
- Kefilwe Moalosi -NEPAD
- Sitho Mavengere - NEPAD
- Diane De Bernardo - USAID
- Jeniffer Cow - USAID
- Charlotte Dufour - FAO / Rome
- Johanna Jelensperger - FAO / Rome
- Richemont Seki - FAORAF
- Florence [Tonnoir](#) - FAO [Sub-regional office Libreville](#)
- Pau Blanquer – [SUN Secretariat](#)
- Namukolo Covic - CEN, NWU

**Chairperson:** Charlotte Dufour and Johanna Jelensperger

## Agenda

1. **East , Central and Southern Africa CAADP Nutrition Follow up process**
  - a. Update on collection of final roadmaps and emerging needs
  - b. Brainstorming on the approach and key activities / outputs for the follow-up at continental, regional and country level
  - c. Initial TORs for the follow-up task force
  - d. Opportunities/On-going initiatives and human capacity available for the support on follow-up activities
2. **Advocacy/Communication on the initiative**
  - a. Update on the Video (short spot and long version of the video)
  - b. Update on Website – NEPAD / CAADP Website
  - c. Other updates / opportunities in terms of advocacy/communication
3. **AOB**

## Welcome

Charlotte welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the purpose of the meeting was to make headway on follow-up activities arising from the previous meeting. Johanna gave a brief presentation on the agenda and pointed out that a lot of work has been done so far with regards to the CAADP Process.

## Discussions

### 1. a) Update on collection of final Roadmaps

Kefilwe advised that they are still collecting the roadmaps for Southern Africa countries and so far they had received four finalised roadmaps- Seychelles, Namibia, Madagascar and Lesotho. Swaziland sent a brief summary of its roadmap as they were still finalising it. Other countries such as Botswana, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe will send their roadmaps by next week.

### b) Brainstorming on the approach and key activities

Bibi suggested that the follow up approach should be at different levels, first resources should be mobilised at country level, regional level and continental levels. For the follow up process NEPAD will focus also on consolidating partnerships to encourage the implementation of the initiative at all the levels. Bibi advised that to ensure that there is effective and efficient follow up mechanisms, engaging with partners will avoid duplication on the interventions. She encouraged that the SUN focal points and REACH facilitators/coordinators at country level should be engaged to promote coordination of activities with SUN.

Bibi pointed out that so far NEPAD was in the process of finalising the contract for the English countries for the consultant to start in February 2014. At the same time they are mobilising resources to engage the consultant to make follow up with francophone countries. However Bibi indicated that there is a need to mobilise resources for CAADP nutrition workshop for Comoros to be held in Comoros early next year.

Johanna provided the summary of the documents that were sent : follow-up matrix for East / Central Africa, and Southern Africa and Draft concept note for follow-up, to support the discussion on follow-up activities. The concept note will be circulated again after the meeting, for comments so that it is finalized for January 2014.

~~and she indicated that the group should also feel free to send comments on the documents that were circulated before the meeting. Charlotte indicated that there is a need to work on TORs for the task force and it will be circulated to steering committee.~~

### Existing processes in terms of follow-up

Charlotte pointed out that the follow up process is broad and they were trying to unpack it. For instance the mechanism for follow up needs to be put together and, strengthening of Roadmaps, implementation approach as well as suggestions for the follow up were welcome.

Namukolo asked if there were specific plans for evaluation of the roadmaps. She reported that she had browsed through the Nutrition papers and roadmaps in the drop box and noted that some of the nutrition indicators were not aligned to the programmes reported. Johanna advised that the roadmaps were not yet finalised and they were owned by the countries but they will be reviewed. Charlotte advised that they were working on the concept note that will include the section for capacity development and costing as many countries will need technical support.

The road maps have not for the moment been costed, except in very few cases. Capacities to implement the road maps have partially been identified (see section on capacity development in the road maps; as well as Matrix capturing needs for external support).

Main challenges in terms of implementation of the roadmaps identified for Central Africa : event though Workshop teams are actively advocating for the integration of nutrition elements in the CAADP Process as per their roadmaps, it is difficult because of lack of political and financial commitment.

#### Research work / contribution from postgraduate students

Namukolo indicated that being in an academic institution she had access to postgraduate students and would be happy to draft a student project to analyse the given documents to identify aspects that need to be addressed in follow up. ~~Charlotte~~ The meeting pointed out that there is a need to observe the kind of nutrition indicators that ~~are available~~ have been recommended in the different road maps in the region in order to use them to benchmark the countries and she and Namukolo said that Kenya is one good example.

#### Coordination with the SUN Movement

Johanna asked Pau whether there would be opportunities to take on board the CAADP initiative within the Country SUN framework. Pau agreed on the importance of further linking the CAADP and the SUN processes. He pointed out that, as it was discussed in the previous call, CAADP could be introduced in the agenda in one of the next rounds of country calls with SUN African countries, and that a thematic discussion on nutrition-sensitive agriculture could be explored in these calls. He explained that a number of (but not all) African national country plans have mainstreamed nutrition-sensitive agriculture, and that it would be interesting to work with some of these countries in further promoting convergence between CAADP and SUN processes. Namukolo indicated that from the information reported in the documents in the drop box some countries seem to have linked up with SUN. Because of her involvement with SUN activities in Zambia, she was sure that Zambia agriculture was integrated into the National Food and Nutrition strategic plan within which SUN activities had been embedded. Pau suggested it would be of value to establish ways of linking with the SUN movement especially at country level. This can be done through the participation of CAADP focal points and other stakeholders engaged in nutrition-sensitive agriculture planning into SUN Multi-sectoral platforms. For this to be done, interaction between SUN focal points and CAADP focal points is necessary. This may have already happen in some countries. Pau expressed his positive appreciation of the participation of some SUN Focal Points in the last CAADP workshop in Gaborone. Namukolo noted that agriculture based nutrition sensitive interventions were in any case a part of the SUN framework which necessitates linking with agriculture. Charlotte also pointed out that Bibi participated in SUN country call and that FAO may use the country offices for greater involvement in SUN. Charlotte further pointed out that

	<p>contact with SUN could be done through the country focal point or the FAO country offices. However, she suggested that there was a need for coming up with a mechanism to cover the gaps. She pointed out that having a person at country level responsible for the follow up is worth it though it depends on the country, and the case of Ghana is a good example. Richemont further added the need to strengthen the national task force on nutrition/food security in order to enable it to better advocate, sensitize stakeholders and help designing and implementing nutrition-sensitive activities at country level. <u>Johanna advised that in Niger,</u> where there is SUN focal point, Reach facilitator and FAO nutrition person, <u>coordination is not yet taking place on a regular basis</u>. The group advised that the best will be to contextualise the key concerns and challenges in each country in order to come up with better approach specific to the particular context, and agreed on the need to analyse the work at continental level to determine what types of programmes are being implemented and these could be linked to SUN.</p> <p><b>c) TORs for the follow-up task force</b>  <u>The meeting agreed that precise ToRs for the follow-up task force have to be developed on the basis of the concept note. These will be elaborated in January 2014.</u></p>
2.	<p><b>Advocacy/Communication on the initiative</b></p> <p><b>a) Update on the Video</b>  Johanna advised that short spot video will be ready in three weeks, however they showed the video during the ICN meeting in Rome and it was well appreciated by participants. The only reason why FAO communications cannot share the short spot video is because of the missing logos. She said the long version of the video will be ready in January.</p> <p><b>b)Update on NEPAD / CAADP Website</b>  Kefilwe advised that NEPAD is working on the CAADP website and that all three workshops information will be uploaded on the website. Johanna advised that is critical to update the website with current information. It was discussed further to consider the use of other media available to publish the CAADP Nutrition Process. Richemont added that newspapers or something similar could also be utilised.</p>
3.	<p><b>AOB</b>  Namukolo drew attention to the fact that the EURO 2020 Horizon has referred to CAADP as an example of initiatives that European researchers could link with in research funding on Food and Nutrition Security.</p>
	<p><b>Conclusion</b>  Johanna thanked all for attending the teleconference.</p>

Action Items		
Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline

Circulation of TORs, follow up concept note, roadmaps and consolidated matrix	Johanna/Kefilwe	On-going
Recruitment of follow up consultant	Bibi/Kefilwe	On-going
Request for the finalised roadmap <a href="#">for Southern Africa</a>	Johanna/Kefilwe	3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Letter to Southern <a href="#">Africa</a> Focal Points	Bibi/Kefilwe	End of December
<a href="#">Request for the updated roadmap for East and Central Africa</a>	<a href="#">Kefilwe / Richemont</a>	<a href="#">January 2014</a>
<a href="#">Letter to East and Central Africa Focal Points</a>	<a href="#">Bibi/Kefilwe</a>	<a href="#">January 2014</a>
NEPAD/CAADP website	Kefilwe	February 2014
Release of the Southern Africa workshop short spot video	Johanna	End of December
Release of the Southern Africa workshop long version video	Johanna	January 2014
<a href="#">Update on CAADP Nutrition Initiative / Nutrition-sensitive agriculture planning to be put on the agenda of future SUN country calls (probably in March 2014)</a>	<a href="#">Bibi / Charlotte /Pau</a>	<a href="#">March 2014</a>
<del>Finalisation of East and Central Workshop</del>	<del>Bibi</del>	<del>End of December</del>
<p>Meeting adjourned at 1710 hours South African Time.</p> <p>Next meeting date: To Be Confirmed</p> <p>Sitho and Kefilwe to send out the discussion points</p>		