

## COMESA and AgWA working together to promote investment in AWM in Africa: Steps, Actions and Guiding Principles

This note presents the main outcomes of the discussions held during the FAO/AgWA and COMESA Roundtable from 19 to 20 May 2014 at FAO Headquarters in Rome. It outlines the plan of action for cooperation between FAO/AgWA and COMESA.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The main Guiding Principles for AgWA and COMESA collaboration, as outlined during the roundtable discussions, are as follows:

**1. To align actions within the CAADP Agenda at country level.**

It is important to ensure that countries understand that AgWA's work supports the CAADP Agenda in order to get the necessary buy-in in each country for its specific CAADP stage.

**2. To extend support to the regional level.**

This includes sharing country experiences/project results in the region, as well as, providing support to the CAADP Regional Compact process.

**3. To guide cooperation and joint work by an action oriented approach.**

It is important to orient the work towards concrete and tangible results with positive impact.

**4. To align cooperation with AgWA's priority areas of work.**



AgWA has five priority areas of work: Advocacy, Partner harmonization, Resource mobilization, Generating and sharing knowledge and Capacity building.

**5. The Plan of Action set against these principles should recognize activities to be implemented in the short term and medium to long-term. The time frame set for the short term plan is two years during which COMESA holds the Chair position of AgWA Steering Committee.**



### STEPS & ACTIONS

The steps and actions for cooperation between AgWA and COMESA have been structured in line with AgWA's five priority areas. These are:

#### Advocacy

✓ To take part in <b>key events at African and international level</b> , e.g. the COMESA Ministerial meeting on Agriculture, September 2014; and AU Summit, June 2014.	
✓ To <b>promote AgWA at key events</b> related to CAADP process, e.g. Signing of the COMESA Regional CAADP Compact, July 2014; Signing of the CAADP Compact in Madagascar, June 2014; Pillar I training workshops, 2014 (Eritrea, Swaziland and Sudan); business meeting in Seychelles, Rwanda, Djibouti; and Compact Signature in Comoros, etc.	

#### Partner harmonization

✓ To establish linkages with new partners, including private sector and civil society and ensure their effective participation in AgWA activities/projects.	
✓ To participate in <b>partners meetings</b> relevant for AgWA and COMESA, e.g. the WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP-SA Symposium, October 2014, in Malawi.	






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## Resource mobilization

✓ To support AgWA's mapping of AWM activities/organizations in Africa on specific related projects/activities implemented in COMESA member countries.	
✓ To set up a pool of AWM experts that would enhance the water component of COMESA's work in the following steps of the CAADP process:	
	
✓ To work together to move from process oriented to project oriented approach when supporting AWM in the CAADP process at national/regional levels.	
✓ To develop joint AgWA-COMESA project proposals with AWM focus for submission to potential donors.	

## Generating and sharing knowledge

✓ To disseminate AgWA outreach materials on AWM during COMESA key events and vice versa.	
✓ To provide COMESA materials (papers/technical reports) on AWM in Africa that could be published in AgWA's website.	
✓ To harmonize AWM indicators amongst COMESA countries based on available information and databases of all AgWA partners (AQUASTAT, COMSTAT, etc.)	
✓ To widely apply the AgWA Diagnostic Investment Tools and feed in the results into the preparation of NAIPs.	

## Capacity building

✓ To provide support in capacity building programmes, drawn from AgWA partners. (e.g. to build on success of FAO-COMESA capacity building programme on food security and nutrition, and communication and information sharing, Post- Harvest Losses Management; GIZ-COMESA Pillar I and value addition)	
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## PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR COMESA'S CHAIR PERIOD

- Number of new partners admitted to AgWA
- Number of countries where AgWA operated
- Funds raised by AgWA (US\$)
- Number of experts/networks in the pool generated by AgWA
- Number of requests for AgWA's support
- Number of workshops organized by AgWA and its partners
- Number of events in which AgWA and COMESA together participated
- Visits to the webpage
- Number of linkages with other websites