

DRAFT PROGRAMME



Partnership for agricultural water for Africa

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE INVESTMENT IN AWM IN AFRICA

FAO, AgWA & COMESA ROUNDTABLE

Monday & Tuesday | 19-20 May 2014
NRL Meeting Room-B726bis, FAO-HQs, Rome

Objectives of the Roundtable

Facilitated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), this event will bring together representatives from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the Partnership for Agricultural Water for Africa (AgWA) to share insights on agricultural water management (AWM) in Africa. The Roundtable will have a special focus to ensure harmonization between AgWA's activities and COMESA's strategic priorities, in particular around issues related to policy, strategy, lines of interventions. The Roundtable will result in participants leaving the session with an agreed-upon AgWA-COMESA guiding principles and workplan, detailing AgWA's role and procedures to ensure the flexible alignment with the COMESA agricultural priorities and outlining a clear plan of action for future regional support.

Introduction to the topic

The CAADP provides a common framework for stimulating and guiding national, regional and continental initiatives for enhanced agriculture productivity. In particular, CAADP's Pillar 1 aims to extend the area under sustainable land and water management in Africa. In this context, the Partnership for Agricultural Water in Africa (AgWA), with its purpose to "help achieve increased investment in agricultural water management" critically contributes towards meeting CAADP Pillar 1 objectives.

Within the continent, the Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is a champion of implementation of the CAADP process in its 19 member states. Amongst the COMESA countries, further efforts are needed to support Swaziland and Malawi in completing their national agriculture investment plans and to assist the Sudan and Egypt in the initiation of the CAADP process. Cognizant of this fact, COMESA has requested FAO and AgWA's technical support to "assist Egypt, Malawi, the Sudan, and Swaziland to foster agricultural water management (AWM) through the effective implementation of the CAADP compact and post-compact process, the refinement of national agricultural water development strategies, and the alignment to national strategies for food security strategies and programmes".

Participants

COMESA

Nalishebo Meebelo, Deputy CAADP Coordinator
Ken Shawa, Policy Economist

FAO/NRL-AgWA

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Olçay Ünver, Deputy Director
Reza Najib, Technical Officer (Water Operations)
Maher Salman, Technical Officer
Jippe Hoogeveen, Technical Officer
Fethi Lebdi, AgWA Coordinator
Alba Martinez Salas, Project Officer
Leonora Lorena, AWM Specialist

Key questions

- How can AgWA and COMESA create synergies to support the CAADP process?
- How can COMESA's network be harnessed in AgWA's current work?
- What will be the role and responsibilities of COMESA as the chair of AgWA's Steering Committee and as project partner?
- What will be the tasks and responsibilities of COMESA in the project to support the pre- and post-CAADP compact process for improved agricultural water management in Egypt, Malawi, the Sudan and Swaziland?

DRAFT AGENDA

	Monday, 19 May	Tuesday, 20 May
09.00 - 10.30	Session 1 INTRODUCTION <i>Welcome by Moujahed Achouri</i> <i>Presentation of AgWA Partnership, Fethi Lebdi</i> <i>Presentation of COMESA's work, Nalishebo Meebelo</i> <i>Presentation of FAO's Land and Water Division, Jippe Hoogeveen</i>	Session 5 AgWA-COMESA's Next Steps and Actions <i>Discussion on AgWA-COMESA Roadmap</i> <i>Report of Steps and Actions, Leonora Lorena</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.00	Session 2 COMESA and AgWA-Working together within and beyond CAADP <i>Presentation of AgWA's Operational Plan 2014-2015, Maher Salman</i> <i>Discussion</i>	Session 6 AgWA-COMESA's Guiding Principles <i>Presentation of Draft Principles, Maher Salman</i> <i>Discussion</i>
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
13.00 - 15.00	Session 3 Tasks and responsibilities within the Project "Support to the pre- and post-CAADP compact process for improved agricultural water management" <i>Presentation of Project, Maher Salman</i> <i>Report on Inception Meetings, Ken Shawa and Fethi Lebdi</i> <i>Discussion</i>	
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break	
15.30 - 17.30	Session 4 Roles and Responsibilities as AgWA's Chair <i>Presentation of AgWA's Governance Plan, Alba Martinez</i> <i>Discussion</i>	