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The FAO Regional Conference for Africa held in Luanda, Angola, in 2010, recommended that a priority focus of FAO's activities in the Africa Region should be on enhancing regional trade and (regional) value-chain development to combat food insecurity and price volatility in African food markets. The Conference noted that while some progress has been made in several areas, significant impediments still remain. The urgency in addressing the issue of intra-African trade is further evidenced by the fact that *Boosting Intra-African Trade* was the thematic issue for the 2012 African Union Heads of State Summit.

The purpose of the Special Event is to bring together key actors (high-level policy makers, RECs, farmers' organizations, private sector, researchers, etc.) involved in regional value chain development, food security and trade to highlight the remaining impediments and provide operationally effective solutions for concrete actions for improving intra-African trade and regional value-chain developments in the context of increasing price volatility in African food markets.

The Special Event will be opened by a Keynote Speaker followed by a round table of experts and interventions from the floor.

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