

Provisional Programme of Work

Expert Group Meeting (EGM) to review strategic policy options on how to strengthen agribusiness as a pathway to sustainable and inclusive Africa's transformation

31 October 2017

Conference Room 6, UNCC

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Time	Topic	Responsible
08:00 – 08:30	<i>Registration</i>	
08:30 – 09:00	<i>Welcome statement, RITD/ECA Welcome Note, AfDB Opening Remark, AUC Opening Remark, GOET</i>	Stephen Karingi, Director Capacity Development Division /Officer in Charge of Regional Integration and Trade Division (ECA) Representatives of AUC/NEPAD/AfDB: Mr. Godfrey Bahigwa, AUC Director of Rural Economy and Agriculture; Mr. Chiji Ojukwu, AfDB Director of Agriculture & Agro Industry; Representative of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia (GOET)
09:00 – 09:30	EGM objectives and expected outcomes	Mr. Medhat El-Helepi, Economist (ECA)
09:30 – 9:45	Session 1. <i>Setting new horizons and timeframes: Africa Agribusiness strategy - from framework to a common agenda for action</i>	Chair: Mr. Ernest, Ruzindaza, CAADP Team Leader/AUC Presenter: Mr. Mark Fynn, CAADP Agribusiness Advisor (AUC)
09:45 – 10:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
10:00 – 10:45	Session 2. <i>Prioritization, cooperation, integration, implementation Platform for regional value chains, agribusiness and agro industries development in Africa: Conceptual framework, conditions of success, powers, strategic functions and instruments</i>	Chair: Mr. Moneim Elhoweris, CADDP focal point (IGAD); Presenter: Mr. Adama Ekberg, ECA
10:45 – 11:45	Plenary Discussion	Discussant: Professor Yilma Gebremariam, School of Business Southern Connecticut State University USA
11:45 – 12:15	Session 3. <i>Prioritization, cooperation, integration, implementation Platform for regional value chains, agribusiness and agro industrialization in Africa: Operational model</i>	Co-Chairs: Mr. Joseph Mpunga, senior Investment Promotion Officer (COMESA)/Mr. Hamadou Seyni, Director of Agriculture (UEMOA); Presenter: Adama Ekberg (ECA)
12:15 – 13:00	Plenary Discussion	
13:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 14:30	Session 4. <i>Prioritization, cooperation, integration, implementation Platform for regional value chains, agribusiness and agro industries development in Africa: Applications and lessons learned</i>	Chair: Mr. Yilma Yemmane-Berhan, Senior Advisor, MIDROC-Ethiopia Panelists: 1- Mr. Fred Kawuma, Secretary General, Inter African Coffee Organization (IACO)/ 2- Mr. Nitin Chikhuri, Senior Agricultural Planning Officer, Ministry of Agro industry & Food (Mauritius);

		<p>3- Mr. Gerald Masila, Executive Director, Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC)</p> <p>4- Ms. Lucy Muchoki, CEO, Pan-African Agribusiness & Agro industry Consortium (PANAAC)</p> <p>5- Mr. Hermogene Nsengimana, Secretary General, African Organization for Standardization (ARSO), Chairperson, Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI)/</p> <p>6. Mr. Wilson Kasolo, Executive Secretary, African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry & Natural Resources Education (ANAFE)</p>
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Panel discussion followed with Plenary</i>	
16:00 – 16:30	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:15 – 16:30	Session 5. Strategic policy options and guiding principles going forward	<p>Chair: Mr. Augustin Wambui, Head of CAADP/NEPAD</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Adama Ekberg, ECA</p>
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Plenary Discussion</i>	Discussant: Mr. Argent Chuula, International Consultant (ACTESA)
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Communique /Concluding remarks</i>	AUC, NEPAD/NPCA, Afdb, ECA

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