



## Organic in African in COMESA

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## INTRODUCTION

- COMESA COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 8.5MILLION SQ.KM (27 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL OF AFRICA)
- 42% OF THE AREA IS GIVEN AS ARABLE LAND WHILE 60 % IS ENDOWED WITH RIVERS AND LAKES
- FTA ( 13 MEMBER STATES)
- CUSTOMS UNION –2008
- CCIA (2008)



## INTRODUCTION CON'D

- AGRICULTURE IS THE MAIN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
- ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN 32 % OF COMESA'S (GDP), 80 % OF LABOUR FORCE, PROVIDE 50% OF RAW MATERIAL FOR DOMESTIC INDUSTRY.
- ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 65% OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS; AND
- AU/NEPAD / CAADP IS PRIORITY



## COMESA Agricultural Policy(CAP)

- The CAP was endorsed by COMESA Ministers of Agriculture in November 2002
- The aim of the CAP is to harmonise national policies of the region to fully exploit the potential of the COMESA Free Trade Area (FTA) and ultimately, the Customs Union (CU)



## COMPREHENSIVE AFRICA AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CAADP) CON'D

- *Pillar 1: Extending the area under sustainable land management and reliable water control systems;*
- *Pillar 2: Improving rural infrastructure and trade-related capacities for market access;*
- *Pillar 3: Increasing food supply, reducing hunger, and improving responses to food emergency crises; and*
- *Pillar 4: Improving agriculture research, technology dissemination and adoption*



## PRINCIPLES OF CAADP

- 10% of Budget to agriculture
- 6% sectoral growth up to 2015
- Dedicated implementation & monitoring mechanism



## CAADP PROCESS- NATIONAL LEVEL CONT'

- **TAKING STOCK:** stock take findings and gaps (existing policies, strategies and institutions) for growth
- **(2) STRATEGIC OPTIONS:** sub-sectoral sources of growth, options and scenarios



## CAADP PROCESS- NATIONAL LEVEL CONT'

- **(3) INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS:** levels (\$) and types (sub-sectors, units, institutional) of required investments
- **(4) POLICY RESPONSE AND DIALOGUE:** policy / strategy responses and dialogue mechanisms for effective implementation.



## Progress in National Level

- Rwanda has signed the Compact
- KENYA , UGUNDA AND ZAMBIA LAUNCHED THE CAADP PROCESSES
- EACH COUNTRY HAS DONE IT THE WAY IT WANTS:
- Malawi: National Symposium, Introduce CAADP
- Zambia: Policy Retreat, Introduce CAADP
- Uganda: Dedicated CAADP Launch
- Kenya: Dedicated CAADP Launch
- Ethiopia (Not yet : but dedicated launch)



## INVESTMENT AREAS IN RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE, TRADE RELATED CAPACITIES

- Development of infrastructure for enhanced market access
- Enhanced policy and Regulatory environment to promote trade and investment
- Identification and development of priority strategic regional infrastructure
- Strengthening of farmer organizations and related organizations



## Organic Agriculture

- Pillar 2 of Agric Strategy ( CAADP)
- CCIA - investment in agriculture
- Promotion of exports of organics
- Implementing Fertiliser initiative which promotes use of organic fertilizers
- Discussing with some partners to develop a regional programme on promoting organic agriculture- Biodiversity , agro forestry , forestry enterprise development (Honey (Carbon trading)



## Organic Agriculture

- Signed MoU with the Eastern Africa Agribusiness network
- the Memorandum of Understanding with the African Organic Food & Fiber Initiative (AOFFI) and Agribusiness association network
- Have a programme on organic standards which will take advantage of the regional standards

## Organic Agric cont'

- Documenting success stories in organic export promotion
- Biggest structured market in Africa
- Population of 400 Million
- Intra COMESA trade : US 7.5 Billion
- Increased Demand for Organic



THANK YOU

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