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
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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Welcome statement, RITD/ECA  
Welcome Note, AfDB  
Opening Remark, AUC  
Opening Remark, GOET | Stephen Karingi, Director Capacity Development Division /Officer in Charge of Regional Integration and Trade Division (ECA)  
Representatives of AUC/NEPAD/AfDB:  
Mr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, 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. Setting new horizons and timeframes: Africa Agribusiness  
strategy - from framework to a common agenda for action | 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. 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 | 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. Prioritization, cooperation,  
integration, implementation Platform for regional value chains, agribusiness and agro industrialization in Africa: Operational model | 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. Prioritization, cooperation,  
integration, implementation Platform for regional value chains, agribusiness and agro industries development in Africa: Applications and lessons learned | 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); |
3- Mr. Gerald Masila, Executive Director, Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC)
4- Ms. Lucy Muchoki, CEO, Pan-African Agribusiness & Agro industry Consortium (PANAAC)
5- Mr. Hermogene Nsengimana, Secretary General, African Organization for Standardization (ARSO), Chairperson, Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI)/
6. Mr. Wilson Kasolo, Executive Secretary, African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry & Natural Resources Education (ANAFe)

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<td>Session 5. Strategic policy options and guiding principles going forward</td>
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