



## **Regional Workshop**

*“Support to African Union in the development of policies and strategies for country-specific plans to reduce post-harvest losses”*

To be held at

Southern Sun Mayfair Hotel, Parklands, Nairobi Kenya.

24 to 25 July 2018

### **Background**

The 2014 Malabo Declaration called on the African Union Member States to reduce current levels of Post-harvest losses by 50% by the year 2025. The commitment to reducing post-harvest losses is part of efforts by African Union (AU) to achieve food security targets and end hunger on the African continent by the year 2025. Also, the Sustainable Development Goal 12.3 states that “By 2030, to halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses.” Also, actions to improve post-harvest management are essential measures for scaling up climate-smart agriculture and for implementing agriculture and food security-related priorities in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

In an effort to support and achieve the Malabo PHL and SDG 12:3 food loss reduction goals, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Rockefeller Foundation (RF) and the African Union Commission (AUC) have been collaborating on the project: *Support to the African Union in the development of policies and strategies for country-specific plans to reduce post-harvest food losses*. The project is supporting the African Union to achieve its goals at two levels; at the African Union level and at Country level. Each level has its own key result. The AUC level key result is: *Stronger coordination of food loss reduction initiatives and improved alignment to Malabo Roadmap*. The country level key result is: *Improved capacity of AU member countries in the design and implementation of food loss reduction policies, strategies and programmes. To achieve the key results, the project has been implementing a suit of interventions at the AUC level and at country level specifically in Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania*.

### **Workshop Objectives**

- to validate project results and findings on *policies and strategies for country-specific plans to reduce post-harvest food losses*.
- to disseminate information on lessons learnt, good practices and knowledge material to other AU member states and partners on the reduction of food losses
- to seek inputs for inclusion into the proposal for Phase 2 and sustainability plans
- to agree on the next steps.

### **Workshop participants**

Workshop will be attended by about 40 participants. The participants will be drawn from project countries of Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Zambia, Rockefeller Foundation, FAO, IFAD, WFP, Africa Union, donors, CAADP Focal persons, development partners and Post-Harvest experts.

### **Workshop format**

The workshop will involve the presentations of project outputs and findings and participatory discussions. Plenary sessions will aim to identify and prioritise short to medium term strategies and

interventions for inclusions into future activities to support AUC and member states to achieve their Malabo and SDG 12.3 goals.