

CFS HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON CONNECTING SMALLHOLDERS TO MARKETS

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9.30-17.00, Red Room, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Bio

Role: Case Study Presenter

Mr Prince Kamara

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Sierra Leone



Prince Kamara has over twenty years' experience in development work, policy planning and advocacy to overcome poverty. He is a strong campaigner for policy, knowledge, attitude and practice change to help the poorest of the poor to exploit their potentials for their betterment. He is a coordinator and technical back-stopper in the development/formulation and evaluation of national investment plans/programmes within the CAADP country implementation processes. Has a Masters degree in Economic Policy Management from the University of Ghana, Legon.

He is currently the CAADP Focal Person and the coordinator of the National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP) in Sierra Leone, Smallholder Commercialization Program (SCP). He is also the principal technical adviser to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security (MAFFS). He works very closely with the Agricultural Donors Working Group (ADWG), public and private investors, farmers, civil society and other non-state actors. He coordinates the Presidential Task Force on Agriculture (PTFAg) and the Agricultural Advisory Group (AAG) in Sierra Leone. He has a wealth of experience in strengthening stakeholder capabilities to effectively participate in investments through training, new technology and marketing as a means to increase the overall competitiveness of agricultural value chains, expand exports and develop skills in the rural workforce thereby improving livelihoods and reduce poverty by generating higher incomes of farmers and all stakeholders along the value chain.

In his resource mobilization function, he coordinated the development of proposals that enabled the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) to secure over \$70 million grant/loans for different projects including the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP).

Prior to joining MAFFS, Kamara acquired extensive field experience while serving as a consultant with Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)/Sierra Leone. In that position, Kamara led the overall formulation of the National Sustainable Agricultural Development Plan (NSADP) within NEPAD/CAADP Compact Process.

Prince also served as Consultant for the preparation of IFAD's Results Based Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP) for Sierra Leone for the period 2010-2015; conduct of a Baseline Survey and Designing a Monitoring and Evaluation System for the ADB funded Agriculture Sector Rehabilitation Project (ASREP) in Sierra Leone and Co-Evaluator, EU Funded Use of STABEX FUNDS – Support to Cocoa and Coffee Project implemented by Welt Hungerhilfe (WHH).