

# NEPAD Fertilizer Support Program: Status and Challenges in Implementation

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# Outline

- NEPAD Fertilizer Support Program:
  - Main components and status of implementation
- Challenges to program implementation
- Next steps



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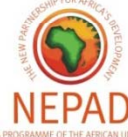
# NEPAD Fertilizer Support Program

- The NEPAD Agency's Fertilizer Support Program was developed to monitor and promote the implementation of the *Abuja Declaration of Fertilizers for an African Green Revolution* at the country and regional and levels.
- The NEPAD Fertilizer Program provides technical assistance and advocacy support to countries and RECs for the implementation of these actions:
  - It has 5 components , as follows.



# Program Components (I)

- (1) Monitor implementation of the Abuja Declaration on Fertilizers by AU member states and RECs and report progress to AU Heads of State through the AUC
  - Since June 2006, 8 progress reports produced and submitted to AUC
  - In 2011 NEPAD became a member of AfricaFertilizer.Org (partnership)
    - AFO is a website that provides information and data on fertilizers and soil fertility issues in Africa
    - NEPAD's role is to provide the "soft" data from the progress reports and collaborate on country level trainings



# Program Component (II)

- (2) Conduct studies on fertilizer policy and marketing issues to inform agriculture development planning and decision-making
  - An 8 country fertilizer subsidy study just completed (in collaboration with FAO, IFDC, and AGRA),
    - *“Practices and Policy Options for the Improved Design and Implementation of Fertilizer Subsidy Programs in Sub-Saharan Africa”*
  - 2 Studies planned for 2013:
    - 1) Study on enabling environment for the fertilizer sector with a focus on PPPs
    - 2) Study on status and challenges in innovative financing mechanisms for fertilizer



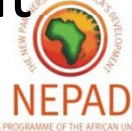
# Program Components (III)

- (3) Convene regional dialogues to promote regional policy harmonization
  - Regional policy platform on fertilizer subsidies in Nigeria in 2010
  - Regional platform on innovative financing for fertilizer interventions in Africa planned for 2013
- (4) Conduct policy advocacy training for key stakeholders
  - Purpose is to equip stakeholders with the advocacy skills to promote the fertilizer policy and regulatory issues delineated in the Abuja Declaration
  - Policy advocacy training workshop in Mozambique in 2010 (in collaboration with AGRA)



# Program Component (IV)

- 5) Mainstreaming fertilizer into CAADP
  - CAADP is blueprint for revitalization of agricultural sector in Africa (6% and 10% targets)
  - Policy and institutional reform process which culminates in the NAFSIPs
  - Recognition that 6% target will not be reached without substantive increases in fertilizer use
  - Hence: mainstream fertilizer into the CAADP to make sure NAFSIPs have fertilizer component



# Program Component (V)

- Step 1:
  - Revise the Post-Compact Review Guidelines to reflect the fertilizer agenda
  - Develop a toolkit countries can use to assess the NAFSIPs for fertilizer content
- Step 2: Regional workshops to assist countries
  - Provide training on Abuja
  - Use toolkit to identify their key fertilizer issues
  - Make available relevant experts to help countries assess NAFSIPs for fertilizer content
- Step 3:
  - Mobilize technical assistance to assist countries develop fertilizer programs/improve existing programs





# Challenges

- Inadequate human resources at NEPAD Agency
- Lack of financial resources for the NEPAD Fertilizer Program
- Monitoring and reporting on Abuja is a core program activity but low response rate at the country level
- Insufficient commitment at country level to prioritize the fertilizer agenda



# Next Steps

- The main constraints to expansion and impact have been inadequate financial and human resources
- NEPAD is signing an MOU and grant agreement with AFAP.
  - NEPAD is the policy wing of AFAP. Grant agreement should enable the NEPAD Fertilizer Program to take off
- Closer collaboration with AFO in future to provide training and disseminate information and data on fertilizers in Africa to wider range of stakeholders



# Thank You



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