

## CAADP Nutrition 'Task Force' Meeting

Date: 21 March 2014

Venue: Durban, South Africa

Chair: Kefilwe (NPCA) and Johanna (FAO)

Participants: Collen-Zimbabwe CAADP FP; Mermedah- Seychelles CAADP FP, Arijaona-Madagascar CAADP FP; Melanie-USAID; Julia-HKI, Simpungwe- HarvestPlus; William-COMESA; Alabongalaze -SUNCSO + Farmers Organization

The 'task force' gathered last week Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March during the CAADP PP to have an initial meeting to discuss

- Key objectives of the task force
- Expectations from the countries
- Regional / Sub-regional role for the technical and financial support on the implementation of the CAADP Nutrition Initiative at national, regional and continental level.

Since the first inception of these series of regional workshops, there haven't been a task force to monitor the situation on the ground at country level, therefore the task force agreed that there is a necessity of strong follow-up and support from all the RECs and development partners.

After extensive discussions on the roles and numbers of the task force members, the meeting agreed that :

- The task force should focus on :
  1. Continue advocacy for better supporting countries and strengthen partnership, integration of initiatives (e.g with SUN/REACH)
  2. Leverage regional opportunities for follow-up and capacity development / optimize the use of financial and technical resources
  3. Support M&E at regional/country level
  4. Facilitate learning and information sharing across countries and inform the research
- In terms of roles / numbers
  - The task force must be of a manageable number – and should at least be managed/coordinated by a core team
  - RECs should be fully included in the task force – and the task force working groups could be organised by regions, lead by RECs, with the support of NPCA and DP.
  - The task force should be as inclusive as possible, but also flexible. As a “network”. And continue delivering on the agreed next steps.
  - Tasks lead / followed by the different members should be clarified : need to have clear ToRs + an action plan
  - There is a need to have regular updates / communications among the broader group / steering committee / network of people involved in this initiative

In addition to the issues cited above, the following points were raised:

1. Need to liaise with country CAADP Team to validate/understand their needs and what they expect from the task force (already on-going)
2. Need to sustain the CAADP Momentum and align it with the existing mechanisms and initiatives such as SUN, Zero Hunger and REACH
3. To gather all the country Roadmaps and share among countries as lessons learnt
4. To mobilise resources for countries

5. To plan for teleconference call/meeting with the members of Task Force as well as a physical meeting or face to face meeting depending on the availability of the funds
6. To share the Task force concept note with other members

**Conclusion:** A Task force teleconference call to be organised on the 26<sup>th</sup> March at 1500hrs South Africa Time and FAO to facilitate the call.