



MAINSTREAMING ECOLOGICAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (EOA) INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE AFRICA AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CAADP)

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Maputo Commitments

- CAADP was adopted by African Union Heads of States at the Maputo Summit in Mozambique in July, 2003.
- Commitments
 - At least 10 percent of total national budgets should be allocated to Agriculture
 - 6 percent annual growth for the agriculture sector.

CAADP Pillars

- Pillar 1: Land and Water Management
- Pillar 2 : Rural Infrastructure and Market Access
- Pillar 3 : Food Security and Nutrition
- Pillar 4: Agricultural Research, Technology Dissemination and Adoption

CAADP Country Process

CAADP Launch (High Level endorsement – Gov., RECs)

Stocktaking process (analysis & consultations)

Growth options to prioritize investments (analysis & Country Briefs)

Compact Signing & Roundtable

CAADP Country Process

**Elaboration of National Agriculture
Investment Plan (NAIPs)**

Independent Technical Review

**Business meeting (agreement on
financing)**

CAADP Implementation

National Level

- 44 African countries have signed the CAADP compacts.
- 39 African countries have developed National Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIPs) and also held Business Meetings.

Regional Level

ECOWAS, COMESA, SADC and IGAD have developed Regional Agricultural Investment Plans (RAIPs).

Malabo Commitments

- After 10 years of CAADP implementation, AU Heads of State and Government adopted the Malabo Declaration and made the following commitments:-
 1. Recommitment to the principles and values of the CAADP process
 2. Commitment to enhancing investment finance in agriculture
 3. Commitment to ending hunger in Africa by 2025.
 4. Commitment to halving poverty by year 2025.
 5. Commitment to boosting intra-African trade in agricultural commodities and services.
 6. Commitment to enhancing resilience of livelihoods and production systems to climate variability and other related risks.
 7. Commitment to mutual accountability to actions and results.

Malabo Commitments

The first biennial review report covering the first two years of the implementation of the Malabo Declaration revealed that out of the 47 AU member states that reported progress, only 20 of the reported countries were on track to achieving the Malabo commitments by 2025. The average score for the whole Africa based on the 47 country reports was 3.60 out of 10.

The African Heads of State and Government Decision EX.CL/Dec.621 (XVIII) on Organic Farming.

Requested the AUC and NPCA to:

1. Initiate and provide guidance for an African Union-led coalition of International Partners on the establishment of an African organic farming platform based on best practices; and
2. Provide guidance in support of the development of sustainable organic farming systems;



The Continental EOA Steering Committee

- * In response to the Heads of States' decision on organic farming, the African Union Commission facilitated the formation of the Continental EOA Steering Committee. This Committee was inaugurated in October, 2013 at the AUC Headquarters in Addis Ababa and the committee has since met ten (10) times after its establishment.
- * This committee provides guidance and oversight for the development of Organic Farming in Africa.
- The committee mandated the development of a revised Action Plan and a Strategic plan on EOA.



EOA Strategic Plan, 2015 -2025

- **Our vision is:** Resilient and vibrant Ecological Organic Agricultural systems for enhanced food security, nutrition and sustainable development in Africa.
- **Our Mission is:** To scale up ecologically and organically sound strategies and practices among diversified stakeholders through institutional capacity development, scientific innovations, market participation, public policies and programs, outreach and communication, efficient coordination, networking and partnerships in Africa.
- **The overall Goal of the EOA initiative is:** To mainstream Ecological Organic Agriculture into national agricultural production systems by 2025 in order to improve quality of life for African citizens.

EOA Strategic Plan –Cont'd

- **Key Priority Areas**

- 1. Research Training and Extension**

- 2. Information and communication**

- 3. Value Chain & Market Development**

- 4. Networking & Partnerships**

- 5. Policy & Programme Development**

- 6. Institutional capacity development**

EOA Strategic Plan –Cont'd

Strategic objectives

- To carry out effective, demand driven, multi-disciplinary, gender sensitive and participatory research, training and extension to support a holistic productive EOA by 2025.
- To translate research findings into outreach material for farmers as well as package relevant information for lobbying and advocacy efforts targeting other stakeholders (private sector, policy makers) by 2025.
- To increase the share of quality EOA products at the national, regional and international markets through value chain analysis and market development by 2025.
- To foster and strengthen synergies among stakeholders in Africa through building networks and partnerships by 2025.

EOA Strategic Plan –Cont’d

Strategic approaches

- a) EOA will adapt a ‘holistic, multi-stakeholder and multi-sectorial approach’ in implementing its agenda.
- b) Given the vastness of the continent and the diverse actors in Agriculture, EOA will adapt a ‘Partnership and Networking strategy’. This will help to build synergies and complementarities while avoiding duplication of efforts.
- c) Community empowerment and inclusiveness’ as a strategy will anchor the EOA agenda in sustainable institutions and demography (women and youth). EOA knowledge shared with communities and especially with women and youth will remain in these communities and passed on for generations to come.
- d) EOA will also adapt a ‘growth and expansion strategy’ so as to reach out to more countries in Africa.

EOA Strategic Plan –Cont'd

Reviews and Evaluations

- There will be a Midterm review of this strategy in 2020 (5th year).
- The Strategic Plan will again be reviewed in 2025 leading to the development of the second EOA Strategic Plan (2025-2035)

Resource Mobilisation (Human and Finances)

- Approximately, 43,900 million Euros is needed to implement this Strategic plan successfully. This figure includes project activity costs, human resources, and technical support and coordination costs.

Recommendations for mainstreaming EOA into CAADP

- To effectively mainstream EOA into CAADP will require that EOA initiatives in Africa are well documented and disseminated so that its merits can be considered in the CAADP process and in the NAIPs.
- African Governments need to be lobbied to include EOA in the NAIPs.
- National EOA platforms also need to liaise with the CAADP focal points at the country level to push for inclusion of EOA into the National Agricultural Investment Plans. As majority of the NAIPs had already been developed, the review periods of these NAIPs, will be the most opportune time to ensure the inclusion of EOA in the NAIPs.

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Recommendations for mainstreaming EOA into CAADP

- EOA Actors should actively participate in the annual CAADP Partnership Platform meetings and sell the EOA brand at such meetings.
- The possibility of linking up National EOA platforms to CAADP during Malabo domestication processes should also be explored.
- An African Head of State should be identified and made to champion EOA in Africa and its mainstreaming into CAADP.

Conclusion

- Available statistics indicate that there are now more than 1.70 million hectares of certified organic agricultural land in Africa. The figure for certified OA land about a decade and half ago was just 52,000 hectares. This feat has been achieved with the limited financial resources given to the sector. So you can imagine; the sky will be the limit, if EOA is mainstreamed into CAADP and it is given the needed financial resources.
- The African Union Commission, through the Continental EOA Steering Committee would continue to push for EOA to be mainstreamed into CAADP so that the sector can continue to grow exponentially.

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