

# Side Event Concept Note

## Accelerating Sustainable Growth and Job Creation

### Linking CAADP, Nutrition, and the SDGs for Resilient Food Systems in Africa

#### 1. Background

This side event addresses the adoption of the Kampala CAADP Declaration on Building Resilient and Sustainable Agri-Food Systems in Africa for the period 2026–2035. The declaration, which was adopted at the AU Extraordinary Summit on the Post-Malabo Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) in Kampala, outlines key commitments to transform Africa's food systems.

These commitments include: - Increasing agri-food output by 45% by 2035, - Reducing post-harvest loss by 50%, - Tripling intra-African trade in agri-food products and inputs, and - Raising the share of locally processed food to 35% of agrifood GDP.

The purpose of this event is to integrate CAADP's Post-Malabo Commitments (2026-2035), Agenda 2063, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to promote inclusive economic growth, end hunger, and achieve sustainable livelihoods. The alignment with various SDGs includes: - Enhancing food security and nutrition (SDG 2), - Improving health outcomes (SDG 3), - Scaling up agri-food enterprises and rural employment (SDG 8), - Expanding agro-industrialization (SDG 9), - Reducing post-harvest loss and increasing efficiency (SDG 12), and - Strengthening climate resilience (SDG 13).

#### 2. Objectives

1. Position nutrition as a key driver for economic growth, job creation, and food system resilience in Africa.
2. Demonstrate the intersection of nutrition security, the CAADP 10-Year Strategy, and the SDGs in achieving sustainable development.
3. Showcase best practices from Uganda's Nutrition Dialogue II and UNAP II implementation in strengthening data-driven policy and multi-sectoral coordination.
4. Mobilize increased investments in nutrition-sensitive food value chains to enhance agricultural transformation under CAADP.
5. Foster stronger partnerships between governments, development agencies, private sector actors, and farmer organizations for food systems sustainability.

#### 4. Expected Outcomes

This session will generate:

1. Policy recommendations to integrate CAADP's food system transformation goals with national nutrition strategies.
2. Commitments from governments, donors, and private sector actors to scale up investment in nutrition-sensitive value chains.
3. An investment roadmap for climate-resilient food systems and post-harvest loss reduction.
4. Multi-sectoral collaboration strategies to mobilize financing and governance for sustainable food security solutions.

**Target Participants** will include; African Union and CAADP stakeholders (AUDA-NEPAD, ECA, FAO, AfDB, AUC), Government officials (Ministries of Agriculture, Health, Trade, Finance), Development partners (UNICEF, WFP, GAIN, CARE International, Food Rights Alliance), Private sector leaders (agribusiness, food processors, trade associations), CSOs, academia, and farmer organizations.

## **6. Format and Methodology**

The 90-minute session will feature:

1. Opening Keynote by the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries
2. Expert Panel Discussion on CAADP Implementation, Nutrition, and Economic Growth (Speakers: AUDA-NEPAD, FAO, Ministry of Trade, UNICEF, GAIN, CARE International, Food Rights Alliance)
3. Case Study Presentation: Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Private Sector Network
4. Q&A and Audience Commitments for Action.

## **7. Organizers**

*Main Sponsor:* Office of the Prime Minister - UNAP Secretariat, Directorate of Strategic Coordination and Implementation

*Event Partners:* CARE International (CASCADE), GAIN, FAO, UNICEF, AUDA-NEPAD, Food Rights Alliance