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Abstract & Objectives
The New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition (New Alliance) represents a shared commitment by G7 and African countries and the private sector to achieve global food security and poverty reduction through sustained and inclusive agricultural growth that is focused on smallholder farmers, especially women. It supports an accelerated implementation of country-led plans developed as part of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) through increased investments by the private sector. The New Alliance has been launched in 10 countries—Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, and Tanzania—where, the G7 and African countries and the private sector have put in place Cooperation Frameworks to guide their partnership and mutual commitments.

Under the leadership of AUC and NPCA, ReSAKSS, Africa Lead, Grow Africa, the CAADP Non-State Actors, and others have been conducting the 2014-2015 country level reviews—in the 10 New Alliance countries—the primary mutual accountability mechanism for all Cooperation Framework commitments. The purpose of the annual review process is to bring together an inclusive group of government, domestic and international private sector, development partners, and civil society stakeholders to review, share, and discuss progress and challenges against all Cooperation Framework commitments and generate mutually agreed upon country progress reports and a consolidated progress report.
The goal of this side event is to bring together state and non-state actor representatives to deliberate on the current country review process, what has worked and what has not, the quality of stakeholder engagement in the review process, and come up with recommendations on how to improve the process going forward.

**Structure**

The side event will be organized as follows: it will start with 5-minute opening remarks by AUC- DREA followed by a 15-minute presentation of the country level reviews by ReSAKSS. This will be followed by a 40 minute panel discussion with panelists who will share their experiences and viewpoints. Finally, the floor will be opened up to a wider audience for a further 30-minute discussion.