Process and Lessons Learnt

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Background

• The New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition is a shared commitment to achieve sustained inclusive, agriculture-led growth in Africa.

• Launched in 2012, the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition set out to:
  - Reaffirm continued donor commitment to reducing poverty and hunger
  - Accelerate implementation of key components of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)
  - Leverage the potential of responsible private investment to support development goals
  - Help lift 50 million people out of poverty in Africa by 2022
  - Achieve sustained inclusive, agriculture-led growth in Africa
How does New Alliance work?

• Countries commit to undertake policy reforms and investments to facilitate responsible private investment in agriculture in support of smallholder farmers

• The commitments are contained in Cooperation Framework signed by different partners: private sector, governments and donors

• Partners agree to hold themselves accountable to these commitments, reporting annually on progress.

• New Alliance commitments are reviewed as part of the CAADP Agriculture Joint Sector Review (JSR) process.

• A Leadership Council was formed in 2012: committed to advancing progress on investment in sustainable and inclusive agricultural development in Africa in alignment with CAADP.
Status of New Alliance implementation

• So far 10 countries are partners in the New Alliance: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal and Tanzania

• The first progress report for 2013-2014 was produced in June 2014 and is available on www.New-Alliance.org

• The 2014-2015 report will be ready by the end of September 2015, based on validated country reports under preparation
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• Initiated by African Union in June 2015 with letters to Ministers of Agriculture in the 10 NA countries

• ReSAKSS supported AUC/NPCA in linking with country NA/GA teams to draft the country reports

• Country reports validated at national workshop during August, facilitated by Africa Lead II program

• Validated country reports will be used to compile the continental report for presentation and endorsement by the Specialized Technical Committed (STC) of Ministers early October
Some experiences and lessons

- Good leadership provided by AU, specifically the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture
- Good response from Governments, given the short time (mid June to August 31)
- Good commitments by the ReSAKSS team in the three regions
- Good support from USAID in mobilizing donors at country level
- Good support from Africa Lead II in facilitating country validation workshop
- More time was needed for the exercise: Senegal and Malawi workshops in September;
- Data needs to be validated before it is used in the reports
More experiences and lessons learnt

Panel discussion:
• Countries (Ethiopia, Ghana and Malawi)
• Private sector: Grow Africa
• Facilitators: Africa Lead
• Donors (USAID)
• ReSAKSS nodes (ECA, SA and WA)