



## **SIDE EVENT # 5: Research Gaps for Food and Nutrition Security under CAADP**

**Venue:** ADINKRA

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### **Abstract & Objectives**

The [April 2016 meeting](#) of the CAADP Partnership Platform called for renewed efforts to meet the 2003 Maputo commitment to invest at least 10% of public budgets in agriculture, as reiterated in the 2014 Malabo Declaration. Mainstreaming nutrition in the [National Agricultural Investment Strategies](#) has been a goal for regional planners but a number of knowledge gaps still exist. Research has shown that CAADP has been successful in improving the effectiveness and transparency of agricultural policy-making in Africa, increasing the political cachet of the agricultural sector, and promoting greater participation by multiple state and non-state actors in the agricultural policy dialogue.<sup>[1]</sup>

One of the key indicators of progress in implementing the CAADP framework is membership in the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition and Grow Africa partnerships. According to Chapter 9 of the 2014 ReSAKSS Annual Trends and Outlook Report, as of as of July 2015, 10 African countries had signed cooperation agreements under this initiative. However, even with these agreements in place, many countries still face challenges in actually implementing the CAADP framework. In addition, with the exception of the latest AGRA report, there remains a dearth of research into how CAADP processes actually incorporate and impact food and nutrition security in the region.

This side event, organized by the [Food Security Portal for Africa South of the Sahara](#), aims to bring together a range of researchers and project managers focused on nutrition programs under CAADP. The main objective of the event is to identify research gaps that still exist and share experiences that can help better understand why there appear to be [mixed results](#) for nutrition under CAADP implementation. The panelists will discuss what they consider to be research priorities under CAADP, based on their varying experiences and expertise. This panel will expand and comment on the results of a poll on this topic conducted through the [Food Security Portal](#). For more information about the Research Gaps under CAADP poll, please click [here](#). The poll is available in [English](#) and [French](#).

