The Process of Developing a Draft Framework for SAMS for the Transformation of Agriculture in Africa: Sending the Hand-hoe to the Museum

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Introduction

- In 2015 the AUC initiated a process of developing a SAMS for Africa – one of the follow-ups to decisions made at the 2014 Malabo Summit
- AUC decided that one of the main objectives of the initiative should be focused on sending the hand-hoe to the museum by 2035
- The AUC also decided that the SAMS should be anchored on Commercial, Environmental and Socio-economic Sustainability
- AUC sought the partnership of key institutions:
  – FAO; UNECA; AfDB; the RECs and member countries through its consultative process.
- Concept Note was developed through a consultative process during the period January-June 2016;
- An Inception Workshop [IW] was convened in Addis in June 2016 and attended by over 35 participants from key institutions in SSA
- IW decided on the need to develop a Framework for SAMS

Presentation to the Nairobi Meeting on SAMS in SSA – 2nd December 2016
The Process of Developing a Framework for the SAMS

- The Inception Workshop formed a Steering Committee [SC] comprising of representatives of key institutions
- The SC Committee met and agreed on the consultative process to be followed in developing the framework for the SAMS:
  - Review of past studies and reports on agricultural mechanization of the past 50 years – several pan-African studies
  - *Draw lessons from both successful and failed programs and projects of the past* - foci so far more on failures
  - Learn from other sub-sectors e.g. transportation; ICT etc.
  - Learn from other regions of the world e.g. Asia, LAC etc.
  - *Undertake a number of sub-regional and country studies through consultations with RECs*
  - *Framework document should be ready by March 2017*
Sub-regional and Country Studies

- Four experts were commissioned to undertake, through a consultative process, a rapid appraisal of the SAM situation in the four sub-regions:
  - Central Africa – Professor Mathias Fonteh of Cameroon;
  - Eastern Africa – Dr. Pascal Kaumbutho of Kenya
  - Southern Africa – Dr. Mataba Tapela of Botswana
  - Western Africa – Prof. Emmanuel Ajaw of Nigeria

- Sub regional studies being undertaken between September – November 2016 thru consultation with RECs & member countries

- A progress review meeting held in October 2016 & another one scheduled for this Sunday and Monday here in Nairobi,

- A limited number of country studies [e.g. Rwanda – Dr. Ahmad Adenkule, Uganda etc.] contribute to this process
The Next Steps

• A Team comprising of the four experts, Drs. Noma Mhlanga & Jerome Afeikhena from FAO/SFE & myself are overseeing the process of developing the document under the leadership of Dr. Patrick Kormawa – the FAO Representative to the AUC & UNECA.

• **AUC and UNECA are briefed on progress periodically on progress made & they provide their guidance/comments**

• Stakeholders of agricultural mechanization in SSA will be availed the draft framework document for their comments before a final draft is produced in January 2017,

• **A Stakeholders workshop is planned in March 2017 to discuss the recommendations in the document,**

• **In accordance with AUC procedures and protocols the document will thereafter be subjected to formal review in its official organs**
Concluding Comments

• This will be the first document which is considering agricultural mechanization at pan-Africa level developed by African experts and subjected to an African wide review process,

• There have been other documents before notable among them:
  – The World Bank Report prepared by the Team led by Dr. J.C. deWilde of 1967 – recommended establishment of a Centre
  – *The MSU report no.6 of 1969 by Kline et al 1969 -*
  – *The FAO 2008 publication – Time for a New Look*
  – The FAO/UNIDO document of 2009 – Time for Action

• The above reports led to debates and shifts in agricultural mechanization priorities in SSA – hopefully the SAMS framework document will resolve the contentious issues

• *We look forward to receiving your comments on the draft document*
Tractor use by region, 1961-2000

- Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Europe
- Latin America & Caribbean
- North America
- Near East

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