

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*

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

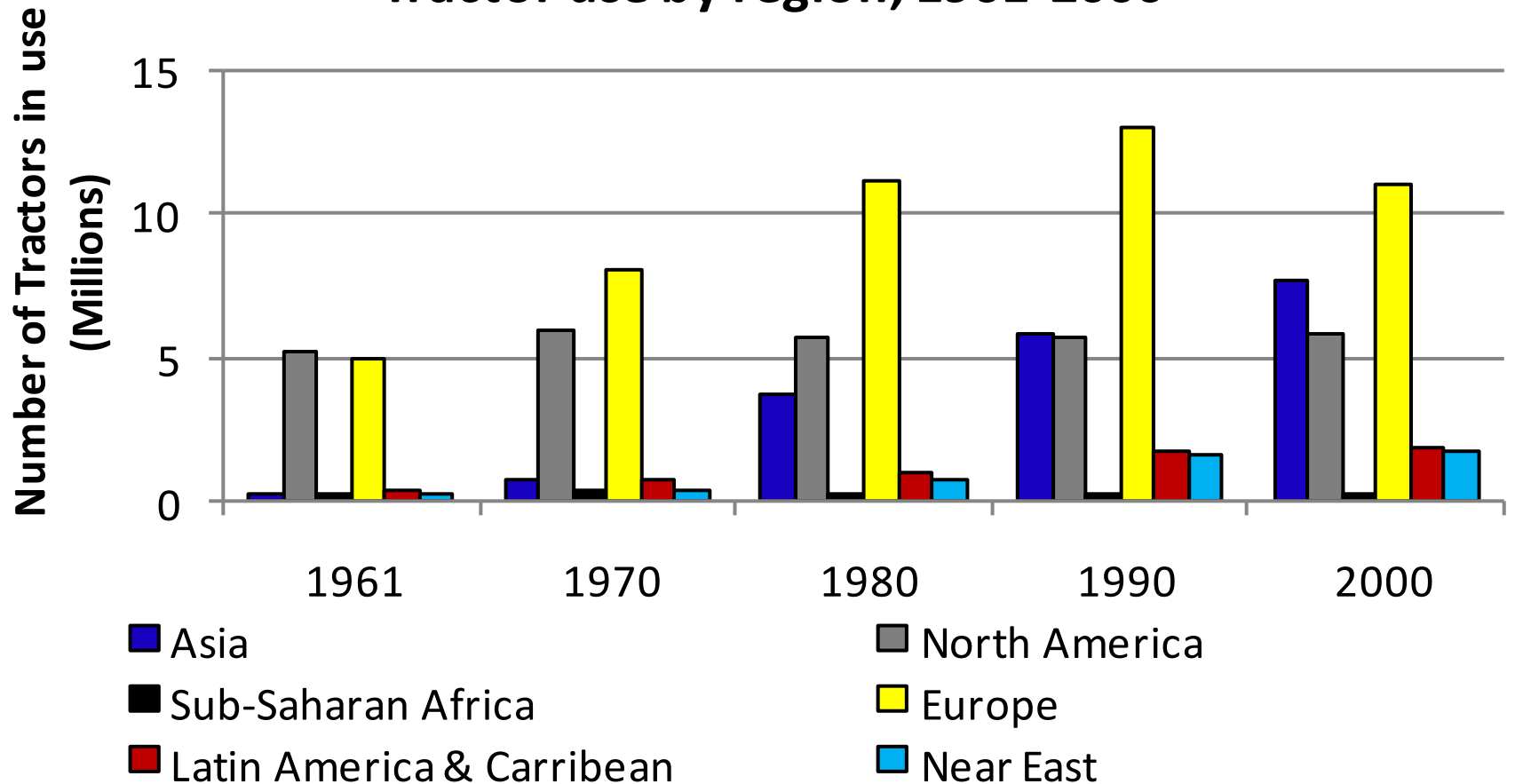
The Next Steps

- 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 Report of the Goma Conference of 1948;*
 - 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 Pingali, Biwot & Binswanger book of 1987;
 - *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



Thank you!