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2010 CAADP Africa Forum

The 2010 CAADP Africa Forum will be held from **4 to 8 October 2010** in Azalaï Hotel in **Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso** on the theme ***“Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change: Strategies of Smallholder Farmers to achieve Food Security and Income Growth in Africa”***.

The CAADP Africa Forum is an annual platform of learning and sharing on progress among farmers and among experts, policy and decision makers from different agricultural sub-sectors. Purpose of this exchange among peers is to foster the up scaling of best practices across Africa via a process of country driven development of the agricultural and rural sector. In this way, the CAADP Africa Forum builds a bridge between the realities on the ground to the highly specialist expertise offered by the CAADP Pillar Lead Institutions¹ and other knowledge centers.

During the first CAADP Africa Forum in 2009 in Nairobi, it was proposed that Regional Farmer Organizations (RFOs) take the lead and drive the agenda of the forum from 2010 onwards. By offering this pan-African platform of exchange, CAADP aims to support Farmer Organizations directly in their pursuit of improving food security and agricultural growth on the continent. Therefore the forum is predominantly meant for farmers, farmer representatives and national and regional Farmer Organizations. Also present at the forum will be organizations like the AU and NEPAD, the CAADP Pillar Institutions and the Regional Economic Communities.

As theme for the 2010 forum, RFOs choose: *Meeting the challenges of Climate Change: Strategies of Smallholder Farmers to achieve Food Security and Income Growth in Africa*. Under this theme, practitioners (mostly farmers) bring success stories or best practices to the forum so that countries can learn from each other's experiences.

Specific objectives of the 2010 CAADP Africa Forum are:

1. To exchange information on **existing best practices** by farmers adapting to climate change and mitigating its impacts;
2. To disseminate information and exchange experience on how farmer organizations can access and use **international climate change financing mechanisms** (such as the Clean Development Mechanism or CDM);
3. To share information (and develop an inventory) on existing **mitigation and adaptation technologies** that can be used by small holder farmers (such as water management technologies, agricultural input technologies, energy generation technologies etc);
4. To help Farmer Organizations use the CAADP framework to advance **national and regional policy agendas** towards supporting the adaptation to, and mitigation against climate change among small farmers.

¹ The CAADP framework is divided over four key areas in the form of pillar programmes, each of which is spearheaded by a Pillar Lead Institution.

During the forum, participants will get together in working groups by country and as Country Teams will develop a **Country Action Plan** in which the ideas taken from the forum are linked to the on-going agriculture development and CAADP implementation at country level. In this way, the momentum built up at the forum finds a way onto national agenda's that will facilitate implementation.

At the end of the forum **Key Findings** will be presented as a wrap-up to participants. This presentation will also be used as an input into the CAADP Partnership Platform and as a contribution to the implementation of the strategy of smallholder farmers in coping with climate change. Further, **Proceedings of the 2010 CAADP Africa Forum** will be prepared, both in summary form for policy makers as well as in a detailed version with Country Action Plans attached for purposes of follow-up by participants and organizers.

It is expected that CAADP-Africa Forum complements the CAADP-Partnership Platform, whereby the Partnership Platform lays out the *structure* of the CAADP process and the Africa Forum informs the *content* of CAADP supported agricultural development.

The CAADP Africa Forum brings experience from the field to the forum via farmer representatives and organizations at country level. Ultimate responsibility for compiling and selecting contributions is with the RFOs and they will do so via their country level constituencies within the region of their mandate.

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Registration to the 2010 CAADP Africa Forum is via internet; please download the registration form at www.africaforum.info or www.caadp.net. Participants from development agencies need to pay €300 registration fees, payable at the registration desk of the forum. Farmers are exempted from registration fees. Participation includes lunches, cocktail, social dinner and field trips. Self funded participants are responsible for travel, accommodation and regular dinners.

If you have a story worth telling, please send your idea or proposal to presentation@africaforum.info.

For more information see the websites www.africaforum.info or www.caadp.net.