



## 2010 CAADP Africa Forum

# MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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## Purpose and functioning of the Country Team

Most of the participants to the upcoming CAADP Africa Forum will (1) come from an African country and (2) be active in agriculture (as implementer, decision maker or advisor). Participants from a single country will (or are encouraged to) come as part of a Country Team.

The Country Team has two main purposes:

1. It represents the country, its agricultural successes and needs, to the forum as a whole;
2. It uses the ideas and lessons collected at the forum, to drive the agricultural sector in their own country forward, especially via the CAADP country process.

Thus, the Country Team should act as a two-way bridge between the CAADP-Africa Forum and the agricultural sector stakeholders at field level.

## Size and composition of the Country Team

The composition of the Country team should be such that it serves the above purpose best. This means that people in the team should have the capacity and the position to translate ideas taken from the forum into action back home.

The actual composition should further be linked to the theme of the forum - This year's theme concerns Climate Change, and so people in the Country Team may include a representative of a national think-tank specialised in Climate Change, or someone who pursues the cultivation of drought tolerant crops. However, two positions should always be filled:

1	Representative of the National Farmer Organisation	Coordinator
2	CAADP Focal Person	Link to CAADP process

Ad. 1: Where more than one national Farmer Organisation exists, one representative should be selected from one of the FOs that is a member of the relevant Regional FO (countries may decide to make this rotational if they want to). This FO-representative should liaise as Country Team coordinator with the RFO-representative for the region (see table below).

Ad. 2: The CAADP Focal Person is important, as the findings of the forum should go to inform the CAADP Country Process.

Other members of the Country team are optional, may vary from year to year and may include:

3	Presenters of case studies (farmers, private sector, NGO, CSO, traditional leaders, others)
4	RFO-representative when based in the country concerned
5	REC-representative when based in the country concerned
6	CAADP Pillar Institution-representatives when based in the country concerned
7	Government representatives (other than the CAADP FP)
8	Representatives from farmers, private sector, NGO, CSO, traditional leaders, etc (other than the already present resource persons)
9	Development Partner representatives

The size of the Country Team depends on several factors:

1. Number of people that need to sponsoring and number of people who are self-financed
2. Number of case studies accepted for presentation
3. Presence of RFO, REC and Pillar representatives in the country

Ad 1: In order to be fair to all countries coming to the forum, we have to limit the number of people that can be financially sponsored to a maximum of 5 per country.

People who are self-funding (e.g. donor representatives) can always come to the forum, until we have reached the limit of 250 participants to the forum in total.

Ad 2: The Content team will decide upon the number of case studies accepted.

Ad 3: Certain countries (e.g. Senegal, South Africa, Zambia) also are host to regional organisations (RFOs and RECs) and/or CAADP Pillar Institutions. This will be taken into account and those countries can be represented at the form by a larger team.

Based on the above the size of Country Teams can vary from 2 (minimum) to about 10-12 people (out of which no more than 5 are financially sponsored).

### Regional Farmer Organisation contact persons

The responsibility for communication with Country Teams and their coordinators is with the Content Team. General questions can be addressed to the two co-leads (Ousmane and Desirée), but NFO coordinators are expected to liaise with their RFO contact points listed in the table below:

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