

Advancing the Kampala CAADP Agenda through Evidence-Based Policy Research: Bridging Science, Policy and Implementation for Scaled Agricultural Transformation – Insights from Members of the Pan-African Network for the Analysis of Economic Policies (PANAP-StEPPFoS)

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CONCEPT NOTE

Side Event

Theme: Advancing the Kampala CAADP Agenda through Evidence-Based Policy Research: Bridging Science, Policy and Implementation for Scaled Agricultural Transformation in Africa — Insights from Members of the Pan-African Network for the Analysis of Economic Policies (PANAP-StEPPFoS)

Event	9th Africa Agriculture Science Week (AASW9) and 10th FARA General Assembly
Date	28 July 2026
Time	14:00 – 16:00 GMT+1 (Nigerian Time)
Venue	Abuja Continental Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria
Virtual Link (ZOOM)	https://faraafrica.zoom.us/meeting/register/Tuap6X8RS_y9x3ZeVEpZTw
Conference Theme	Innovations and Partnerships for Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems in Africa
Organizers	StEPPFoS, FARA, CSIR-STEPRI, KIPPRA, CIRES, ECDPM, ASARECA

Background

The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) remains Africa's flagship framework for driving agricultural transformation, food security, and economic growth. The new phase of the CAADP (Kampala CAADP) discussions and commitments have emphasized the need for strengthened accountability, data-driven decision-making, and comprehensive policy processes to accelerate progress toward the Kampala Declaration targets and beyond.

Despite significant progress under CAADP, implementation across many African countries remains constrained by fragmented institutional mandates, weak coordination between research and policy processes, limited use of data and analytics in decision-making and inadequate translation of research into actionable policies. In addition, national and subnational planning processes often operate in silos, limiting the effectiveness of integrated food systems' transformation. Addressing these gaps requires strengthening the science-policy interface and ensuring that evidence generated by research networks such as PANAP is systematically embedded into policy design, implementation and monitoring frameworks.

In this context, the Pan-African Network for Economic Analysis of Policies (PANAP) members, through the StEPPFoS Project have undertaken a range of policy studies which address priority areas aligned with the evolving CAADP agenda. These priority areas include sciencepolicy interface, climate resilience, agricultural research financing, regional trade, and inclusive agrifood systems. These studies are aimed at supporting countries to domesticate the Kampala CAADP Strategies to achieve the Agenda 2063.

Importantly, the emerging Kampala CAADP agenda places strong emphasis on implementation, accountability and measurable results. This requires moving beyond projectbased approaches toward programmatic, system-wide interventions anchored in national development frameworks, including Agenda 2063, National Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIPs) and country-level strategies. PANAP's work provides a critical evidence base to support this transition by offering policy-relevant insights, analytical tools and cross-country learning.

The Agricultural Science Week, hosted by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), provides a strategic platform to position PANAP-generated evidence within the broader Kampala CAADP process. It offers a critical opportunity to bridge the gap between research outputs and policy implementation by ensuring that evidence generated by PANAP members directly inform both continental commitments and national-level agricultural policies.

This side event is designed to support the operationalization of CAADP commitments by disseminating policy-relevant research findings and fostering dialogue on evidence-based agricultural policymaking across Africa. It serves as a conduit for translating research into actionable policy insights, with a particular focus on strengthening national implementation pathways and enhancing the uptake of scientific evidence in decision-making processes.

The side event aligns with the Science Week sub-theme, "Enabling Impact at Scale: Policies, Financing, Capacities, Institutions, Inclusion," which emphasizes the need to strengthen food systems governance through institutionalized systems thinking and inclusive, bottom-up engagement across governments and the wider stakeholder ecosystem. This focus highlights the importance of addressing structural enablers, such as policy coherence, financing mechanisms, institutional capacity, and inclusivity to effectively bridge the gap between innovation and large-scale impact.

Furthermore, this initiative is anchored within key continental and global development frameworks, including African Union Agenda 2063, the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation, and the Sustainable Development Goals. It also reinforces the implementation of national agricultural investment plans and contributes to strengthening accountability mechanisms under the CAADP Results Framework, thereby supporting a more coordinated, transparent, and results-oriented agricultural transformation agenda across the continent.

Objectives

- Strengthen the science-policy interface by facilitating structured dialogue between researchers, policymakers and development partners.
- Identify concrete pathways for translating research evidence into national and regional policy implementation frameworks.
- Promote regional collaboration and peer learning to support cross-border agricultural transformation and trade integration.
- Contribute to the operationalization of CAADP commitments through evidence-based planning, monitoring and accountability systems.

Expected Output/Outcomes

- Clear policy messages and recommendations aligned to the Kampala CAADP implementation agenda.
- Documented priority actions for integrating research evidence into national and regional agricultural policies.
- Strengthened networks between PANAP members, policymakers and development partners.
- Identification strategic areas for scaling evidence-based interventions across countries.
- Enhanced visibility of PANAP as a key continental platform for policy-relevant agricultural research.

Format/Structure

- Opening Session: Welcome remarks
- Research Presentations: Three targeted presentations highlighting policy-relevant findings from PANAP studies from the StEPPFoS Project
- Moderated Panel Discussion: Reflections from policymakers and development partners on policy uptake and implementation
- Interactive Dialogue: Q&A and stakeholder engagement
- Closing Session: Summary of key messages, policy recommendations and next steps

Target Audience

- Senior policymakers (Ministries of Agriculture, Finance, Planning etc)
- Regional institutions (AUC, AfCFTA Secretariat, RECs)
- Agricultural research institutions and think tanks
- Development partners and financing institutions
- Private sector actors in agrifood systems
- Farmer organizations, youth and civil society
- Academia

Organizers - StEPPFoS Project Partners

- Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
- Council for Scientific and Industrial Research – Science & Technology Policy Research Institute (CSIR-STEPRI)
- Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA)
- Centre Ivoirien de Recherches Économiques et Sociales (CIRES)
- European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)
- Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA)

Key Thematic Areas of Discussion

- Strengthening the science-policy interface in agricultural transformation
- Financing agricultural research and innovation systems
- Climate resilience and adaptation in agrifood systems
- Regional trade and cross-border value chains
- Inclusive agrifood systems and youth engagement

Conclusion

This side event will provide a strategic platform to strengthen the integration of research evidence into agricultural policy processes across Africa. By linking PANAP-generated knowledge with the Kampala CAADP implementation agenda, the event will contribute to enhancing policy coherence, strengthening accountability and accelerating the transition toward resilient, inclusive and sustainable agrifood systems. Ultimately, it will support African countries in moving from commitments to concrete, evidence-based actions that deliver measurable development outcomes.

Draft Programme

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Time	Session Item	Lead
14:00 – 14:05	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Ibrahim Diarra, <i>Director, CIRES</i>
14:05 – 14:10	Opening Remarks	Mrs. Alessandra Zampieri, <i>Director of Sustainable Resources, EC-JRC, Seville</i>
14:10 – 14:40	Presentation of Research <i>Topic 1: Using political economy tools to shape regional agricultural policy: A Co-lab Approach</i> <i>Topic 2: Data-Driven Policy Insights for CAADP: Evaluating AfCFTA Effects on AgriFood Systems and Food Security in Côte d'Ivoire</i> <i>Topic 3: Building Sustainable and Synergistic Evidence Informed Policy Ecosystems in East and West Africa: Addressing Alignment Gaps Between the CAADP and Ghana's National Agricultural and Food System Policies (CSIR-STEPRI)</i>	Dr. Koen Dekeyser, <i>ECDPM</i> Dr. Souleymane Diallo, <i>CIRES</i> Dr. Gordon Akon Yamga, <i>CSIR-STEPRI</i>
14:40 – 15:30	Panel Discussion: <i>"Translating Evidence into Policy Action for Food System Transformation in Africa"</i> <i>Panelists</i> • Mr. Patrick Kojo Ofori, <i>Deputy Director in Charge of M&E (Former) & Currently National Project Coordinator of PROSPER</i> • Prof. Joseph Kieyah, <i>Deputy Director, KIPPRA</i> • Dr. Dora Siliya, <i>Fmr. Minister of Agriculture, Zambia</i> • Dr Beatrice Egulu, <i>Policy Officer, AUC-DREA</i> • Dr. Emmanuel Njukwe, <i>Director of Research & Innovation, CORAF</i> • Dr. Moustapha GUEYE, <i>Director General, ISRA</i>	Moderator: Dr. Julian Barungi, <i>ASARECA</i>
15:30 – 15:50	Q&A Session	Moderator: Dr. Julian Barungi, <i>ASARECA</i>
15:50 – 16:00	Closing Remarks	Dr. Sylvester Dickson Baguma, <i>Executive Director, ASARECA</i>

Session Chair

Dr. Ibrahim Diarra, Director, CIRES

Session Rapporteur

Dr. Mohammed Ssemwanga