



FARA General Assembly Side Event Report (June 11, 2007)

Name of side event:	Report on the SADC MAPP side event
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Background/rationale of the side event *(maximum one paragraph)*

The SADC MAPP is a programme being developed by the FANR Directorate of the SADC Secretariat to translate Pillar 4 of the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) of NEPAD into a program of activities. Pillar 4 of CAADP focuses on agricultural development through support to agricultural research, technology development and adoption. In line with SADC's Regional Indicative Strategic Development Program (RISDP) and the Dar es Salaam Declaration, the main objective of SADC MAPP is to sustain rural poverty reduction through a broad based growth in agricultural productivity and incomes, with a focus on smallholder farmers and vulnerable groups. This is to be achieved by strengthening the capacities of African agricultural research and extension systems to generate and disseminate technologies that are appropriate and suitable to the agricultural and market context of the SADC region. SADC MAPP will be implemented for a period of 15 years.

The objective the of the side event was to bring to the attention of the region's development partners of the progress in the SADC MAPP preparation and to get their comments and suggestions which could be used in the preparation process and to fine-tune the programme document. It is envisaged that SADC MAPP will start in earnest in 2008. Therefore, input from SADC's development partners during the present programme preparation was considered important.

Principle agreements/actions/recommendations

The presentation provided the background of SADC MAPP, covering the origin of the programme, the rationale and the expected benefits of the programme. The presenter highlighted that SADC MAPP was still being prepared and gave an outline of the activities undertaken to date in the preparation of the programme. He gave an outline of the technical components of the programme, the funding mechanisms envisaged under the programme and activities still to be carried out in order to complete the preparation process. Much of the programme document has now been prepared as a zero draft although work still remains to be done in programme costing, impact assessments and monitoring and evaluation.

The issue of the SRO took much of the discussion after the presentation. The development of an SRO for the SADC region is an important activity under the institutional capacity building component of the programme. Many participants wanted to know what institutional arrangements will be put in place and the relationship between the SRO, the SADC Secretariat and national institutions. The presenter explained that consultants have been hired to look into how the SRO will be established and how it would operate and relate to other organisations in the region and elsewhere.

The discussion also highlighted the role of stakeholders in the programme preparation and implementation in order to enhance ownership and impact. A clarification was made that SADC

MAPP will focus on trans-boundary regional priority activities identified within each of the six programme components.

After the main side event, a separate meeting requested by the donors present was held on 11 June. The purpose of that meeting was to update the donors in more detail on the stage of preparation of the programme document, the timeline for the remaining SADC MAPP preparation process and what further stakeholder consultations and technical inputs were needed to finalise the programme document.

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The comments and suggestions of the participants and of the meeting with the donors were noted. These will be taken into account in the remaining stakeholder consultations and in the further refinement of the programme document.

Side event linked to which FARA networking support function? (check one)

- Advocacy and resource mobilization**
- Access to knowledge and technologies**
- Regional policies and markets**
- Capacity strengthening**
- Partnerships and strategic alliances**

Where relevant, note who has success stories, &/or useful resource people or institutions related to side-event theme

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