



Side Event Report

SADC-Multi-Country Agricultural Productivity Programme

(SADC MAPP)



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- The SADC MAPP is a programme being developed by the FANR Directorate of the SADC Secretariat to translate Pillar 4 of the 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.



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- In line with SADC's Regional Indicative 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.



Objectives of the Side Event

- 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.



Principal issues presented and discussed



- highlighted that SADC MAPP is still being prepared and gave an outline of the activities undertaken to date in the preparation of the programme.
- highlighted that programme costing, impact assessments and monitoring and evaluation are yet to be done
- highlighted that a SRO for the SADC region is important under the institutional capacity building component of the SADC MAPP programme.
- highlighted the role of stakeholders in the programme preparation and implementation in order to enhance ownership and impact.
- participants emphasised the need for clear institutional arrangements of the SRO, particularly its relationship with SADC Secretariat and other international, regional and national institutions.



A follow up meeting—to the side event (13 June)

- After the main side event, a separate meeting requested by the cooperating partners and other stakeholders.

The purpose:

- to update the stakeholders 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.



Principal agreements/ actions/ recommendations

- The comments and suggestions of the participants and of the meeting with the cooperating partners and other stakeholders were noted.
- These will be taken into account in the remaining stakeholder consultations and in the further refinement of the programme document.
- More importantly, cooperating partners are willing to see the SADC MAPP activities starting soon.



THANK YOU