



FINANCING THE TRANSFORMATION OF AFRICAN AGRICULTURE WITHIN THE AU-EU PARTNERSHIP

Side-Event organized by PAFO, AgriCord and the Ifad
The 21st of June, 13.00 – 14.15, Iraq room

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On the 28th and 29th of June 2019, the POs' regional networks of PAFO, regional integration institutions and African research institutions got together in Addis Ababa, with the support of the NEPAD secretariat for an exchange workshop on the conclusions and recommendations of the EU Task Force on the "Transformation of African Agriculture". The workshop's activities highlighted that one of the major challenges for Africa is to transform its agriculture to achieve, among other things:

- An adequate supply of quantity and quality for its populations;
- The creation of decent, sustainable and profitable jobs for young people and women in view of the succession of family farmers and the significant reduction of rural depopulation, emigration and anarchic urbanization of large African cities.

The Heads of State of African countries, for their part, made several commitments related to the African agriculture's dynamic of transformation, which were introduced in 2014 in the MALABO declaration. It is useful to recall some of these commitments that include:

- States' reaffirmation to improve the financing of investments in the agricultural sector;
- Their commitment to eradicate hunger by 2025;
- Their commitment to halve poverty by 2025 through inclusive agricultural growth and transformation;
- Their will to promote intra-African trade in basic agricultural products and related services.

In addition, the launch of the decade of family farming took place in Rome. This event testifies the recognition of the prominent place of family farming in production systems. It is this family farming that, strengthened and accompanied, will become efficient to meet the challenges of the MAPUTO declaration.

PAFO, AgriCord and Ifad invited six panelists including a moderator and two respondents to discuss furthermore with the participants of the side-event on the issue of financing the transformation of African Agriculture within the AU-EU Partnership.

The panel's interventions will be structured as followed:

- Introduction of the side-event by the moderator, Dr Hamady Diop, *Head of the Natural Resources, Governance, Food Security and Nutrition Program, NEPAD Agency (7 minutes)*
- Conditions and type of credit for the financing of agricultural activities by Ibrahima Coulibaly, *President of ROPPA (7 minutes)*
- What incentives can be set up in order to finance the investments structuring family farms and their economic organizations? by Salifou OUEDRAOGO, *Minister of Agriculture and Hydro-Agricultural Development of Burkina Faso (7 minutes) (to be confirmed)*
- Which Public-Private partnerships (PO, Cooperatives) to access financing, perspective of European farmers by Marianne Streef, *President of the Walloon Federation of Agriculture (FWA) and representative of AGRICORD (7 minutes)*
- What mechanisms and masteries in the hands of stakeholders to finance useful innovations? by Jean-Philippe Audinet, *Senior Technical Specialist of Producer Organizations and Rural Development at IFAD (7 minutes)*
- Role and responsibility of PAOs and their structures in the effectiveness of Maputo's commitments in relation to the financing of rural development by Mohamed Mansouri, *Director of the FAO Investment Center (7 minutes) (to be confirmed)*

After the panel's interventions, two EU and AU respondents will speak for 5 minutes each:

- Carla Montesi, *Carla Montesi, Director of the Directorate for Global Plan and Prosperity, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO) (to be confirmed)*
- *AU Advisor in Rome (to be confirmed)*

At the end of the interventions presented here above, there will be a 30 minutes debate session with the attendees, accompanied by recommendations.