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IFAD’s support to the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD)

Collaboration with other UN agencies in support of NEPAD:
IFAD is partnering with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to support mainstreaming land policy and governance in the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP), through a small grant of USD 325 000 to support the Land Policy Initiative (LPI).

Key results: Inception workshop held with stakeholders from Rwanda, Malawi, Tanzania, Madagascar, The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Côte d'Ivoire where participants had the opportunity to exchange with different stakeholders on the modalities for mainstreaming land and governance issues in NAIPs. LPI have a strong focus on women’s access to land and identification of opportunities for mainstreaming innovative approaches and strategies that will allow women to benefit from tenure security measures and better enable them to invest in land, agriculture and other land related economic activities. LPI is also focused on integrating land in the African developmental agenda where 30% of the land needs to be controlled and accessed by women.

IFAD has partnered with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) from 2012 to 2016 to support well-informed agricultural sector planning, review, and dialogue processes (IFAD grant of USD 1 600 000). The specific objective of the proposed funding was to have 11 well-functioning SAKSS country nodes (7 countries requiring full support— Benin, Cameroon, DRC, Kenya, Mali, Senegal, and Uganda as well as in 4 countries requiring partial support— Ethiopia, Ghana, Rwanda, and Mozambique) based on provision of technical and capacity strengthening support.

IFAD is partnering with UN Habitat, through the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), to implement the 'Land and Natural Resources Tenure Security Learning Initiative for East and Southern Africa (TSLI-ESA)' project (IFAD grant of USD 1 425 000). The main objective of TSLI-ESA project is to identify common issues and to enhance lesson sharing and knowledge management on land-related tools and approaches amongst the various projects, country stakeholders and partners.

Country-level coordination with UN agencies on shared agendas.

Financial/Institutional Support:
IFAD has a direct collaboration with NEPAD in the context of the Platform for Agriculture Risk Management (PARM). PARM is a G20 initiative financed by a multi-donor fund (EC, AFD, IFAD, Italy) and led by IFAD. In this context, NEPAD is the main strategic partner of PARM to implement a participatory policy process in 8 African countries (Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Liberia, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, The Gambia and Uganda).

Key results: PARM/IFAD has so far contributed USD 243,340 to NEPAD to implement PARM activities in Niger, Uganda, Ethiopia and Mozambique, which is supporting these countries in integrating holistic approaches to agricultural risk management into national plans and policies. National risk assessment workshops have been held in Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Niger, Senegal and Uganda.

NEPAD has invited IFAD to partner in the International Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA). This JICA initiative aims at establishing a framework for collaboration with African governments to accelerate the implementation of food and nutrition security policies through a multi-sectoral and
people-centred approach. IFNA priority countries are Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, South Sudan, Zimbabwe.

- All country strategies align to CAADPs and align investments to the same outcomes.

**Advocacy work:**
- IFAD’s work in sub-Saharan Africa aims to catalyze country and regional progress towards the following overarching goal: rural people overcome poverty and achieve food security through remunerative, sustainable and resilient livelihoods. IFAD’s interventions in the region focus mainly on improving the engagement of poor rural people in markets, inclusive financial services and natural resource management. Increased attention is being given to creating employment opportunities for rural youth and adapting to climate change.

- IFAD is supporting regional trade integration between Niger and Nigeria. The new Kano-Jigawa-Daura-Zinder cross-border development corridor was launched in Dutse, Nigeria on 29 September 2016.

- IFAD is a strategic partner of the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF), since its inception in 2010. IFAD has approved a small grant of US$ 300 000, as a contribution to the AGRF, for the 3 year cycle from 2015 to 2017. AGRF is convened by AGRA and other partners such as NEPAD, as a catalytic forum where commitments are made, good practices are shared, partnerships are formed and deals are conceptualized, to help stimulate increased public and private sector investments in African agriculture. Most importantly, AGRF is conceptualized as an accountability platform toward the achievement of the Malabo Commitments and the CAADP results framework.

**Key results:** AGRF 2016 was held in Nairobi, Kenya from 5 to 9 September, 2016 under the theme - Seize the Moment /Africa Rising Through Agricultural Transformation. It attracted 1500 delegates from 40 countries, including African Heads of State. AGRF partners pledged to: pursue a political, policy and business agenda intended to accelerate smallholder-inclusive agricultural transformation in at least 20 countries; unlock at least US $200 billion in investment in African agriculture; and develop a concise scorecard for accountability and action under the leadership of African Union institutions.

- IFAD has had a long standing partnership with African Rural Agricultural Credit Association (AFRACA) spanning over 25 years. the mission of AFRACA is to improve the rural finance environment through the promotion of appropriate policy framework and to support member institutions to provide sustainable quality financial services to the rural population. AFRACA has so far received 10 grants in direct support to its programme of work valued at about US$8.3 million.

**Key result area:** AFRACA has convened important policy platforms and training curriculums throughout 2016. These include Agri-finance conferences in Anglophone and Francophone Africa, dissemination of knowledge and best practices in agricultural finance, training workshops on agriculture finance instruments such as value chain finance, warehouse receipts, agriculture loan analysis and exposure study visits to facilitate south south and triangular exchange of ideas and best practice. Most importantly, AFRACA formalized a partnership with the Kenya School of Monetary Studies and West Africa Development Bank (BOAD), to initiate training for the Certificate in Agricultural Finance (CAF).

**Table 1. IFAD projects (loans and grants) approved in 2014, 2015 and 2016 in Sub-Saharan Africa**

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IFAD has invested more than USD 1 billion (USD 1 022.2 million) to support agriculture and rural development in Africa through loans and grants from 2014 to 2016. Indeed IFAD’s strategic framework (2016 - 2025) is well aligned to the CAADP results framework and the key pillars of the Malabo Declaration.