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## Thematic Area: Agriculture and Food Security



### Aims and goals

The programme's focus is on helping African countries improve economic growth through agriculture-led development.

### What is being done?

CAADP is pushing for substantial changes in how agricultural business is done in Africa. These include realising the CAADP agricultural goals across Africa while promoting agriculture as a priority for sustainable development.

### What progress has been made so far?

#### CAADP

As of May 2011, 26 countries had signed the compact and incorporated the CAADP Compact into their agricultural strategy by signing the CAADP Compact.

Go to <http://www.caadp.net/library-country-status-updates.php> for the full listing.

### Increasing agricultural investment

- In 2003 African heads of state pledged to allocate 10 per cent of their national budget to agriculture by 2008.
- To date, 8 countries have exceeded this target and most countries have made significant progress towards this goal. CAADP also has an agricultural growth target of 6 per cent. To date nine countries have exceeded this target.

### TerrAfrica

- TerrAfrica is a regional initiative launched in 2005 to improve land management
- The programme works to improve coordination between the governments of Sub-Saharan Africa, the international development community and other global and regional stakeholders.
- The TerrAfrica partnership supports the implementation of the CAADP goals and objectives by pursuing a sector wide programmatic approach to sustainable land management (SLM).

Go to [www.terrafrica.org](http://www.terrafrica.org) for more information on TerrAfrica and its comprehensive activities.



Food security is a major challenge on the African continent. Food shortages, high food prices and related social unrest can very often lead to other problems, including political instability. The African Union, through its NEPAD programme, aims to increase both the amount and quality of food produced on the continent to make families more food-secure, exports more profitable, and improve social and political stability.

NEPAD's agricultural programme is guided by the framework provided by the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). The NEPAD agency brings together all the relevant agricultural organisations and helps them voice their concerns and coordinate their

### PAF

PAF is the Partnership for African Fisheries which works to improve the sustainability of Africa's fisheries.

- Through the PAF, NEPAD Agency collaborated with the African Union Commission to hold the first Conference of African Ministers of Fisheries and Aquaculture (CAMFA). This was the first step in the process of setting up a high level policy mechanism to guide the continent-wide reforms in the fisheries sector.

- The total budget for PAF is £7.5 million and it runs from 2009 to 2014. PAF received an additional £2 million from DFID for the implementation of the West Africa Pilot Programme (WAPP) covering Ghana and Sierra Leone.

Go to [www.africanfisheries.org](http://www.africanfisheries.org) For more information on PAF and its comprehensive activities.

#### Fertiliser Support Programme

NEPAD's Fertiliser Support Programme was created to improve the use of fertilizer across Africa. The Abuja Declaration on Fertilizers for an African Green Revolution called for a substantial increase in the use of fertilizer in Africa by 2015.

Go to: <http://www.nepad.org/foodsecurity/fertilizer-support-programme/about> for more information on the Fertilizer Support programme.

#### African Biosciences Initiative

The NEPAD/African Biosciences Initiative is a cluster of three of the 12 NEPAD Science and Technology flagship programmes areas, namely biodiversity science and technology, biotechnology and indigenous knowledge systems.

The four NEPAD-ABI regional networks are:

- Biosciences eastern and central Africa Network (BecANet)
- Southern African Network for Biosciences (SANBio)
- West African Biosciences Network (WABNet)
- North African Biosciences Network (NABNet).

#### Who is leading the programmes?

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