



## DRAFT AGENDA

Conference On:

# **Information for Meeting Africa's Agricultural Transformation and Food Security Goals (IMAAF5)**

1 -3 October 2014

UNCC Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## Day 1 - Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

### MORNING

#### Conference opening and welcome addresses

- by main organizers and hosting partner (AUC, ECA, EU JRC and DEVCO, FAO, WFP...)

#### **SESSION 1: Food Security and Agriculture challenges in Africa, needs for evidence based information**

*The session clarifies the context and objectives and introduces the continental, regional and national agriculture and food security information needs in relation to major challenges to achieving accelerated agriculture transformation and enhanced food security and sustainable resilience.*

- Pan\_African level: AUC and NEPAD, ECA, AfDB
- Regional level: RECS (IGAD, ECOWAS, SADC...)
- National level: some examples (host country, ...)
- Donors and technical partners: EU, WB, USAID, UN agencies (FAO, WFP, IFAD)...

### AFTERNOON

#### **SESSION 2: Review of sources and status of existing agriculture and food security statistics, gaps and opportunities**

- Initiatives and progress for improved statistics for food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development.
- Sectorial overviews (climate and hazards, production, markets and prices, livelihoods and nutrition)
- Selected contributions on recent methodological improvements for agricultural and food security statistics production
- Identification of main gaps in data availability, quality, coverage, including national capacity factors affecting the timelines and quality of data and etc...

#### **SIDE EVENT: GEO, GEOGLAM, SIGMA (TBC)**

## **Day 2 – Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

Parallel sessions on available sources, resources, methods and use of information on food security information systems. Session 3 and 4 will probably take place in parallel to session 5.

### **Session 3: available sources, resources, methods and use of information on food security, nutrition, livelihoods and sustainable rural development**

- Household surveys
- Food security monitoring and information systems
- Nutrition information systems

### **Session 4: Advances in market and price information systems**

- Data availability and collection, national, cross boarder etc...
- Major information systems, challenges opportunities and synergies
- Impact on food and agriculture policies

### **SESSION 5: Improved information from new satellite sensors and methods**

- New developments and expected improvements with introduction of new sensors and free data distribution: Landsat 8, COPERNICUS etc...
- Methodological improvements in monitoring, modeling and mapping
- Project impact monitoring
- New initiatives in Africa: MESA, AFRICA GEOSS, others continental and regional
- Development of rangeland monitoring and management systems
- New tools (SPIRITS, E-STATION, others...)

### **AFTERNOON**

### **Session 6: Linking information to decision making and actions: risk management systems inputs and outputs**

- National risk management systems, eg. drought management

- Index based insurance
- Pilots studies and projects to support small holder farmers

## **Day 3 - Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

### **MORNING**

#### **SESSION 7: Integrated analysis approaches for linking information to decision making, capacity development and investment**

- Integrated analysis methods:
  - IPC and Cadre Harmonise, progress and improvement strategy
  - Measuring resilience: quantitative and qualitative approach, multi-layer aspects
- Capacity building
  - Existing initiatives and opportunities
  - Cooperation and coordination of different initiatives

### **AFTERNOON**

#### **Session 8: Thematic working group sessions and conclusions**

3-4 Thematic groups will be formed to draft workshop conclusions to be shared with the research community and with African decision makers. A summary of information sources, challenges and opportunities for synergies and collaboration will be drafted for the main thematic areas covered by the sessions.

Rendering of the working group in plenary

#### **Session 9: Summary and main conclusions on how to support and improve regional and continental information and systems**