Inaugural Coordination Meeting of Regional Economic Communities (RECs) for the implementation of the Common African Agro-parks (CAAPs)

1. Background

The CAAPs and objectives

The African Union Commission (AUC) has initiated the Common African Agro-Parks Programme (CAAPs) in 2019, as a vehicle for attracting private investments in establishing transboundary mega agro-industrial hubs on the continent, within the framework of the Comprehensive African Agricultural Programme (CAADP) and the AU Agenda 2063.

The overall objective of the CAAPs programme is to contribute to the industrialization strategy of the African Governments and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to help drive structural transformation of economies and transition from a traditional exporter of raw materials to agro-industrial hubs. Through the CAAPs, the AU is strongly committed to address the paradox of a continent which has been owing the external world, about 50 billion USD per year to import food commodities, despite having half of the world’s uncultivated fertile land, and a workforce that will become the world’s largest young population by 2030.

The CAAPs is expected to: - promote cross-border agriculture value chains development in Africa; - attract large scale private sector investments in agro-industrialization through conceptualization and design of attractive investment models for establishing the mega industrial corridors of the CAAPs; and - establish and promote sustainable cross-border policies, governance and financing models in Africa, through multi-stakeholder engagement for awareness raising and investment promotion for implementing the transboundary CAAPs within the context African Continental Free-Trade Areas (AfCFTA).
Adoption of CAAPs by the AU Constituencies

African Ministers at the Third (3rd) Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (3RD STC ARDWE), held on the 21-25 October 2019, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, had widely discussed the benefits of agro-industrialization to the continent and resolved: to ADOPT the CAAPs as a programme contributing to the implementation of the AfCFTA; to ADOPT rice, maize, cassava and yam, livestock (cattle, sheep, goat, pig, poultry), fisheries and horticulture as key strategic agricultural commodities for the implementation of the CAAPs; to SUPPORT the AU Commission in implementing the First Phase of the Preliminary Study, Planning and Design of the CAAPs; and to REQUEST the Commission to identify key partners who can collaborate and jointly mobilize necessary financial and technical resources for CAAPS implementation. They have also requested the African Union Commission to build capacity of member states on CAAPs.

Further in the Resolutions of the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (4TH STC ARDWE), held in December 2021, African Ministers discussed again and: COMMITTED to support the sensitization and leadership engagement activities on the CAAPs by engaging with fellow Ministers in charge of Finance and Trade in their respective countries; URGED the members of the STC Bureau to support the leadership engagement and advocacy missions organized for the High-Ranking Experts/Emissaries who will be charged and assigned to carry out missions to African Heads of State and High Profile Investors to promote the CAAPs; REQUESTED the AUC to continue with its resource mobilization efforts to avail adequate resources for the successful implementation of the planned activities; FURTHER REQUESTED the AU
Commission to develop criteria to assess member states eligibility to host a demonstration project of the CAAPs. At the AU Summit on Industrialization and Economic Diversification, in November 2022 in Niger, the AU Stakeholders’ Joint Declaration on mobilizing partnerships for implementing the CAAPs, which recommended the implementation of ten (10) CAAPs Demonstration Projects of about two (2) per region.


**Prospects for advancing implementation of CAAPs**

The prospective actions that emerge from the several political and technical engagements of the past few months on the CAAPs, include, but are not limited to:

i)- Regional consultations to further promote the CAAPs with member states and RECs in each region. The regional consultations are also meant to discuss countries and RECs perspectives on: -land issues; -choice of locations; -choice of commodities; -joint governance; -ownerships; -access to CAAPs zones; private sector involvement in a transnational setting, etc … the discussion could be initiated for Southern Africa for using the advanced discussion between Zambia-Zimbabwe as case study.

ii)- Intensifying leadership (LE) engagement activities that involve RECs: - to promote collective leadership amongst political (public) and private leaders, and - to sensitize all stakeholders on the investments opportunities for establishing the CAAPs. LE activities are to be championed by a dedicated political leader who will lead the process of awareness raising, and of mobilizing political commitments at highest levels for stronger partnerships with investors in operationalizing the CAAPs.

iii)- Initiating resource mobilization to undertake project preparation studies (pre-feasibility, feasibility and master plans) and investment promotion for the 10 CAAPs Demonstration projects, starting with Zambia-Zimbabwe CAAP for maize and dairy products and Cote d’Ivoire-Ghana Cocoa CAAP as milestones for this year 2023;
iv)- Developing and implementing solid resources mobilization strategy including intensive engagement for mobilizing Green Climate Funds (GCF) for establishing sustainable funding sources for the CAAPs. Better approaches for joint resources mobilization shall be explored with regards to the existing projects proposals of CAAPs Demonstration projects.

v)- Establishing process for a sustainable partnership with the Private Sector led by the African Business Council (AfBC). Private Sector shall be involved from the beginning of the CAAPs for considering their perspectives in the design of the CAAPs.

vi)- Building technical partnerships led by IFPRI to undertake comprehensive studies for mapping potential locations of the cluster of 5 transboundary CAAPs mega agro-industries, food reserves, and food supply corridors, including: - supporting infrastructure (airports, seaports, power supply, ...); - natural resources (productive soils, surface or groundwater resources, etc...).

vii)- Development of a comprehensive African database and GIS decision support systems on food production, use, post-harvest lost, sale, and trade, by commodity, by small holder farmer, by location, etc... to provide evidence on production demand and transactions at the lowest possible scale in Africa, for better decision making on the CAAPs.

viii)- Developing and promoting knowledge management and policy tools for agro-industrial development towards technical experts in African member states.

ix)- Involving young generation (high-tech savvy) to take the mantle and move of the CAAPs by initiating sustainable engagement with African Centers of Excellence and Academia to engage Youth in the design and implementation of the CAAPs.

This Inaugural Coordination Meeting of Regional Economic Communities (RECs) for the implementation of the Common African Agro-parks (CAAPs) aims to initiate a process for establishing regular engagement with AU Member States through RECs on promoting understanding of the CAAPs and facilitating its implementation. The meeting planned for 18th - 21st October 2023 is organized by the AUDA-NEPAD in partnership with the CAAPs-Secretariat and hosted by COMESA in Lusaka, targeting the Directors of Industry and the Directors of Agriculture at the RECs as key participants.
2. Objectives of the Meeting:

The four (4) days’ working interaction between Directors of RECs and the Experts of the CAAPs Technical Working Groups (CAAPs-TWG), intend to:

a)- Create awareness of the RECs on the CAAPs for onward sensitization of the AU Members States, and share experiences amongst the RECs on regional agro-industry development in the context of the AfCFTA.

b)- Get feedback from the RECs on the CAAPs process and required instruments: including the infrastructure, governance, and legal models, and the AfCFTA instruments for establishing conducive business environment for transboundary PPPs on the CAAPs.

c)- Discuss the mapping exercise for future agro-industrial development in Africa, and with the practical case on the identification of the location of ZimZam CAAPs.

d)- Discuss harmonized process for RECS engagement with countries and stakeholders (private sector, regional banks, etc...) in respective region on the preparedness for the CAAPs implementation.

3. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables

The expected deliverables of the workshop are the following:

i. Complied feedback from the RECs on the CAAPs process, infrastructure models and required legal instruments for joint governance, joint PPPs, etc. for establishing the CAAPs in transboundary setting within the context of the AfCFTA.

ii. Agreements on the harmonized process for RECs engagement with countries and stakeholders (private sector, regional banks, etc...) in respective region on the preparedness for the CAAPs.

iii. Complied feedback and validation of the criteria for mapping the future transboundary agro-industrial development zones in Africa.

iv. Joint roadmap of RECs for rolling out the CAAPs with full engagement of AU Members States.

v. Plans for joint resources mobilization and partnership engagement of RECs in developing the CAAPs.

4. Working Sessions and Timing:

In line with the above-mentioned objectives and expected deliverables, the following working sessions will guide the detailed agenda of the workshop:
Session 1: SETTING THE SCENE WITH THE CAAPS AMBITIONS AND OUTCOMES OF THE PREVIOUS POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL ENGAGEMENTS, (1 Day)

At this first working session, participants will be updated on the CAAPS’ ambitions with regards to the latest development and updates as well as the key political decisions emerging on the CAAPS. At the end of this session Experts form the RECs will have understood the political process of the CAAPS, the progress and next steps with regards to the emerging issues of the previous CAAPS Events and will have provided their feedbacks on how best the CAAPS shall be oriented for greater success.

This session will be led by Experts from the core coordination institutions of the CAAPS including the AUC, AUDE, AUCFTA, AFREXIMBANK, and FARA.

Session 2: THEMATIC ISSUES FOR AGRO-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TRANSBOUNDARY SETTING WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE AFCFTA (2 Day)

At this session, Experts from the CAAPS-TWG including AUC (ARBE & ETIM), AFCTFA, AUDE, AFREXIMBANK, AFDB, FARA, PAAAC, PAFO, AFBCC UNIDO, FAO, IFPRI, and UNECA; will take the RECs through various thematic issues for agro-industrial development in transboundary setting within the context of the AFCFTA.

This is the capacity building section of the meeting, where following thematic areas will be covered by the CAAPS-TWG Experts:

- Principles of Agro-industrial development in Africa, to be produced by UNIDO.
- Examples/Case studies of Agro-parks in Africa and worldwide, by UNIDO.
- Approaches for resources mobilization and investment promotion, to be produced by AUDA-NEPAD.
- Approaches for Private Sector engagements to be produced by AUC/ETIM and FARA.
- Challenges and opportunities for agro-industry development in a transboundary context, to be produced by UNIDO.
- Role of Government: Experience sharing of RECs on engaging with government governance structure, to be produced by COMESA.
- Concept of productive Integration: - National productive systems; - Regional productive systems, to be produced by AUC/ETIM & DARBE.
- Key AfCFTA instruments that will serve the CAAPS process to be produced by AfCFTA-Secretariat.
- Perspectives from Solutions Providers such as Bühler Group and Grüner Energy.
Session 3: PROPOSAL FOR MAPPING OF THE POTENTIAL LOCATIONS OF THE TRANSBOUNDARY CAAPs (0.5 Day)

At this session, IFPRI will present the methodologies for mapping potential locations of the cluster of 5 transboundary CAAPs mega agro-industries, food reserves, and food supply corridors, including: - supporting infrastructure (airports, seaports, power supply, ...); - natural resources (productive soils, surface or groundwater resources, etc...).

This discussion shall also include the development of a comprehensive African database and GIS decision support systems on food production, use, post-harvest lost, sale, and trade, by commodity, by small holder farmer, by location, etc... to provide evidence on production demand and transactions at the lowest possible scale in Africa, for better decision making on the CAAPs.

At the end of the session, RECs will have provided feedback on mapping zones and infrastructure locations for the CAAPs, and on the choice of the 10 CAAPs Demonstration Projects and on the bigger CAAPs Zones, with ZimZam as a case study.

Session 4: JOINT ROADMAP OF RECS /PLANS FOR JOINT RESOURCES MOBILIZATION WITH RECS FOR ENGAGING WITH MEMBER STATES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CAAPs (0.5 Day)

At this session, RECs and CAAPs-TWG shall discuss the harmonized process for RECs engagement with countries and stakeholders (private sector, regional banks, etc...) for the CAAPs implementation.

The session will also conclude on the joint roadmap of RECs for rolling out the CAAPs with full engagement of AU Members States, as well as the plans for joint resources mobilization and partnership engagement of RECs in developing the CAAPs.

5. Expected Participants:

The expected participants are the Directors of Industry and the Directors of Agriculture of the 8 RECs of the African Union, and the Experts from the CAAPs-TWG AUC (ARBE & ETIM), AfCFTA, AUDA, AFREXIMBANK, AfDB, FARA, PAAAC, PAFO, AfBC UNIDO, FAO, IFPRI and UNECA.

Experts from Agro-Industrial solutions provisions such as Buhler Group and Grüner Energy will join the meeting.

The full participants list is presented in Annex 1.
6. Facilitation of the Workshop:

The Meeting will be chaired by the Director of Programmes of AUDA-NEPAD.

The rapporteurage of the Meeting will be ensure by the CAAPs-Secretariat.

7. The Meeting Agenda:

The meeting Agenda is presented in Annex 2.

8. Working Documents and Tools

doc1. CAAPS Concept Note
doc2. CAAPs Information Document
doc3. UNIDO Guidelines of IAIP.
doc4. UNECA Guidelines on Agropoles développement.
doc5. CAAPs Videos:

https://faraafrica.org/caaps/
https://youtu.be/IdPuiCwgefI
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nd-sUNJu8Gk
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_nsEJLZyr4
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8yHSWt5ej5&t=64s
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/ouAqKRy12p0
### Annex 1: Participants Lists

#### RECs and Member States Representatives

**COMESA**
1. Ms. Providence Mavubi, Director of Industry and Agriculture, COMESA
2. Mr. Joel Okwir, Agricultural Economist, COMESA

**ECCAS**
4. Dr. Jacob KOTCHO, Head of Trade, Customs and Industry Unit, ECCAS
5. Mr. Mohammed Abakar, Head of Agriculture and Food Security, ECCAS

**ECOWAS**
6. Mr. Lassane KABORE, Director of Industry, ECOWAS
7. Mr. Alain Sy TRAORE, Director, Agriculture & Rural Development, ECOWAS
8. Mr. Namalguebza Christian KAFANDO, Expert, ECOWAS

**SADC**
10. Mr. Calicious Tutalife, Senior Programme Officer – Value Chains
11. Mr. Domingos Gove, Director of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources, SADC

**IGAD**
12. Dr. Mohyeldeen Eltohami Taha Hamed, Head of Agriculture & Food Security Agriculture and Environment Division, IGAD
13. Mr. Daher Elmi Houssein, Director of Agriculture and Environment, IGAD

**EAC**
14. Mr. Alhaj Rashid I. Kibowa, Director of Trade, EAC
15. Mr. Fahari Gilbert Marwa, Head of Agriculture and Food Security Department, EAC

**CenSAD**
16. Mr. Mamadi Kourma Trade Director,
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### RECs and Member States Representatives

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19. Mr. Musokotwane Sichizuwe, Director Industry, Ministry of Commerce, Trade, and Industry, CAAP Focal Point Zambia
20. Mr. Brian Ngandu, Ministry of Agriculture

**Zimbabwe**
21. Mr. Richard F. Kaitano, Director Ministry of Agriculture, CAAP Focal Point Zimbabwe
22. Mr. Dayford Nhema, Director of Industry, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, CAAP Focal Point, Zimbabwe
23. Ms. Florence A. Makombe, Chief Director, Ministry of Industry and Commerce

**CIGCI**
24. Mrs. Tawiah Agyarko-Kwarteng, Technical Manager, CIGCI,

### CAAPs - TWG Members

**UNIDO**
25. Dr Dejene Tezera, Director of Agribusiness Development, UNIDO-HQ
26. Dr Victor Diwandja Djemba, Chief, Africa Regional Division, UNIDO-HQ
27. Mr. Goodwin Andrew, Policy Officer, Agro-industrial parks, UNIDO-HQ

**IFPRI**
28. Dr John M. Ulimwengu, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

**AfDB**
29. Mr. Kazuhiro NUMASAWA, Manager, Agriculture Finance and Rural Infrastructure Department
30. Mr. Chukwuma IKECHUKWU, Chief Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone Officer

**AfBC**
31. Mr Migan Casimir, President Agriculture and Agribusiness technical committee, AfBC

**FAO**
32. Mr. Amegbeto, Koffi, FAORAF
UNECA
33. Dr. Medhat Elhelepi, UNECA

AUC/ARBE
34. Dr. Janet Edeme (Chair), Head of Rural Development Division, ARBE, AUC
35. Mr. Kennedy Ayason, Policy Officer, ARBE, AUC

AUC/ETIM
36. Mr. Jean-Bertrand Azapmo, Principal Adviser to ETIM Commissioner, ETIM, AUC
37. Mrs. Ron Osman Omar, Senior Policy Advisor Industry, ETIM, AUC

AfCFTA
38. Mr. Komla Bissi, Senior Advisor to the SG, AfCFTA-Secretariat
39. Mr. Themba Khumalo, Senior Industrial Development Officer, AfCFTA-Secretariat

AUDANEPAD
40. Mr. Mamadou Diakhite, Head of the Environmental Sustainability Division, AUDA-NEPAD
41. Mr. Benjamin Akobundu, Technical support to CAAPs and reporting, AUDA-NEPAD
42. Ms. Kisa Nkhoma, Trade facilitation and logistics expertise to CAAPs, AUDA-NEPAD

Afreximbank
43. Mr. Abah Ofon, Senior Manager, Export Development Advisory, Afreximbank

PAAAC
44. Mr. Wisdom Adongo, Senior Advisor, PAAAC/PEF

PAFO
45. Mr Stephen Muchiri, Chief Executive Officer, EAFF, PAFO Representative in the CAAPs

FARA (CAAPs-Secretariat)
46. Mr. Anselme Vodounhessi, Lead Specialist M&E, CAAPs Coordinator, FARA
47. Mrs Karen Munoko, Agribusiness Specialist, FARA
48. Mrs Merline Mensah, CAAPs Programme Assistant
49. Ms Dorcas Kabuya, CCARDESA ICKM Focal Person & CAAPs Communication Support for FARA
50. Mr. Francis Kpodo, IT Specialist, FARA (To support and manage the hybrid meeting and related equipment)
Special Invitees

Bühler Group
51. Mr. Shuang Gao, Team Leader One Belt One Road Team, Middle East, Africa
52. Mr. Sessan Emil Khaladji-Nia, Senior Sales Manager Gain Quality & Supply.

Grüner
53. Mr Gerald Nel, Managing Director

BRICS
54. Mr Wandile Sihlobo, Chief Economist Agribusiness Chamber of South Africa, Member of President Ramaphosa’s Economic Advisory Panel, Chair of BRICS Agribusiness Working Group

WFP
55. Dr. Chris TOE, Senior Adviser for Corporate and Country Strategic Engagement, Strategic Partnerships division, WFP
56. Ms. Lydie Kouame, Deputy Director, WFP African Union Global Office
Annex 2: Detailed agenda of Meeting

Inaugural Coordination Meeting of Regional Economic Communities (RECs) for the implementation of the Common African Agro-parks (CAAPs)

18th – 21st October 2023
COMESA, Lusaka, Zambia
AUDA-NEPAD in collaboration with COMESA and the CAAPs- Secretariat (FARA)
Day 1: Wednesday, 18 October 2023

08:30 – 09:00
Registration: COMESA, FARA

09:00 – 10:15
Opening remarks from AUC: Dr Janet Edeme, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC
Opening remarks from AUDA-NEPAD: Mrs. Estherine Fotabong, NEPAD, Chairperson
Welcome address from COMESA: H.E. Ms. Chileshe Mpundu Kapwepwe, General Secretary, COMESA
Introduction/notes from each institution: Representatives of RECs and CAAPs-TWG and partners institutions

10:15 – 10:30
Overview of the revised meeting agenda & Discussion and amendment of the agenda.
Moderated by: Mr. Anselme Vodounhessi, FARA
10:30 - 10:45
Coffee Break

SESSION 1: SETTING THE SCENE WITH THE CAAPS AMBITIONS AND OUTCOMES OF THE PREVIOUS POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL ENGAGEMENTS

10:45 – 11:15
Presentation of the Proposal for CAAPs as a flagship programme of A2063 2TYIP contributing to acceleration of the AfCFTA (as endorsed by ARWD-STC on 29 May 2023). Q&A for clarification
Presented by: Dr Janet Edeme, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC

11:15 – 11:45
Keynote address on policy instruments/measures anticipated by AfCFTA to address trade and investment barriers in the context of the CAAPs to allow free movement and cross-border investments. Q&A for clarification
Presented by: Mr. Komla Bissi, AfCFTA Secretariat

11:45 – 12:15
Keynote address on leveraging partnerships with financial institutions and AFREXIMBANK leadership for establishing practical funding instruments for boosting transboundary agro-industrial development in Africa in the context of AfCFTA. Q&A for clarification
Presented by: Mr. Abah Ofon, AFREXIMBANK

12:15 – 13:30
Presentation of the CAAPs Programme and implementation progress and prospects; and CAAPs Demonstration Projects. Discussion and orientation notes from RECs
Presented By: Mr. Anselme Vodounhessi, FARA
13:30 - 14:30
Lunch Break

14:30 – 15:30
Presentation of the ZimZam Common Agro-Industrial Park (CAIP): Implementation steps, projects preparation concept and costs, timeline, and current challenges. Discussion and guidance on completion of the basic studies. Presented by: Ms. Providence Mavubi, COMESA, with insights from Zambia and Zimbabwe Delegates.

15:30 – 16:15
Presentation of the opportunities for establishing the Cote d'Ivoire-Ghana Cocoa CAAP, and process for maturing the CAAP. Discussion on the upcoming steps for initiating CIG Cocoa CAAP. Presented By: Mrs. Tawiah Agyarko-Kwarteng, CIGCI

16:15 – 16:30
Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:00
Further considerations and Wrap-up. Moderated By: Chairperson

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Grüner experiences and Energy solutions in agro-industrial parks development: potential on-site energy solutions for CAAPs. *Q&A for clarification*
*Presented by: Mr Gerald Nel, Grüner*

15:30 – 16:15
Organization African farmers to supply raw products in the context of the CAAPs: Farmers database and information management systems used by PAFO.
*Presented by: Mr. Stephen Muchiri, EAFF/PAFO*

Discussion and orientation notes on the CAAPs-Secretariat’ Initiative for developing a “*Comprehensive African database and GIS decision support systems on food production, use, post-harvest lost, sale, and trade, by commodity, by small holder farmer, by location, etc.. to provide evidence on production demand and transactions at the lowest possible scale in Africa, for better decision making on the CAAPs.*”
*Led by: FARA*

16:15 - 16:30
Coffee Break

16:30– 17:00
Challenges and opportunities for agro-industry development in a transboundary context, and key consideration for joint governance and institutional arrangements. *Discussion and orientation notes from REC*s
*Presented by: UNIDO*

17:00-17:30
Further considerations and Wrap-up.

END OF DAY 2
Day 3: Friday, 20 October 2023

09:00 – 09:30
Recap Day 2 and work on unfinished business. *Moderated by*: Chair Rapporteur

SESSION 2: THEMATIC ISSUES FOR AGRO-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TRANSBOUNDARY SETTING WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE AFCFTA … (Cont.)

09:30 – 10:15
Concept of productive Integration: National productive systems and Regional productive systems. *Discussion and orientation notes from RECs*
*Presented By*: Mr. Kennedy Ayason, AUC/ARBE

10:15 - 10:30
Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:30
Approaches for Private Sector engagements in transboundary infrastructure development context of the CAAPs. *Discussion and orientation notes from RECs*
*Presented by*: Mr. Jean-Bertrand Azapmo, AUC/ETIM & Mrs. Karen Munoko, FARA

11:30 – 12:15
Approaches for resources mobilization and investment promotion in context of transboundary infrastructure development. *Discussion and orientation notes from RECs*
*Presented by*: Mr. Mamadou Diakhite, AU-NEPAD
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| 12:15 – 13:00| Key AfCFTA instruments that will serve the CAAPs process and guide the joint governance and free trade of commodities amongst states. *Discussion and orientation notes from RECs*  
*Presented By*: Mr. Themba Khumalo, AfCFTA Secretariat                                                                |
| 13:00 – 14:30| Lunch Break                                                                                                                               |
| 14:30 – 15:00| Role of Governments in joint infrastructure governance: Introduction on COMESA experiences sharing on conceptualizing joint governance structure in the context of CAAPs.  
*Presented by*: Ms. Providence Mavubi, COMESA                                                                                  |
| 15:00 – 16:30| Keynotes on experiences from other RECs on joint governance for common infrastructure development.  
*Discussion and orientation notes on how existing experiences can be of best use under the CAAPs Process.*  
*Presented/Moderated by*: All RECs Representatives (ECCAS, IGAD, ECOWAS, EAC, SADC, UMA, CenSAD) |
| 16:30 – 16:45| Coffee Break                                                                                                                             |
| 16:45 – 17:00| Further considerations and Wrap-up.                                                                                                       |
Day 4: Saturday, 21 October 2023

09:00 – 09:15
Recap Day 3 and work on unfinished business. Moderated by: Chair Rapporteur

SESSION 3: PROPOSAL FOR MAPPING OF THE POTENTIAL LOCATIONS OF THE TRANSBOUNDARY CAAPS ZONES

09:15 – 10:30
IFPRI methodologies for mapping potential locations of 5 transboundary CAAPs mega agro-industries, food reserves, and food supply; and the 10 CAAPs Demonstration Projects.
Evidence on the choice of location of ZimZam CAAP.
Discussion and orientation notes from RECs and ZimZam Member states.
Presented By: IFPRI

10:30 - 10:45
Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:30
Presentation FAO Geospatial Hand-in-Hand Platform: Evidence on commodities choice of ZimZam CAAP.
Discussion and orientation notes from RECs and ZimZam Member states.
Presented by: Mr. Koffi Amegbeto, FAO

11:30 – 13:00
Interventions from RECs on mapping CAAPs zones and infrastructure locations for the 9 other CAAPs Demonstration Projects and for the 5 larger CAAPs Zones. Discussion and orientation notes from RECs on the potential zones for CAAPs and way forwards in finalizing the choices.
Presented by: All RECs Representatives (ECCAS, IGAD, ECOWAS, EAC, SADC, UMA, CenSAD)
Session 4: JOINT ROADMAP OF RECS /PLANS FOR JOINT RESOURCES MOBILIZATION WITH RECS FOR ENGAGING WITH MEMBERS STATES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CAAPs

14:00 – 14:45
CAAPs Coordination Structure and Leadership Engagement Plans as endorsed by the CAAPs Steering Committee, which include engagement with RECs, member states and stakeholders (private sector, regional banks, etc...) for advancing CAAPs.
Discussion and orientation notes from RECs
Presented By: Mr. Anselme Vodounhessi, FARA

14:45 – 16:00
Formulation of Joint roadmap of RECs for rolling out the CAAPs with full engagement of AU Members States, as well as the plans for joint resources mobilization and partnership engagement of RECs in developing the CAAPs.
Presented by: All RECs Representatives (ECCAS, IGAD, ECOWAS, EAC, SADC, UMA, CenSAD)

16:00-16:30
Concluding discussion and words of commitment from partner institutions. Recap of key points moving forward.
Moderated by: Chair Rapporteur

END OF DAY 4 & CAAPs RECs Coordination Meeting