

PANAP side event at the 6th AU-EU Agriculture Ministerial

Supporting science-to-policy for sustainable agri-food systems across Europe and Africa

Friday 27th of June, 12.45–14.00
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Background: Smart policies and technologies – intended as innovative tools and approaches to improve resilience and sustainability of agri-food systems – are key to achieve the objectives of the AU and EU sustainable agri-food system agendas. In this context, the [Pan-African Network for economic Analysis of Policies](#) (PANAP) was established at the end of 2019 under the aegis of the AU-EU partnership. The network brings together academic, research, and institutional partners that develop research on agro-economic and policy issues. PANAP's objectives include to build capacity of African researchers to better analyse the impact of policies in the agri-food system, to bridge the gap between science and policymaking in Africa, to bring together researchers, scientists and policymakers in Africa and to foster scientific communities providing independent, evidence-based scientific support, data and information, and economic analysis to inform sustainable agri-food system policies.

Both continents have recently reaffirmed their commitments to sustainable agri-food systems through strategic policy frameworks. The Kampala Declaration on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and the EU's Vision for Agriculture and Food lay clear the direction of each continent's agri-food policy, including the importance of international partnerships and science & innovation to achieve stated goals. As agri-food systems are increasingly expected to deliver on a broad range of objectives—from food security and climate resilience to economic development—the question arises: how are African and European policy agendas aligned, and how can political and scientific partnerships be further strengthened to deliver shared outcomes?

This proposed side event at the 6th AU-EU Agriculture Ministerial seeks to:

1. Present PANAP's mission on bridging science-policy and share PANAP's recent success stories on enhancing evidence-based policymaking and lessons learned.
2. Discuss the policymaker's perspective on bridging the science-policy gap and the role and opportunities of PANAP therein; and
3. Explore the recent Kampala Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Declaration alongside the EU Vision for Agriculture and Food, highlighting opportunities for partnerships.

Programme:

Topic	Speaker
Opening	A. Agumya, Executive Director (FARA)
Introduction	M. Vilakati, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AU)
Presentation PANAP: Bridging science and policy presentation	E. Ferrari, Scientific Project Officer (EC-JRC) & K. Antwi, Cluster Lead (FARA)
Panel Bridging science-policy in current Africa-EU agri-food policy: opportunities for partnerships	Panellists: - M. Heydon, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, (Republic of Ireland) - Senator A. Kyari, Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Food Security (Federal Republic of Nigeria) - E. Fotabong, Director of Agriculture (NEPAD) - L. Mizzi, Head of Unit (EC-DG INTPA) - O. Badiane, Executive Chairperson (AKADEMIYA2063) - P. Quartey, Professor (ISSER- University of Ghana) Moderator – K. Dekeyser, Policy Analyst (ECDPM)
Wrap-up and take aways	A. Zampieri, Director Sustainable Resources (EC-JRC)
Closure	C. Hansen, Commissioner for Agriculture and Food (EU)