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IFPRI Strategy *for* Engagement with CAADP 2026-2035

Supporting Implementation at Continental,
Regional, and National Levels



Building on decades of engagement with the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), and working closely with partners at national, regional, and continental levels, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) will provide evidence-based research, policy support, and capacity development to support implementation of CAADP 2026-2035 toward agrifood system transformation and enhanced food security, resilience, and economic growth.

IFPRI's Longstanding Support to CAADP

The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme has been the cornerstone of Africa's agricultural policy framework since the 2003 Maputo Declaration. Over the years, CAADP has evolved to reflect the continent's changing priorities, including ambitious new targets on hunger eradication, poverty reduction, and resilience building introduced by the 2014 Malabo Declaration. The CAADP Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2035 now focuses on intensifying sustainable food production, agro-industrialization, financing, nutrition security, inclusivity, resilience, and governance.

IFPRI has been a key technical partner to CAADP from its inception, supporting the African Union Commission (AUC), AUDA-NEPAD, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and national governments. IFPRI has played a leading role in:

- Providing technical support for the design of CAADP roadmaps at continental, regional, and national levels.
- Developing data-driven monitoring frameworks, including the CAADP Biennial Review and the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS), which track progress and inform policy decisions.
- Building capacity for evidence-based policymaking by working with policymakers, national research institutions, and think tanks.
- Mobilizing investment through reviews of agricultural public expenditure, investment planning, and impact assessments.

Given IFPRI's deep engagement, strong partnerships, and multilevel presence in Africa, the Institute is uniquely positioned to support CAADP 2026-2035's ambitious vision with an integrated, systemwide approach that ensures policy, investment, and governance reforms are implemented effectively and at scale.



IFPRI's Role and Strategic Approach

IFPRI is uniquely positioned to support CAADP through its:

- Research and knowledge generation – Providing data-driven insights for evidence-based policymaking.
- Technical assistance and policy support – Engaging AU, RECs, and national governments to translate evidence into action.
- Capacity development – Training policymakers and institutions to enhance decision-making.
- Investment and financing support – Aligning public and private resources with CAADP priorities.
- Monitoring, evaluation, and learning – Tracking CAADP commitments and progress.
- Stakeholder engagement and convening – Facilitating dialogue among policymakers, private sector, and development partners.

IFPRI's Engagement across CAADP's Strategic Objectives

CAADP 2026-2035 Strategic Objective	IFPRI's Contribution Areas	IFPRI's Engagement Approach
Sustainable Food Production, Agro-Industrialization, and Trade	Research on intensification, agro-industrialization, and supply chains. Policy work on trade and post-harvest loss reduction.	Technical support to AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, AfCFTA Secretariat, and RECs. Convene regional dialogues and policy forums. Support national governments in agro-industrialization strategies.
Investment and Financing for Agri-food Transformation	Research on financing models, investment effectiveness, and credit access. Cost-effectiveness analysis of public and private investments.	Work with AUC, AfDB, AUDA-NEPAD, and AGRA. Convene regional investment roundtables. Promote digital tools for transparent resource allocation.
Food and Nutrition Security	Research on nutrition-sensitive agriculture, food safety, and biofortification. Development of real-time monitoring frameworks for food security.	Work with AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, and national governments. Develop policy toolkits and support early warning systems for food and nutrition crises.
Inclusivity and Equitable Livelihoods	Research on smallholder inclusion, gender-sensitive policies, and youth employment. Policy work on land tenure and social protection.	Provide technical support to AUC, RECs, and national governments. Facilitate policy dialogues on equity, access, and smallholder competitiveness.
Building Resilient Agrifood Systems	Research on climate resilience, risk management, and adaptation. Development of climate-smart agriculture models and soil restoration strategies.	Support integration of resilience into food security policies. Train policymakers on risk analysis tools. Facilitate climate adaptation platforms.
Strengthening Agrifood System Governance	Research on governance effectiveness, institutional coordination, and accountability. Analysis of best practices in participatory governance.	Support governance reforms and multistakeholder coordination. Facilitate dialogue platforms and track governance outcomes.
Strengthening Implementation Systems and Processes	Foresight and policy modeling research on investment priorities. Review and analysis of indicators, metrics, and data for tracking progress on CAADP implementation.	Support alignment of national agrifood system investment plans (NAIPs) with CAADP goals. Promote use of high-quality data. Provide policy analysis and capacity development to support CAADP implementation.

Implementation Modalities

To effectively support CAADP 2026–2035, IFPRI will adopt the following approaches:

- **Multi-Level Engagement** – Working at regional (AU, RECs), national (ministries, governments), and local (farmer organizations, private sector) levels to support policy dialogue, technical assistance, and action research.
- **Partnerships and Collaborations** – Engaging with AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, AfDB, CGIAR Centers, national research institutions, and think tanks such as ANAPRI to bridge research, policy, and implementation.
- **Policy Outreach and Communication** – Facilitating policy dialogues, publishing research in accessible formats, and advising policymakers on evidence-based agricultural transformation.
- **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning** – Supporting CAADP’s biennial review process with data analytics, impact assessment frameworks, and real-time policy monitoring tools.
- **Resource Mobilization** – Co-developing funding proposals with AUC, RECs, and national governments, engaging development partners, and supporting investment alignment for sustainable agricultural development.

IFPRI remains committed to supporting Africa’s agricultural transformation by ensuring that CAADP’s objectives are translated into actionable and scalable solutions. By delivering integrated support packages, IFPRI will work with national governments and regional partners to accelerate progress, ensuring that policies, investments, and innovations result in measurable impacts on food security, economic growth, and resilience.



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