

Virtual webinar

Operationalization of the Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA)

Tuesday, 17th November 2020, 09:00 - 11:30 hrs (GMT)



Abstract

Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (SAM) in Africa is an urgent matter and an indispensable pillar for attaining the Zero Hunger vision by 2025, as stated in the Malabo Declaration of 2014 – Goal 2 of the Sustainable Development Goals – and the Prosperous Africa We Want of Agenda 2063. Doubling agricultural productivity and eliminating hunger and malnutrition in Africa by 2025 will not be realized unless mechanization is accorded utmost importance.

Understanding this situation, AUC and FAO, through an Africa-wide consultative process, developed a **Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA)** that was launched in October 2018. It aims to inform policy and decision makers in the Member States, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Africa, and the wider development community dealing with agricultural development on the significance of mainstreaming SAM in the overall national and regional agricultural development programmes.

This virtual webinar, targeting the Directors and Heads of Agricultural Mechanization Services, is the first in a series, organized to provide an opportunity to create a participatory environment for the establishment of a regional implementation mechanism of F-SAMA. The Webinar will provide the platform to share information and update on the progress made by member states in operationalizing the framework. In addition to presentations, facilitated discussion and questions and answers sessions will be implemented to generate more insights into the issues being discussed. Experts from FAO, AUC, ACT, Directors and Heads of Agricultural Mechanization Services in SSA, and other mechanization stakeholders, will share experience on the importance of mechanization. This will include during and post COVID-19 and discuss how to expedite operationalization of the F-SAMA.

Agenda

09:00	Welcome Remarks <i>Abebe Haile Gabriel, Assistant Director General (ADG), FAO Regional Office for Africa</i>
09:05	Opening Remarks <i>HE Ambassador Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission (AUC)</i>
09:15	Overview of Webinar Objectives <i>Mark Fynn (FAO) and Nomathemba Mhlanga (FAO)</i>
09:20	Why is agricultural mechanization important in transforming agriculture in SSA during and post COVID-19? <i>Prof G.C. Mrema, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania and Dr Simplicie Fonkou, Head of Agriculture and Food Security Division, DREA-AUC</i>
09:30	An overview of the Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA) <i>Jerome Afeikhena (AUC) and Joseph Mpagalile (FAO)</i>
09:45	Discussion, questions and answers
09:55	Country updates on promotion and development of agricultural mechanization <i>Eng. Boniface Okanya (Uganda), Eng. Anna Mwangamilo (Tanzania) and Eng. Amatus Deyang (Ghana)</i>
10:15	Africa-Mechanize Knowledge Platform <i>Saidi Mkomwa, Executive Director, African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT)</i>
10:30	Discussion, questions and answers
10:45	Joining hands to achieve a mechanized agriculture in Africa <i>Josef Kienzle (FAO) & Development Partner (AfDB)</i>
11:00	Discussion, questions and answers
11:10	Closing remarks <i>David Phiri, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa (SFE) and Representative to the African Union (AU) and to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</i>

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