



## **AU-NEPAD and Partner International NGOs Invites you to the Africa Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance Side Event**

22 SEPT 2014; 10:00--13:00  
HILTON MANHATTAN EAST HOTEL, 304 EAST  
42TH STREET, NEW YORK

The Africa Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency and Partner International NGOs present a special Side Event on the **AU-NEPAD Agriculture Climate Change Programme** and the transformative **AU-NEPAD-iNGO CSA Alliance** on the Eve of the 2014 UN Climate Summit. The Side Event offers an opportunity to share and network on Africa's practical and innovative strategies and actions to support rural and farming communities to scale-up Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices.

The NEPAD Agency is spearheading implementation of the AU-NEPAD Agriculture Climate Change Programme with the Vision to reach 25 million farm households practicing CSA by 2025 (Vision 25x25). This is an integral part of CAADP and relates to attaining the Productivity, Food Security, Prosperity and resilience goals as articulated in CAADP's 2015-25 Results Framework - endorsed at the Malabo AU Summit (June 2014).

The AUC, the NEPAD Agency and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) are elaborating and implementing strategies and programmes to support member states on CSA. One of these initiatives is the **AU-NEPAD-iNGO CSA Alliance (Africa CSA Alliance)**. This is a unique and innovative partnership led by the NEPAD Agency and five international NGOs (*Catholic Relief Services; Concern; CARE; World Vision; Oxfam*) with technical support by CCAFS, FARA, FAO and FARNPAN. The Partnership aims to leverage the partners' strengths into a collective effort to stimulate and support grassroot efforts to scale-up CSA. The Africa CSA Alliance aims to reach at

least 6 million farm households practicing CSA (part of Vision 25x25).

The Side Event will facilitate interactions and sharing on Africa's efforts, initiatives and strategies to scale-up CSA, focusing on three aspects, namely:

- a) the Africa CSA Alliance as an emerging, innovative and unique partnership between Africa's Continental Development Agency and iNGOs with a shared goal to catalyze scaling up of CSA in Africa
- b) An Africa-specific perspective and interpretation of CSA, which brings "people issues", i.e. livelihoods and prosperity, as well resilience, to the core of CSA
- c) Partnership opportunities including related principles and modalities for expended support to result-based efforts to scale-up CSA within the CAADP framework

Additional to lead speakers including Ghana ex-President and UNSG Envoy on Climate Change, **Mr John Kufour**; NEPAD Agency CEA, **Dr Ibrahim A. Mayaki** and H.E. Commissioner, **Tumusiime Rhoda Peace**; and a Panel of Prominent Leaders and Practitioners, the Side Event will provide adequate time for open plenary debate

The Side Event is open to all.

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