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Second webinar to prepare for the Africa Conference on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization

Advancing the Africa Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM):
Consolidating HAMES Leadership and Donor Engagement

Thursday, 6 November 2025 | 12:00 - 14:00 GMT

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Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (SAM) is increasingly recognized as a cornerstone for agricultural transformation in Africa and a critical driver of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Kampala Strategy (2026–2035).

To mark its 80th anniversary, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), with its partners and collaborators is organizing the **Africa Conference on Sustainable Agriculture Mechanization (SAM) in Dar Es Salaam**, United Republic of Tanzania from 25 to 28 November 2025.

This event builds on the momentum of the Global Conference on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (GAMC) held in Rome in 2023 and responds to the call to action to scale up sustainable mechanization across Africa.

This important webinar is organized by [AfricaMechanize](#), a joint initiative of the African Union, FAO and the African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT), established to operationalize the Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA) and advance sustainable agricultural mechanization across African smallholder farming systems.

The webinar aims to create awareness about the objectives and intended outcomes of the upcoming Africa Conference as well as to provide a timely platform for examining the strategic rationale, value proposition, functions, operational structure, and roadmap for a

CSAM for Africa, with specific reference to F-SAMA as well as assess the feasibility and design options for establishing a CSAM for Africa; and identify donor and partner entry points to support regional SAM initiatives.

AGENDA

15:00	<p>Welcome and objectives of the webinar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Fynn, Regional Policy Officer - RAF, Moderator • Saidi Mkomwa, Executive Director, ACT Network, webinar objectives
15:10	<p>Regional Perspectives: Significance of a CSAM for Africa- Remarks from the RECs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Veronica Nduva, Secretary General, East African Community (EAC) (tbc) • Amb. Ezéchiél Nibigira, President, ECCAS Commission (ECCAS) • Mr. Bertin Some, Secretary General, Economic Community for West African States (ECOWAS) • Mr. Workneh Gebeyehu, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) • Mr. Elias Magosi, Executive Secretary, Southern African Development Community (SADC) • Mr. Tarek Ben Salem, Secretary General, Arab Maghreb Union (UMA) (tbc)
15:30	<p>Outputs of the first pre-conference webinar, and FAO's Vision of the Africa CSAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josef Kienzle & Mark Fynn, FAO
15:40	<p>Donor Perspectives on Financing SAM in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaja Waldmann, Natural Resources Management Specialist, WB • Natan Belete, WB Director of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Malawi • Tsuneo Oishi, Senior Advisor, Economic Development Department, JICA
16:10	<p>Panel Discussion: National and Regional Needs for Africa CSAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on SAM priorities, gaps, Africa CSAM's value proposition, linkages of CSAM with HAMES network, RECs, and others, as presented by the HAMES (7 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anna Mwangamilo: Tanzania: EAC • Patrick O. Aboagye: Ghana: ECOWAS • Kabelo Motebejane: South Africa: SADC • Ms Yvette Mouepi: Chad: ECCAS • Shimelus Tsegaye: Ethiopia: IGAD • M'hamed Rachid: Mauritania: UMA
16:45	<p>Plenary Discussion (Questions and Answers) and Agreement on Next Steps</p>
17:05	<p>Presentation of Way Forward Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saidi Mkomwa, ACT Network
17:20	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, AUDA)-NEPAD (tbc)

Language: English with simultaneous French interpretation.

For more information, please visit the [Conference website](#) or contact either Sustainable-Mechanization@fao.org or AfricaMechanize Secretariat at: Secretariat@Africamechanize.org