



Virtual webinar No 2 - English

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

Tuesday, 15th December 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. F-SAMA 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 Farmers Organizations, Private Sector and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) is the second 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 farmers

organizations, private sector and NGOs 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 and other mechanization stakeholders, will share experience on the importance of mechanization. Moreover, Participants will discuss and share experience on how to expedite operationalization of the F-SAMA.

Agenda

09:00	Opening Remarks <i>Robert Guei, FAO Coordinator West Africa Sub-Region (SFW)</i>
09:10	Overview of Webinar Objectives <i>Mark Fynn/Nomathemba Mhlanga</i>
09:15	Why is agricultural mechanization important in transforming agriculture in SSA during and post COVID-19? <i>Prof G.C. Mrema, Agricultural Mechanization Consultant</i>
09:25	An overview of the Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA) <i>Jerome Afeikhena (AUC) and Joseph Mpagalile (FAO)</i>
09:35	Discussion, questions and answers
09:45	How the private sector and farmer's organization are promoting agricultural mechanization in SSA? <i>Agro-Leasing (Zambia), EAFF (Kenya)</i>
10:05	Discussion, questions and answers
10:15	Africa Mechanize Knowledge Platform <i>Saidi Mkomwa, Executive Director, African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT)</i>
10:25	Discussion, questions and answers
10:35	Joining hands to achieve a mechanized agriculture in Africa <i>Josef Kienzle (FAO)</i>
10:45	Discussion, questions and answers
10:55	Closing remarks <i>Fenton Beed, NSPLD Group Leader (NSP)</i>

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