

## Joint Actions on Operationalization of the Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA)

### VIRTUAL WEBINAR NO 3

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 09:00 - 10:30 hrs (GMT)



#### Webinar brief

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. Moreover, mechanization can play an important role in ensuring continuity of the farm operations even during the time of uncommon situations like the COVID-19 pandemic.

Understanding this situation, the African Union Commission (AUC) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), through an Africa-wide consultative process, developed a Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA) that was launched in Rome on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 is targeting public and private stakeholders including but not limited to Directors and Heads of Agricultural Mechanization Services, Farmers Organizations, Private Sector, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Academia. This is the third Webinar in a series, and is 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 a platform to share information and update on the efforts being made in spearheading mechanization as an important pillar for agricultural transformation in Cameroon and Nigeria. The Webinar will present some insights on how putting down concrete action plans helps the countries to attain their goals of developing and increasing the use of mechanization. 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 experiences on the importance of mechanization. Moreover, participants will discuss and share experience on how to expedite the operationalization of the F-SAMA.

## Agenda

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09:00	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Mr Ade Freeman, Regional Programme Leader (RPL), FAO Regional Office for Africa (RAF).</i>
09:05	<b>Overview of Webinar Objectives</b> <i>Joseph Mpagalile &amp; Nomathemba Mhlanga, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).</i>
09:15	<b>Efforts to promote and develop sustainable agricultural mechanization in Cameroon</b> <i>Mr Forbing Valentine, Deputy Director of the Agricultural Engineering Directorate, Cameroon.</i>
09:30	<b>Increasing productivity in agriculture, by accelerating agricultural mechanization in Nigeria: Ongoing activities and other plans.</b> <i>Eng. Abdullahi G. Abubakar, Director of Agricultural Mechanization, Federal Government of Nigeria, Abuja.</i>
09:45	<b>Discussion, questions and answers – All participants</b>
10:20	<b>Closing remarks</b> <i>Eng. Saidi Mkomwa, Executive Director, African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT), Nairobi, Kenya.</i>

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