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ALL ABOUT THE FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION IN AFRICA - F-SAMA



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**CONCEPT NOTE**

## THE SECOND PRE-CONFERENCE ON SAM (ACSAM) WEBINAR

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

#### Background and Rationale

Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (SAM) is central to Africa's agricultural transformation agenda and a key pillar of the CAADP Kampala Strategy (2026–2035). To drive this vision, African countries are seeking structured collaboration through the Directors and Heads of Agricultural Mechanization and Engineering Services (HAMES) network.

Following increasing interest in the creation of a Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM-Africa) inspired by the successful Asia-Pacific model, FAO and partners are facilitating technical discussions among HAMES to define its purpose, structure, and roadmap.

The webinar will contribute to the operationalization of the AUC-FAO Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA), particularly on Element 10: Creating Sustainable Institutions for Regional Cooperation and Networking, and Element 9: Need for a Long-Term Vision: Policy and Strategy Issues.

This second preparatory webinar will deepen coordination among HAMES and development partners in advance of the Africa Conference on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (ACSAM) to be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (25–28 November 2025).

#### Purpose of the webinar

This webinar will examine the **strategic rationale, value proposition, functions, operational structure, and roadmap** for a CSAM for Africa, with specific reference to F-SAMA. The webinar will engage the African Directors and Heads of Agricultural Mechanization and Engineering Services, and development partners in structured dialogue to strengthen coordination and institutionalization of the HAMES network; Assess the feasibility and design options for establishing a CSAM for Africa; and identify donor and partner entry points to support regional SAM initiatives.

## General objectives

- Share updates on lessons learned from past experiences of agricultural mechanization centers, especially from the first webinar, and the CSAM for Asia.
- Deliberate on promising and viable governance models, hosting arrangements, and financing mechanisms to inform the development of a roadmap for SAM
- Explore financing mechanisms and partnership opportunities, including with The World Bank, JICA, and others.
- Agree on the next steps toward establishing the roadmap for CSAM Africa.

## Expected Outcomes

1. Clear recommendations and roadmap for the establishment of CSAM-Africa.
2. Documentation of donor interest and financing opportunities to advance SAM in Africa.
3. Consensus on the operationalization of the HAMES network.

## Target Participants

Approximately 70 participants, including:

- HAMES representatives from all 55 African Union Member States;
- African Union Commission, AUDA-NEPAD, RECs, FAO, and UNECA;
- Development partners and donors (World Bank, JICA, others);
- ACT Network and Africa Mechanize platform coordinators.

### 6. Logistical & Organizational Details

- **Platform:** AfricaMechanize platform supporting live video, breakout rooms, and Q&A.
- **Language:** English with simultaneous French interpretation.

## Follow-Up

- Circulate summary report and action points within two weeks.
- Facilitate continued coordination among HAMES
- Prepare recommendations and roadmap inputs for the ACSAM 2025 Conference.

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## Agenda

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

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Additionally, webinar 16 is sponsored by The World Bank and the Korea Green Growth Trust Fund (KGGTF).

The session will provide short keynote presentations followed by interactive discussions among participants. **Ensure your views are heard and considered in shaping what a CSAM for Africa should entail by participating in the session.**

**Registration is free but required. Register in advance** at the [Registration Link](#).

The webinars and discussion forums are being organized by the interim F-SAMA steering committee, comprised of AUC, FAO, and the ACT Network.

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