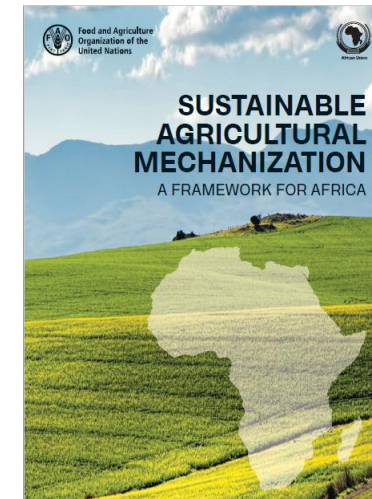
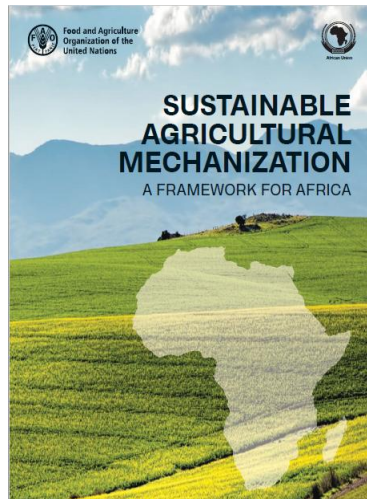




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Introduction to the F-SAMA & Webinar 12



Background information

- The Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA) was **endorsed** by the 2017 Specialized Technical Committee (STC) meeting of AU and was **launched** by AUC and FAO in Rome on 5th October 2018.
- It informs stakeholders the **significance of mainstreaming mechanization** and responds to both the Malabo Declaration and AU Agenda 2063.
- Presents **ten priority elements** for developing national strategies that could be used to transform agriculture in Africa.
- AUC with the technical support of FAO and in collaboration with the ACT Network is **working with stakeholders to operationalize F-SAMA**.
- An F-SAMA webinar series was launched in November 2020 to engage the DAMES and other stakeholders through the AfricaMechanize Platform to support the operationalization of F-SAMA.
- The 11 webinars conducted have attracted more than 1,760 participants from 75 countries.

Webinars in the series - 2024

Webinar No.	Title	Scheduled Time
Webinar 12	Discussion Paper on Element 3: <i>Revamping Manufacturing of Agricultural Machinery and Implements in Africa</i> . Panel: Opening by EABC, Keynote by UNIDO; Presentations by: Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers' Associations of India (AMMA), Europe (CEMA), and China's research centre for agricultural mechanization.	13 th June 2024
Webinar 13	Discussion Paper on Element 8: <i>Human Resources Development and capacity building for SAMA</i> . Co-organized with RUFORUM and presentations by PASAE (tbc), KeSABAE, and ACT ICAAP-Africa.	4 th July 2024
Webinar 14	Discussions Paper on Element 9: <i>Joint actions in operationalization of the F-SAMA</i> . Panel discussion at the 9WCCA moderated by ACT Network & FAO. Panelists: AUC, WB, FAO, DAMES committee, and CIMMYT.	24 th July 2024
Webinar 15	Discussion on Element 7: <i>Scaling CA with SAM in the Context of Gender Equality, Youth and Social Inclusion (GEYSI)</i> . Held as parallel session at the 9WCCA, Moderated by CIMMYT. Panelists: Sieglinde Snapp (CIMMYT), IWMI, IITA, ACT ICAAP-Africa.	25 th July 2024

Webinars in the series - 2024

Webinar No.	Title	Scheduled Time
Webinar 16	Discussion on Element 5: <i>Innovative systems for sustainable technology development, and uptake or adoption.</i> Co-organized with FARA. Panelists: CORAF; African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS - tbc); and others to be identified.	26 th September 2024
Webinar 17	Discussions on Element 7: <i>The role of smallholder farmers in agricultural development and food security in Africa.</i> Introductory remarks by PAFO (tbc). Panel: ROPPA/EAFF; PASAE; CSIR-CRI Ghana; and Director of Mechanization Nigeria.	24 th October 2024
Webinar 18	Concluding Webinar for 2024 <i>Annual Summary Paper to be prepared by AfricaMechanize</i> Secretariat. Presented by iSAMAP Chair.	28 th November 2024

F-SAMA AfricaMechanize Webinar 12 Objectives




The Objective of Webinar 12 is to **initiate collaboration** between African countries and the agricultural machinery manufacturing associations of other continents. This initial webinar creates the opportunities for discussions with AMMA-India, the European Agricultural Machinery Industry Association (CEMA), and the Research Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Development of China.

The Webinar is aligned to **operationalization of F-SAMA Element 3: *Building sustainable systems for the manufacture and distribution of agricultural mechanization inputs.***

The expected outputs of Webinar No 12 are:

- 1) *Information sheets on the key issues discussed to support increased manufacturing.*
- 2) *Action plan for realization of the identified priority interventions – towards development of cooperation agreements.*
- 3) *Summary paper of the proceedings of this webinar.*

The Webinar series is organized jointly by:

 <p>African Union</p>	<p>The African Union Website: https://au.int/</p>
 <p>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</p>	<p>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Website www.fao.org.</p>
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