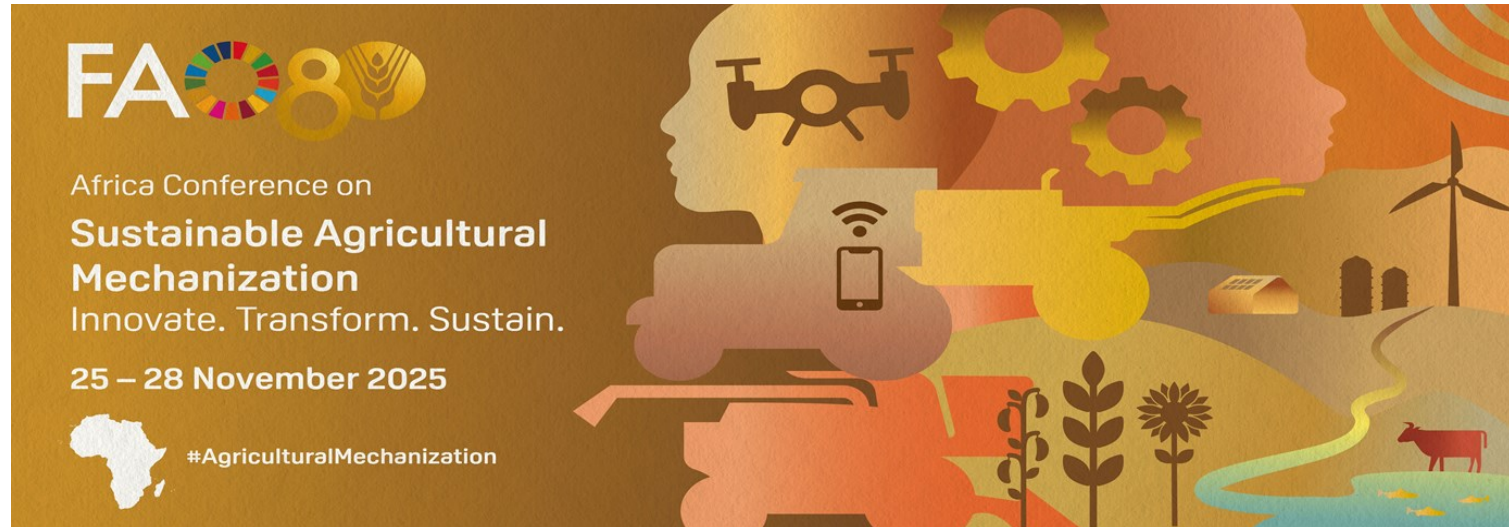
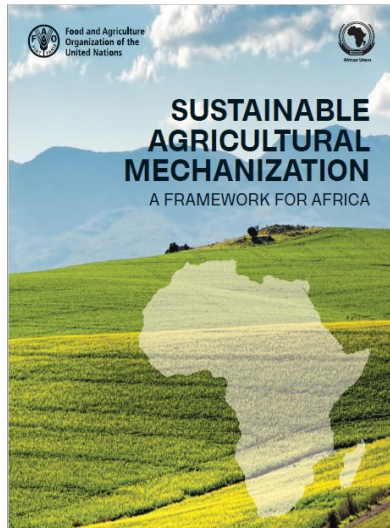




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Introduction to AfricaMechanize Webinar #15



**First Webinar to prepare for the Africa Conference on SAM (ACSAM):
Exploring the Africa Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization: Your Role in Africa's
Mechanization Journey**

Background information

- The Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA) was **endorsed** by the 2017 Specialized Technical Committee (STC) meeting of AU. It was **launched** by AUC and FAO in Rome on 5th October 2018.
- It informs stakeholders of the **significance of mainstreaming mechanization** and responds to the CAADP Kampala Declaration and the AU Agenda 2063. It presents **ten priority elements** for developing national strategies to transform agriculture.
- AUC, with the technical support of FAO and in collaboration with the ACT Network, is **working with stakeholders to operationalize F-SAMA**. Some progress has been made; a lot more needs to be done.
- An F-SAMA webinar series was launched in 2020 to engage the African Country Directors of Mechanization (HAMES) and other stakeholders through the AfricaMechanize Platform.
- Webinar #9, in particular, established an Interim Steering Committee (ISC), of the HAMES to realize the long-term vision for SAM in Africa based on the 10 elements of F-SAMA. We will receive updates in the following presentation.

First Preconference/AfricaMechanize Webinar #15 Objectives

The Objective of this Webinar is to create awareness about the upcoming Africa SAM Conference and to provide a timely platform for exploring what an African CSAM(s) could entail. Most importantly, stakeholders will have the opportunity to articulate what such a Centre(s) would mean for them and what it must address.

The Webinar is aligned with the **operationalization of F-SAMA Element 10: *Creating sustainable institutions for regional cooperation and networking.***

The expected outcomes of the Webinar are:

- 1) *Lessons learned from experiences, especially regarding the evolution and current work areas of CSAM Asia*
- 2) *A set of priority functions, needs, vision, and expectations for CSAM(s) Africa*
- 3) *A networked community of interested stakeholders*

THANK YOU

- We are today endowed with a very diverse and distinguished group of practitioners and experts in SAM. The **xxx** registrants include HAMES from **xxx** countries.
 - We have the AUC, RECs, and AUDA-NEPAD. We have development partners, financial institutions, private sector, farmers, researchers and the academia. Thank you for heading our call.
 - Thank you for contributing to this urgent and pivotal agenda for Africa's development.
 - We thank the many volunteers for this course, including the international SAM advisory panel for Africa (iSAMAP Africa).
 - Thank you to the joint efforts of FAO, AU, WB, KGGTF, and ACT for the support.
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Thank you for your attention

- Seize the opportunities for your views and needs to be heard.
- Welcome all HAMES and RECS to the Second Pre-conference webinar on 06 November 2025
- Welcome to the Africa Conference on SAM, 25-28 November 2025, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

