SYNTHESIS REPORT

THE 21ST COMPREHENSIVE AFRICA AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM (CAADP PP) AND 16TH AFRICA DAY FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY (ADFNS)

From Malabo to Kampala: Accelerating Just, Resilient Agrifood Systems Transformation for Nutrition and Sustainable Growth

29–31 October 2025, Kigali, Rwanda

Executive Summary

Africa has entered a decisive phase in its agrifood transformation journey. The 21st Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme Partnership Platform (CAADP-PP) and the 16th Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security (ADFNS), held in Kigali from 29–31 October 2025, signalled the formal transition from policy formulation to implementation—the start of the Kampala Decade of Execution (2026–2035). Convening governments, regional bodies, development partners, farmers, private investors, youth innovators, and civil society, the forum aligned Africa's vision around a common goal: to accelerate just, resilient, and nutrition-sensitive agrifood systems that deliver prosperity, equity, and health.

Delegates endorsed a unified policy and investment agenda anchored on four pillars: restoring soil and ecosystem health, mobilizing predictable finance, advancing climate-smart and risk-resilient agriculture, and empowering women and youth as co-architects of change. Implementation of culture, accountability, and coordination emerged as the defining features of the new CAADP era.

Setting the Context

Building on the foundations of the Maputo and Malabo Declarations, the Kampala CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026–2035) positions agriculture at the centre of Africa's inclusive growth, climate action, and nutrition agenda. The Kigali forum marked a shift from commitment to measurable results—anchoring delivery within National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs) and Regional Agriculture Investment Plans (RAIPs). The event highlighted Africa's shared determination to move beyond fragmented initiatives toward integrated, accountable, and transformative action.

Opening addresses by the African Union Commission and the Government of Rwanda underscored that the next decade must focus on execution and impact. Rwanda's leadership reaffirmed that sustainable growth depends on soil health, digital innovation, private-sector partnership, and citizen-driven development.

Key Strategic Priorities and Thematic Highlights

2.1 **Restoring Soil Health as a Foundation for Transformation:** Healthy soils were recognized as the cornerstone of productivity, nutrition, and climate resilience. The African Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan (2023–2033) was endorsed as the primary framework for continental alignment, calling for soil mapping, balanced nutrient management, and farmer-centric extension systems. Restoration of degraded lands and local fertilizer production were emphasized as public goods essential for sustainable development.

2.2 **Financing Transformation through Predictable Investment:** Finance emerged as the central lever for delivery. The meeting endorsed the operationalization of the USD 100 billion Kampala investment target, underpinned by blended-finance models, public-private partnerships, and Cluster Commodity Compacts that align producers, processors, and financiers. Governments were urged to enhance policy predictability, strengthen enabling environments, and support smallholders, women, and youth to access finance and markets.

2.3 **Building Resilience through Climate-Smart Agriculture and Risk Financing:** Delegates reaffirmed that resilience must be integrated into national development and investment frameworks. Mainstreaming Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) into NAIPs and NDCs was seen as critical, alongside early-warning systems, sovereign risk insurance, and adaptive planning. Disaster Risk Financing (DRF) was identified as a strategic investment rather than a contingency measure—key to protecting gains and ensuring fiscal stability.

2.4 **Nutrition, Health, and Local Food Systems:** Nutrition was placed at the heart of transformation, reframing food systems around dietary diversity, food safety, and health outcomes. The forum highlighted Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF), culinary innovation, post-harvest management, and blue-food value chains as effective pathways linking agriculture to nutrition and livelihoods. Participants emphasized that "soil health and human health are inseparable" and called for food policies that promote nutrient-rich, locally sourced diets.

2.5 **Youth, Women, and Innovation:** Youth and women were recognized as co-implementers of transformation. Mechanisms such as guarantee schemes, digital credit, and entrepreneurship hubs were highlighted to expand access to finance and markets. The growth of youth-led agribusiness, digital platforms, and blue-food enterprises was celebrated as evidence that Africa's demographic dividend can power its food systems revolution.

2.6 **Seed Systems and Genetic Innovation:** The urgent need for Africa to modernize and harmonize its seed production and distribution systems, which remain fragmented and underfunded was underscored. The Strategic Partnership Model (linking AGRA, NARS, and CGIAR) and the development of Seed Sector Investment Plans (SIPs) were presented as key instruments for aligning policy, investment, and accountability.

2.7 **Strengthening Governance and Accountability:** Participants stressed the need for governance coherence across sectors, inter-ministerial coordination and mutual accountability platforms. They also called for use of evidence and the entrenchment of the CAADP Declaration into national policy systems to ensure continuity and budget allocation.

Policy and Institutional Imperatives

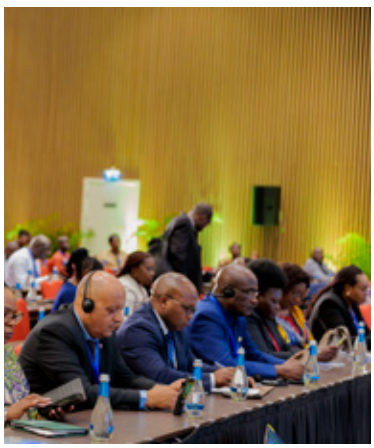
Achieving the Kampala goals requires strong governance and institutional coherence. The meeting called for embedding foresight, Monitoring-Evaluation-and-Learning (MEL) systems, and evidence-based planning within ministries and regional institutions. Parliamentarians were urged to legislate and monitor agricultural budget allocations. Data-driven coordination—across NAIPs, NDCs, and regional strategies—was identified as key to accountability, transparency, and impact.

Key Resolutions and Commitments

- Operationalize the CAADP Kampala Declaration through domesticated NAIPs and RAIPs, with measurable milestones.
- Mobilize blended and predictable financing, leveraging public, private, and multilateral instruments.
- Scale up CSA and DRF to safeguard investments and sustain productivity under climate stress.
- Mainstream nutrition as a key outcome in all agricultural planning and policy frameworks.
- Empower youth and women as entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders in agrifood transformation.
- Institutionalize foresight and MEL systems for evidence-based accountability.
- Foster continental and regional collaboration to harmonize trade, investment, and policy coherence.

Conclusion and Way Forward

The Kigali forum concluded with a strong consensus that Africa's next decade must be defined by delivery discipline and measurable results. Stakeholders committed to translating frameworks into practical investments that restore soils, finance farmers, empower youth, strengthen markets, and feed Africa sustainably. The spirit of Kigali—the resolve to execute with unity, evidence, and urgency—will guide Africa's journey through the Kampala Decade of Execution.



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Annex 3: List of Participants

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