



Programme

## Agriculture Policy Learning Event

The African Agriculture Policy Agenda in Practice:

**Managing processes and  
improving advisory capacities**

**Accra, Ghana, 11 to 13 June 2014**

**Wednesday 11 June 2014**

***Understanding & Analysing Agricultural Policy***

08:30 - 09:00	<b>Registration</b>	
09:00	Welcome and opening remarks	Mark Kofi Fynn, Paul Schuetz
09:15	Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Objective of the Agricultural Policy Learning Event</li> <li>- Round of Introduction</li> </ul>	Heike Hoeffler & Desiree Dietvorst
10:00	Setting the Scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brief history of views of agricultural development in Africa</li> <li>- Agriculture performance in Africa since 1990</li> <li>- Discussion</li> </ul>	Steve Wiggins
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>	
11:30	Presentation of learning event programme: What is on offer? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agriculture policy: A contemporary agenda</li> <li>- The political economy of agriculture policy in Africa</li> </ul>	Desiree Dietvorst Steve Wiggins Colin Poulton
12:15	Participants' interests and expectations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the particular challenges are you dealing with?</li> <li>- How do you expect this event will support you in your work?</li> </ul>	Round table discussion
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00	Agriculture Policy: Issues of consensus and debate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agriculture development debates: A case of high demands and expectations?</li> <li>- The basics, or issues of widespread agreement</li> <li>- The complication, or issues of (heated) debate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overcoming market failure: the big challenge</li> </ul> </li> </ul> Enabling rural investment and rural public goods Questions & Comments Reflection: issues of debate and uncertainty in our countries	Steve Wiggins          Plenary Round tables
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:00	Political Economy of African agricultural policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ideas and inspirations</li> <li>- Incentives and drivers of agricultural policy change</li> <li>- The influence of democratisation on policy making</li> </ul> Questions & Comments	Colin Poulton          Plenary
17:00	Discussion: Policy aspirations and state capacity	Round tables
17:30	End of day 1	
19:00	<b>Dinner at the Mensvic Grand Hotel Terrace</b>	

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### *Managing Agricultural Policy*

09:00	Recap of day one - Introduction to day two	Desiree Dietvorst
09:15	Outcome of the AU Ministers of Agriculture Summit	Boaz Keizire
09:40	Sustaining the CAADP Momentum: Insights from the NPCA	Ousmane Djibo
10:00	Discussion: African Responses to Policy Challenges	Plenary
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>	
11:00	<p>Political Economy: The policy process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From agriculture policy to agriculture performance</li> <li>- Finding and using 'room for manoeuvre' to influence agriculture policy processes</li> </ul> <p>Questions &amp; Comments</p>	Colin Poulton
11:45	Case Study: Lobbying by Regional Farmer Organisation	Mohlalefi Moteane
12:00	<p>Agriculture: the "awkward and fragmented" sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple goals, multiple players, multiple strategies, programmes, projects and donors</li> </ul>	Steve Wiggins Colin Poulton
12:15	<p>Country Cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ghana</li> <li>• Togo</li> </ul>	Mark Fynn Pascal Ndimira
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00	Discussion: How to deal with "awkwardness" in our countries?	Round Tables
14:30	Opinions & Statements: Reasons to be cheerful!	Steve Wiggins Colin Poulton
15:15 - 15:45	<b>Coffee break</b>	
15:45	<p>Rural transformation and its implication for agricultural policies</p> <p>Questions &amp; Comments</p>	Steve Wiggins Plenary
16:30	<p>Rural transformation in our countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scenarios for smallholder farming in the next generation</li> </ul> <p>What policies do we need to avoid the dangers of brutal transition, to seize opportunities for gentle transition and to produce the best outcomes for your transition?</p>	Country Group Work
17:00	End of day 2	
19:00	optional: joint public viewing of FIFA World Cup Opening Match at Afrikiko	

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**Advising Agricultural Policy Processes**

09:00	Recap of day two - introduction to day three	Desiree Dietvorst
09:15	Experiences with Input Subsidy Programmes	Steve Wiggins & Colin Poulton
10:00	<p>What does this mean for Development Cooperation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the roles, opportunities and challenges for donor engagement in agricultural policy reform processes?</li> </ul>	<p>Heike Hoeffler</p> <p>Group Discussion Plenary</p>
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>	
11:30	Open Space for 2 parallel Sessions:	
	<p>Open Space 1: Managing Agricultural Policies at National Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Case of South Sudan</li> <li>- The Case of Benin</li> <li>- Experiences from Ghana</li> </ul>	<p>E, Minari / K. Schuster Soule Manigui P. Schuetz</p>
	<p>Open Space 2: Agribusiness and Public-Private Dialogue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trade Rules and Agricultural Policy</li> <li>- The Case of Togolese Grain Markets</li> <li>- The Case of Kenyan Fisheries Policy</li> </ul>	<p>F. Zegowitz K. Dessah S. Imende</p>
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00	<p>Agricultural Policy Advisory Service for the Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What capacities are needed to plan policies, to implement instruments and to monitor progress?</li> <li>- What next within and beyond this Agricultural Policy Learning Event?</li> <li>- Round of Feedback &amp; Evaluation</li> </ul>	<p>Heike Hoeffler</p> <p>Desiree Dietvorst</p>
15:15	Closing Remarks	Paul Schuetz
15:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
	End of Learning Event	