



## Workshop on the Role of Agropoles and Agro-Processing Zones (APZ) in Feeding & Industrializing Africa

22 - 23 March 2016 - Abidjan, CCIA – Auditorium – AfDB

Provisional Agenda

### DAY 1: TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2016 – Venue, Auditorium CCIA Building

- 9.00 Facilitator: Mr. Chiji OJUKWU, Director, Agriculture and Agro-Industry Department, African Development Bank
- 9.10 Welcome address: Mr. Kapil KAPOOR, Acting Vice President, Sector Operations, African Development Bank
- 9.15 Opening Statement: S.E.M. Mamadou Sangafowa COULIBALY, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Cote d'Ivoire  
Dr. Akinwumi A. ADESINA, President, African Development Bank

#### 9.30-10.30 Session 1: Ministerial Panel Discussion

**Facilitator:** Mr. Heikki TUUNANEN, Executive Director for Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and India

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Damian IHEDIOHA, Principal Agro-Industry Specialist, AfDB

- S.E.Mr. Mehbratu MELES, State Minister of Industry - Ethiopia
- S.E.Mr. Moses ZINA, Minister of Agriculture - Liberia
- S.E.Mr. Zakaria HAMED, Minister of Industry – Tunisia
- S.E. Mr. Emile MOTA DONGO, Ministre de l'Agriculture, Pêche, et Elevage - Congo DRC

10.30-11.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

#### 11.00-12.30 Session 2: What Makes a Successful Agropole? Conceptual Framework

**Facilitator:** Mr. Claude BAISSAC, Special Economic Zones Expert

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Timothy MKANDAWIRE, Principal Financial Analyst, AfDB

- **Presentation**
  - Mr. Chuma EZEDINMA, Agro-industries Expert, UNIDO
- **Panelists:**
  - Mr. Shem SIMUYEMBA, Fund Manager, NEPAD IPPF, AfDB
  - Mr. Divine NJIE, Deputy Strategic Programme Leader, FAO
  - Mr. Hamid BEN CHERIF, Institut Agronomique Mediterranee de Montpellier
- Discussions

12.30-14.00 **LUNCH**

#### 14.00-15.30 Session 3: Learning and Sharing From Country Experiences

**Facilitator:** Mr. Mpoko BOKANGA, Agro-Processing Expert

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Rafâa MAROUKI, Chief Agricultural Economist, AfDB

- **Presentation of country experiences**
  - Ethiopia : Mr. Mebratu MELES, State Minister of Industry
  - Tunisia : Mr. Kamal BELKAHIA, Director General, Pôle de Compétitivité de Bizerte
  - Nigeria : Mr. Niyi ODUNLAMI, Head, Staple Crops Processing Zones
  - DR Congo : Mr. John Mususa ULIMWENGU, Senior Advisor, Prime Minister's Office
- Discussions

15.30-16.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

#### 16.00-17.00 **Session 4: How does the private sector view agropoles and agro-zones?**

**Facilitator:** *Mr. Claude BAISSAC, Special Economic Zones Expert*

**Rapporteur:** *Mr. Frederik TEUFEL, Snr Political Risk & Private Sector Dev. Analyst, AfDB*

- **Presentation**
  - Mr. Srivathsan V., Managing Director & CEO Olam Africa and Middle East
- **Panelists:**
  - Mr. Alain EBA, Head of Supplier Development, Nestlé Abidjan
  - Mr. José DE MELIM, Africom, South Africa
  - Ms. Ida K. NASERWA, Managing Director of the Parc Agroindustriel de Bukanga Lonzo, Congo DRC
  - Ms. Kodeidja DIALLO, Director, Private Sector Development, AfDB
- Discussions

### DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016

#### 9.00-10.00 **Session 5: Investing in Agropole and Agroprocessing Zones including in Fragile Situations**

**Facilitator:** *Mr. Claude BAISSAC, Special Economic Zones Expert*

**Rapporteur:** *Mr. Xavier Boulenger, Chief Irrigation Engineer, AfDB*

- **Presentations:**
  - Mr. Sibry TAPSOBA, Director, Transition Support Department, AfDB
  - Mr. Chakib JENANE, Senior Agribusiness Specialist, World Bank
- Discussions

#### 10.00-10.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

#### 10.30-12.30 **Session 6: Working Groups and Knowledge Sharing (Parallel Sessions)**

- Thematic working groups
  - Group 1: Infrastructure (hard and soft) needs for agropoles - **Room 1G**
    - Chair: Mr. Divine NJIE, Deputy Strategic Programme Leader, FAO
  - Group 2: Enhancing regional integration through agropoles - **Room 17Q**  
Presentation by Mr. Hamid BEN CHERIF, IAM
    - Chair: Mr. Gabriel MOUGANI, Chief Regional Integration Economist, ADB
  - Group 3: Attracting investments in agropoles and agroprocessing zones including in fragile situations - **Room 19E**  
Presentation by Mr. Abdoulaye DIA, Executive Secretary, Great Green Wall
    - Chair : Mr. Chakib JENANE, World Bank
  - Group 4: Formation of a network of agropoles for the exchange of best practices - **Auditorium**  
Presentation by Ms. Naima MOUTIA, Chief, Ministry of Agriculture, Morocco
    - Chair:

#### 12.30-14.00 **LUNCH**

#### 14.00-16.00 **Session 7: Working Group Presentations - Auditorium**

**Facilitator:** *Mr. Ken JOHM, Lead Agricultural Economist, AfDB*

**Rapporteur:** *Mr. Olagoke OLADAPO, Chief Agricultural Economist, AfDB*

- Presentation of working groups (Representatives of Groups 1 - 4)
- Discussion

#### 16:00-16:30 **Session 8: Outcomes and Closing of the Workshop - Auditorium**

- Outcomes of the Workshop
  - Mr. Edson MPYISI, Coordinator, Agropoles and Agro-Processing Zones, AfDB
- Closing Remarks:
  - Mr. Sibry TAPSOBA, Director, Transition Support Department, AfDB

#### 16:30 **END OF THE WORKSHOP**