

Implementation of the Abuja Declaration on Fertilizers for an African Green Revolution

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The Africa Fertilizer Summit

- June 9-13 2006: AU/NEPAD Africa Fertilizer Summit: address the African Fertilizer Crisis
- Key outcome: Abuja Declaration on Fertilizers for an African Green Revolution
 - 12 resolutions: actions and measures to be implemented at the country and regional level
 - Objective: rapidly accelerate access, affordability and incentives to use fertilizers
 - AU and NEPAD : monitor progress + report to the AU Summit. Progress Report Jan-June 08 ready

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Monitoring Progress of Implementation

- Country Level Questionnaire on short and medium indicators
- Progress Reports by REC's
- Low response
 - 18 countries out of 53,
 - 6 REC's out of 8
- No details in this presentation – see last progress report

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Overall impression

- Definite signs of improvement in implementation of Abuja Declaration
- Food and Fertilizer Crisis have greatly increased political attention for Fertilizers
- Increased Industry and Donor interest

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Progress at Regional Level

- 6 out of 8 REC's responded
 - EAC, ECCAS, ECOWAS, SADC, COMESA, IGAD
- Progress in following areas
 - Harmonization of legal and regulatory frameworks
 - Harmonization of trade policy
 - Fertilizer Production
 - Fertilizer Trade
 - Regional procurement: Framework prepared for discussion

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Progress at National Level

- 18 out of 53 AU countries responded
- Large differences between countries in progress
- Some progress since baseline period in:
 - (1) – increase fertilizer use (few countries)
 - (3) – agro dealer capacities
 - (4) – capacity building for private sector
 - (5) – targeted fertilizer subsidies
 - (7) – access to fertilizer credit
 - (9) – national fertilizer production
 - (10) – farmer access to complementary inputs
 - (11) – Africa Fertilizer Financing Mech.

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Progress at National Level

- Little progress in:
 - Resolution 2 – legal frameworks, harmonization / elimination of taxes, quality control
 - Resolution 3 – input dealer density not increased
 - Resolution 5 – fertilizer subsidies not targeted
- Additional evidence about progress through other sources of information
- Lag-time 2.5 years

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Recommendations - 1

- Urgent need: up-to-date fertilizer consumption data
- Regional procurement: discuss regional framework
- Inventory needed of different models for purchasing power support to farmers
- Demand creation: strengthen natl. level approaches
- Assistance needed to develop natl. fertilizer legislation
- Raise awareness among policy makers on negative impact on fertilizer taxes

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Recommendations – 2

- Develop credit models at different levels
- Improve quality control capacity at natl. level
- Develop business linkages between different actors in fertilizer value chain, remove trade barriers
- Once AFFM operational, AfDB-NEPAD-AU to collaborate to inform countries on how to access AFFM

**Need to invest in coherent set of actions –
role of IFA and donor community**

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