

## Joint Actions on Operationalization of the Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA)

### VIRTUAL WEBINAR No. 5:

#### Promoting innovative financing mechanisms for sustainable agricultural mechanization



#### Webinar brief

Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (SAM) in Africa is an urgent matter and an indispensable pillar for attaining the Zero Hunger vision by 2025, as stated in the Malabo Declaration of 2014 – Goal 2 of the Sustainable Development Goals – and the Prosperous Africa We Want of Agenda 2063. Doubling agricultural productivity and eliminating hunger and malnutrition in Africa by 2025 will not be realized unless mechanization is accorded utmost importance. Moreover, mechanization can play an important role in ensuring continuity of the farm operations even during the time of uncommon situations like the COVID-19 pandemic.

Understanding this situation, the African Union Commission (AUC) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UNFAO), through an Africa-wide consultative process, developed a **Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa (F-SAMA)** that was launched in Rome on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018. It aims to inform policy and decision-makers in the Member States, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Africa, and the wider development community dealing with agricultural development on the significance of mainstreaming SAM in the overall national and regional agricultural development programmes.

This is the fifth Webinar in a series and is organized to provide a better understanding of why innovative financing is a key aspect in boosting farmer's access and use of sustainable agricultural mechanization technologies in Africa. It brings experts in the area to lead the discussions and will provide a platform to share information, experience and participate in-depth discussion on the innovative and inclusive approaches. It will include national and international financial institutions that are involved in supporting farmers especially at small and medium scale and other players along the food value chain to access mechanization technologies in Africa.

This virtual webinar is targeting public and private stakeholders including but not limited to Directors and Heads of Agricultural Mechanization Services, Farmers Organizations, Private Sector, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Financial Organizations, Researchers and the Academia. It will be held in English and French and participants can engage by posing their questions and answers using the Chat and Q&A facilities provided in the Zoom meeting.

## Agenda

**Date: Thursday, 27 May 2021**

**Time: 09:00 - 11:00 am (GMT)**

09:00	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Martin Fregene</b>, Director of Agriculture and Agro-Industry, African Development Bank (AfDB), Abidjan, Ivory Coast.</li> </ul>
09:05	<b>Overview and objectives of the Webinar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mark Fynn</b>, Facilitator, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Sub-regional Office for Southern Africa (SFS), Harare, Zimbabwe.</li> </ul>
09:10	<b>Keynote presentation: Promoting innovative financing mechanisms for agricultural mechanization in Sub Saharan Africa.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christiane Ströh de Martínez</b> and <b>Corinna Strohbach</b>, Consultants, Joyn-Coop</li> </ul>
09:35	<b>Facilitated Panel Discussion:</b>
	<b>Panellists:</b> Each panellist will be given 7 minutes to contribute to the presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jonathan Agwe</b>, IFAD's Lead Regional Technical Specialist, Rural Finance, Markets, Enterprises and Value Chains for West and Central Africa</li> <li>• <b>Hedwig Siewertsen</b>, Head, Inclusive Finance, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)</li> <li>• <b>Jeremiah Mhada</b>, Zonal Manager-Eastern Zone, Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank</li> <li>• <b>Massaer Diop</b>, Commercial Supervisor, Northern Zone, Agricultural Bank, Senegal</li> </ul>
10:15	<b>Questions and Answers – All participants</b>
10:50	<b>Up-coming Webinars in June and July 2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Joseph Mpagalile</b> and <b>Nomathemba Mhlanga</b>, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).</li> </ul>
10:55	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adriano Campolina</b>, Senior Policy Officer and Team Leader of Rural Institutions, Services and Empowerment - RISE and Land Tenure, Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division (ESP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).</li> </ul>

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