

**SOUTH AFRICA INPUT: Progress at Country level in line with the sustainable transformation agenda and key thematic areas: [Food and Nutrition Security; Job Creation and income as well as Climate Change]**

**Inputs for the Plenary Session: Topic: food Systems Transformation in Practice – Successes, challenges and way forward.**

**Investment in value chains:**

South Africa produced and completed the Agriculture and Agro-processing Master Plan (AAMP). This is a collective social compact to both rebuild and restructure the South African agriculture sector. The social partners agreed to the vision for the AAMP as creating: “Globally competitive agricultural and Agro-processing sectors driving market-oriented and inclusive production to develop rural economies, ensure food security, and create, growing, decent and inclusive employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for all participants in agriculture and Agro-processing value chains”.

Production schemes and Value Chain Round Tables (VCRTs) have been established for focused commodity specific engagements on roles and responsibilities by all stakeholders.

**AAMP Strategic Objectives:**

- Promoting transformation in agriculture and Agro-processing sectors.
- Increased food and nutrition security in South Africa.
- Accelerating the opening of markets and better access conditions.
- Enhance competitiveness and entrepreneurial opportunities through technological.
- Innovations, infrastructure development and digitalization.
- Enhance resilience to climate change and management of natural resource.

**Mobilization of new Food systems financing:**

South Africa has established a Blended Finance Scheme for producer support. This financing instrument is blending grants from Government with private sector loans

leveraging on private sector investment and also enabling small holder producers to gain access to finance from the private sector. This interface with the private sector investment has been able to extend the Government resources in supporting producers.

### **National Food and Nutrition Security Survey**

In partnership with HSRC, we concluded National Food and Nutrition Security Survey (NFNSS) at a Sub-National Level. This survey intends to address the inadequate data that exists on the status of food and nutrition security in the households in rural and peri-urban landscapes. The results of this survey (about to be published) will enhance with data based food transformation systems interventions.

### **Work in partnership with the FAO:**

Our Department works in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (FAO) on various programs:

#### **The Regenerative, Resilient, and Equitable Food System for South Africa:**

The FAO has concluded work on the Framework for the Development of a Regenerative, Resilient, And Equitable Food System for South Africa. This was a response to a series of disruptions and shocks.

#### **Farmer Field Schools:**

South Africa is also implementing the Farmer Field School (FFS) approach in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

**Online Platform for Producer Support** is under development. This online platform will include an e-voucher system, producer register module, and Decision Support System (DSS) amongst others.