



Although CAADP is continental in scope, it is realised through national efforts to promote growth in the agriculture sector and economic development. As such, CAADP is not a set of supranational programmes, but a framework embodying a set of key principles and targets.

This means that no single road map fits all countries. Each will implement the CAADP Agenda in its own way—although each will use a common set of tools, such as pillar frameworks and the country roundtable process. Success will be measured by the extent to which policies and investment programmes change, guided by the common principles and goals of the CAADP Agenda.

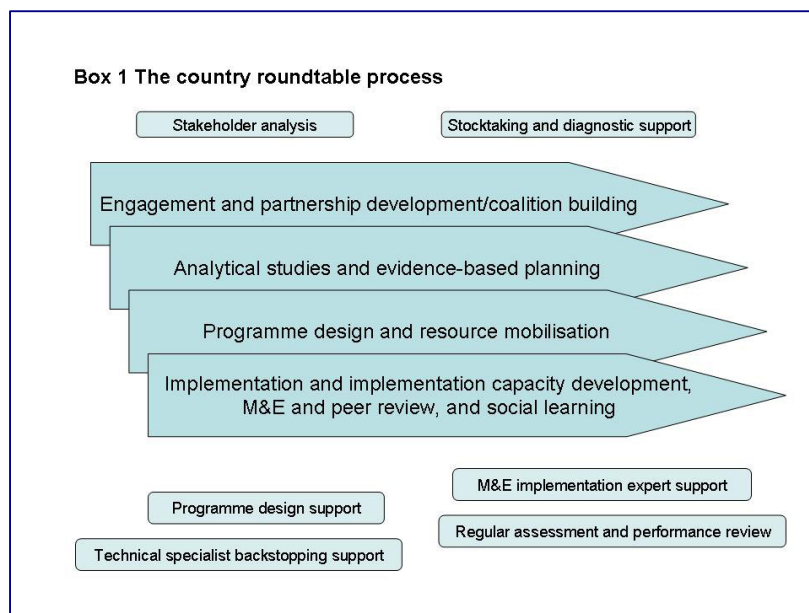
The country roundtable process is flexible and is being constantly adapted, becoming more robust as it is used and refined.

Country roundtable processes

CAADP's Implementation Guide points countries to ways in which they can make best use of the country roundtable process—because it is at the national level that CAADP becomes concrete.

The country roundtables are where key players come together to assess the realities of their own particular situation and develop a road map for going forward.

The country roundtable process is central to the implementation of the CAADP Agenda. It's a logical process that starts by engaging key players and determining entry points, then moves on to planning based on evidence and discussion, building alliances with investors at all levels, developing a country compact and, finally, advancing to implementation, monitoring and peer review (Box 1).



Challenges

The roundtable process poses a number of challenges.

These include making sure the process is internally driven, has the participation of stakeholders from all sectors (particularly farmers, the private sector and civil society), includes a robust and thorough analytical process, moves stakeholders towards real commitments, and promotes clear expectations of the outcomes and commitments.

Thus the process needs to be adaptable and carefully managed, and all participants need to be fully engaged.

Benchmarks

Each stage of the roundtable process is benchmarked to help stakeholders ensure that the results of each step are complete, clear and valid (Box 2).

Pillar support to the roundtable process

The role of the CAADP pillars is to provide guidance, support and resources that countries can draw on to develop and implement the CAADP Agenda.

Box 2 Benchmarks for country roundtable processes

Engagement and partnership development

1. The national government has 'bought into' the process and assumed leadership.
2. Key stakeholders are engaged, through coalitions, around a common commitment to move forward with the CAADP Agenda.
3. The public is aware of the initiative, and information is available to them.
4. A formal launch of the CAADP Agenda Implementation has taken place.

Evidence-based planning

5. The tools needed for the country to engage in the CAADP roundtable process are in place and shared among partners; these include a draft road map, communication strategy, information note, and terms of reference endorsed by the Technical Committee.
6. Analytical studies have been completed and were the basis for an evidence-based dialogue, which has been completed and reported on by the Technical Committee.

Alliances for investment

7. National consensus has been achieved on growth drivers, priorities and required levels of investment.
8. Priority areas for investment by national and international partners have been agreed.
9. The compact capturing the above has been endorsed and signed by key partners.

Programme design, monitoring and peer review

10. Core investment programmes have been drafted.
11. Implementation mechanisms and implementing partners are in place and partner roles have been clarified.
12. Performance enhancement programmes are in place.
13. Costs have been assessed and resources mobilised and committed.
14. A monitoring and evaluation framework has been agreed.
15. A monitoring mechanism is in place that is linked to the peer review mechanism.

