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Launch of the “African Agrivoltaics Platform Initiative”

COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP - TERMS OF REFERENCE

Introduction:

In the face of escalating climate change, energy and fertilizer supply shocks, and increased stressors on African food systems, the urgency to find innovative and sustainable solutions is paramount. Consistent with the UAE 'Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action,' issued at UNFCCC COP-28 in 2023, ***Agrivoltaics***—the co-location of photovoltaic energy generation with agricultural production—offers promising solutions to simultaneously address critical challenges at the nexus of food, energy, and water security.

The G-7 took an important step forward during a summit of Development Ministers in Pescara, Italy in October 2024, committing to “work towards specific G7-Africa partnerships for agrivoltaics investments that combine agriculture with solar photovoltaic energy production, so to enhance land use efficiency, generate renewable energy, increase crop yields and add value for farmers through increased productivity and profitability, while conserving and sustainably managing water resources, protecting soils and livestock as well as conserving and sustainably using biodiversity.”

The ***African Agrivoltaics Platform Initiative*** is one such partnership, intended to facilitate and encourage the incubation of viable agrivoltaics sectors in Africa, with the expansion of public and private investments for sustainable agrivoltaic systems across the continent. In joining this Platform, member countries will commit to enhancing food and nutrition security while promoting energy and water availability, soil health and biodiversity conservation, and increased incomes for African farmers and farming communities - including a particular focus on supporting women and youth entrepreneurs. The platform will also welcome researchers, business representatives, financiers, farmers and others to facilitate knowledge transfer and peer-to-peer learning.

Supporting agrivoltaic development in Africa represents a strategic move towards global stability and shared prosperity. Africa's abundant solar potential and agricultural capacity make it a prime candidate for transformative economic development through agrivoltaic approaches, thereby enhancing food and energy sovereignty, reducing poverty and mitigating climate change impacts. The AAP Initiative will accelerate adoption of, and investments in, sustainable agrivoltaics approaches and projects to deliver meaningful, sustainable development and just transitions.

Membership Criteria:

Membership in the African Agrivoltaics Platform (AAP) Initiative is open to any African government that formally accepts the membership criteria described below. Other (non-African) governments wishing to serve as development partners in this regard are also eligible for membership. In brief, countries that join the Platform as full members commit to taking concrete actions necessary for incubating a robust African agrivoltaics sector, including national policy and



regulatory frameworks and implementing regulations, as needed and appropriate. Member countries will identify a primary point of contact from among relevant ministries, who will reflect a “whole-of-government” approach, and reflect the deliberations of an active national working group comprised of relevant ministries (e.g., agriculture, energy, water/environment, finance).

Governments will commit to sharing relevant knowledge and experience with their country peers and with non-governmental actors on a regular basis, and to advocate for the expedited uptake of agrivoltaics solutions in public fora and with relevant inter-governmental development and finance institutions. Member states will select a Chair or co-Chairs from among the membership to lead the Platform, utilizing a governance structure to be agreed by members, supported by C4SA as its secretariat. Associate membership (e.g., “Observer status”) may be permitted, if/as agreed formally by member states. Three sub-groups comprised of non-governmental organizations and individuals will be formed and coordinated by C4SA (secretariat) - one each for “evidence and capacity-building”; “finance partners”; and, private sector agri-solar business.” The work and contributions of these sub-groups will support member countries.

Key Principles:

We anticipate the following principles will underpin the successful incubation of agrivoltaic markets in Africa. We therefore invite Platform members, observers and partners to embrace and model these principles as appropriate, to guide participation in the African Agrivoltaics Platform:

1. Ensure a **whole-of-government** approach, with all relevant Ministries actively engaged;
2. Create the **enabling conditions** for agrivoltaics to address the food-energy-water nexus, including clear definitions, and land-titling to avoid disputes over ownership and land-use;
3. Promote **equity and inclusivity** through meaningful and impactful engagement with all stakeholders as appropriate, including women, youth, and vulnerable communities.
4. Engage broadly with Platform Members and partners to **share evidence and learnings**.

Priority Action Areas:

Therefore, AA Platform Member countries are asked to take these **three public actions**:

1. Commit to developing a ***national agrivoltaics strategy***, including formation of a working group of leading ministry representatives (e.g., economy, agriculture, water, energy, finance) led by a ‘national coordinator’ to lead engagement within the Platform; a national agrivoltaics strategy will include issuing a clear definition of agrivoltaics, and clear policies on licensing, zoning, tariffication, land-titling, environmental protections, and other relevant issues.
2. ***Participate regularly*** in AA Platform meetings for the purposes of agreeing on a governance framework and on a program of work for the Platform, and to facilitate knowledge exchange and peer-to-peer learning among country Members, and with the three supporting sub-groups.



3. ***Align national agrivoltaics strategies*** with National Food System Transformation Pathways and/or Implementation Plans, Nationally-Determined Contributions (NDCs), and other relevant international commitments. This includes ***communicating implementation progress*** on an annual basis, with the secretariat support from C4SA, using a monitoring framework approved by country members through an open and transparent process.

Secretariat:

C4SA will serve as the Platform secretariat, communicating among Members, sub-groups, and development partners as appropriate - organizing meetings, events, and facilitating peer-to-peer learnings. Meetings and documents will generally be conducted in English, until that time that funding for translation and interpretation become available.

Process for countries to join the Platform

Membership in the Platform is primarily for governments (African and non-African). Working groups (three) will also be open on a voluntary, no-fee basis, to include non-governmental actors from among research organizations, businesses, financial institutions, farmer groups, and others.

Observer status might be an option, at the discretion of full member states, once co-chairs are selected and a plenary meeting is held to determine a governance structure. Membership will be open on a voluntary basis, in line with the Terms of Reference (TOR) outlined above.

The Platform's program of work will be determined by Member governments, led by a rotating Chair or co-Chairs (selected annually), and supported by C4SA as its permanent secretariat. Members will attempt to meet twice per year (either in person or virtually, depending on circumstances), where governance and strategy decisions will be taken by Member states.

Once a governance structure has been formally approved by founding Member countries, any new applications for country membership will be assessed on a rolling, case-by-case basis. AAP co-chairs will approve meeting agendas and participation for any membership meetings well in advance of any scheduled meetings, prepared by the secretariat. Membership in any of the three working groups by non-governmental organizations will be considered by the secretariat (C4SA), on a rolling basis. Similarly, financial sponsorship of the Platform or its working groups will also be considered by the secretariat in an open, transparent manner.



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African Agrivoltaics Platform – Country Membership

Alliance Member State:

Lead Minister's Signature:

Name and title:

Date:

Stamp:

Representative of C4SA:

Signature:

Name and title:

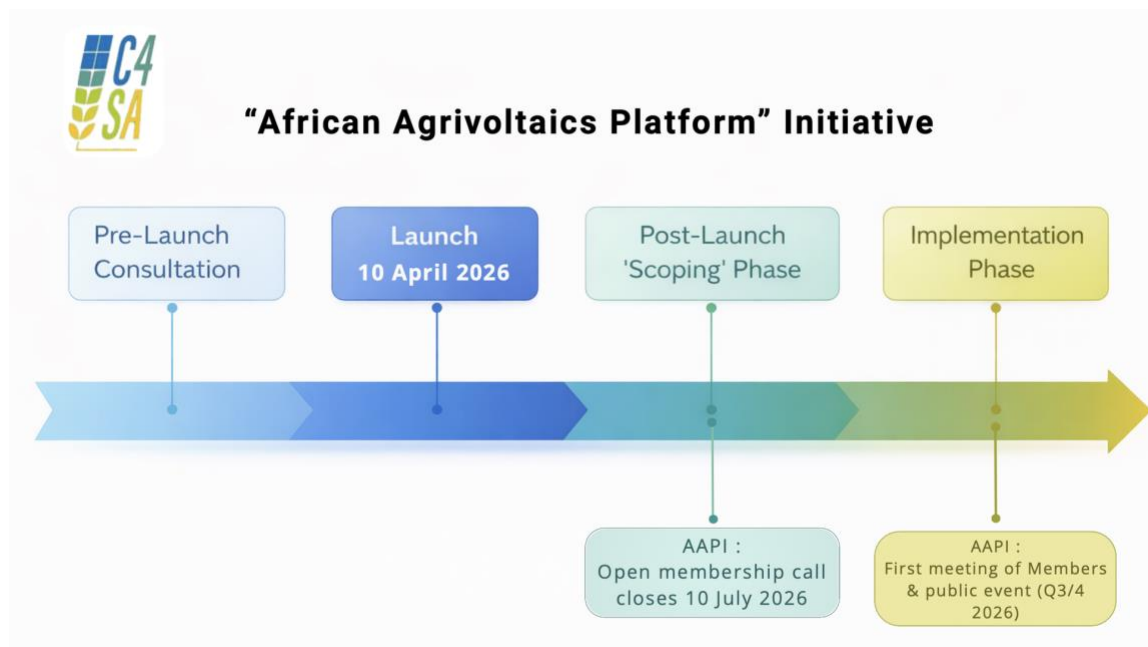
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AAPI Timeline:



African Agrivoltaics Platform - Governance Structure:

