HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE INITIATIVE FOR THE ADAPTATION OF AFRICAN AGRICULTURE TO CLIMATE CHANGE "AAA"

RENCONTRE DE HAUT NIVEAU SUR L'INITIATIVE POUR L'ADAPTATION DE L'AGRICULTURE AFRICAINE AUX CHANGEMENTS CLIMATIQUES "AAA"
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HIGH LEVEL SUMMIT, 30 SEPTEMBER 2016
AFTER COP21 SUCCESS IN PARIS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR MARRAKESH COP22, ESPECIALLY FOR AFRICA
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COP21: a historic milestone in the fight against climate change

- Target to limit global warming to 2°C officially adopted with aim for 1.5°C
- At least $100 B/year to support developing countries

COP22: strong expectations to make it a “COP for action” but also a “COP for Africa”

- Translate the progress achieved in Paris into reality
- Place the most vulnerable regions, especially Africa, at the core of the negotiations
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**AGRICULTURE IS A VITAL SECTOR FOR AFRICA**

- 60% of uncultivated arable lands globally
- Agriculture is the main sector in 95% of African countries
- Generation of revenues for ~70% of African population

**AFRICA IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

- 6/10 Most vulnerable countries are situated in Africa
- >65% of African population is affected by the negative impact of climate change
- There are more than 10 MILLION climate refugees in Africa
AGRICULTURE IN AFRICA IS A CRITICAL PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THE GLOBAL CHALLENGES RAISED BY CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SECURITY
Agriculture in Africa is a critical part of the solution to the global challenges raised by climate change and food security.

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<th>Reduction of GHG emissions</th>
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<td>Carbon sequestration in soils and forests</td>
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<td>&gt; x5 potential agricultural productivity gains</td>
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**AFRICAN AGRICULTURE IS A MAJOR ASSET AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE, WHICH WE NEED TO PRESERVE**

**AFRICAN AGRICULTURE COULD BECOME AN ASSET FOR GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY, WHICH WE NEED TO DEVELOP**
THE "AAA" INITIATIVE IS OUR ANSWER TO PUT AGRICULTURE AT THE CENTER OF CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS
The "AAA" initiative is our answer to put agriculture at the center of climate negotiations.

**NEGOTIATIONS AND ADVOCACY**

1. Be the mouthpiece of the adaptation of African agriculture to climate change
   - Increased funding
   - Climate funds monitoring
   - Simplified access to climate funds

**SOLUTIONS AND PROJECTS**

Contribute to the Global Climate Action Agenda and support "AAA" projects
- Soils management
- Agricultural Water management
- Climate risk management
- Financing solutions

Leverage the instruments recommended by the UNFCCC
- Technology Transfers
- Capacity Building
- South-South Cooperation

The "AAA" initiative is at the nexus of the climate change and agricultural development spheres.
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**AFRICAN INITIATIVES FOR AGRICULTURE AND ADAPTATION**

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<td>The Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme</td>
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Putting agriculture at the center of African public policies (Maputo Declaration) Announced in Dec. 2015

**POLITICAL STATEMENTS FOR AGRICULTURE AND ADAPTATION**

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<td>Defining a roadmap for the transformation of agriculture in Africa</td>
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<td>The Abidjan Declaration</td>
<td>Ensuring resilient agricultural development in Africa</td>
<td>April 2016</td>
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Ensuring resilient economic development for Africa, notably in the agricultural sector
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"AAA" PARTNERS HAVE HELPED IDENTIFY PROJECTS

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...AND ACROSS THE LEVERS OF THE "AAA" INITIATIVE

Number of projects per lever:
- Soils: 27
- Water: 16
- Risk Management: 10
- Financing: 15
THE "AAA" INITIATIVE WILL BE FOSTERED BY A GLOBAL ALLIANCE AT COP22
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The syndication process is ongoing - additional supports are still being rallied
"AAA" Sustainable Impact will be achieved through a lean, agile and efficient structure.
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- **Simplicity & flexibility**: Act as a task force for the adaptation of African agriculture
- **Role of facilitator**: Be the facilitator of agricultural adaptation projects
- **Targeted catalyst role**: Be an orchestrator able to accelerate project funding, by targeting available funds, notably Climate funds, and by improving the packaging of projects to be funded
- **Center of excellence**: Ensure best practice promotion and sharing
#WE AAA RE

the technology

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part of the solution

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the potential