

Regional analysis

1. There are eight Member States in this region, namely: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and Sao Tome and Principe. Under the joint coordination of the Economic Commission for Central Africa States (ECCAS) and Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), and the support of experts from the African Union Commission (AUC) for reviewing preliminary reports, all the Member States, except Sao Tome and Principe, submitted their biennial reports, representing an 87,5% submission rate. The average score for the region is 3.33, compared to a 2021 benchmark of 7.28. This indicates that the region is not on track to meet the CAADP/Malabo Commitments even if it makes a light progress in comparison to the score of 2019 (3.22). However, the Central Africa Region is not on track for all indicators.

2. The region's performance on intra-African trade in agriculture commodities and services is still a great challenge with a score of 1.45. This global result is balanced by intra-African trade policies and institutional conditions with an individual score of 2.91/5.

3. The ending of hunger remains a great challenge for the region with a score of 1.78. The actions engaged to reduce post-harvest loss seems not to produce the expected results. Furthermore, agricultural productivity and food security and nutrition are very slow in the region with a score 1.51 and 1.90, respectively.

4. The region's performance on eradicating poverty through agriculture is still low due to marginal women participation in agri-business with a score of 1.25 and low inclusive PPPs for commodity value chains with a score of 1.75. This is definitely an area where the region should do more.

5. All parameters of the indicator related to investment finance in agriculture are still very low, in particular access to finance and public expenditures to agriculture with scores of 1.17 and 3.44, respectively, compared to the 2021 minimum score of 10. The domestic private sector investment in agriculture and foreign private sector investment in agriculture are also still very low with a score of 1.86 and 2.50, respectively compared to the minimum score of 5.

6. Therefore, the region must pay attention to all areas of the CAADP/Malabo Commitments. It should increase investment finance in agriculture, improve intra-African trade in agriculture commodities and services, engage in strong actions to tackle hunger and eradicate poverty through sustainable agriculture. Since some indicators are not well reported, the region should also improve the data collection system in each country.

2021 Region Scorecard for implementing Malabo Declaration

Central Africa Region										
Malabo Commitments Areas (T)					Commitments Categories (C)					
No.	Item	T-score out of 10	Minimum for 2021	T-Progress	No.	Item	C-score out of 10	Minimum for 2021	C-Progress	
1	Commitment to CAADP Process	6.68	10.00	Not on track	PC 1.1	Country CAADP Process	6.43	10.00	Not on track	
					PC 1.2	CAADP based Cooperation, Partnership & Alliance	7.33	10.00	Not on track	
					PC 1.3	CAADP based Policy & Institutional Review/ Setting/ Support	6.30	10.00	Not on track	
2	Investment Finance in Agriculture	2.24	7.50	Not on track	PC 2.1	Public Expenditures to Agriculture	3.44	10.00	Not on track	
					PC 2.2	Domestic Private Sector Investment in Agriculture	1.86	5.00	Not on track	
					PC 2.3	Foreign Private Sector Investment in Agriculture	2.50	5.00	Not on track	
					PC 2.4	Access to finance	1.17	10.00	Not on track	
3	Ending Hunger	1.78	6.32	Not on track	PC 3.1	Access to Agriculture inputs and technologies	2.28	7.92	Not on track	
					PC 3.2	Agricultural Productivity	1.51	5.00	Not on track	
					PC 3.3	Post-Harvest Loss	0.34	5.00	Not on track	
					PC 3.4	Social Protection	2.35	10.00	Not on track	
					PC 3.5	Food security and Nutrition	1.90	5.00	Not on track	
					PC 3.6	Food Safety	2.29	5.00	Not on track	
4	Eradicating Poverty through Agriculture	1.98	5.81	Not on track	PC 4.1	Agricultural GDP and Poverty Reduction	1.76	6.25	Not on track	
					PC 4.2	Inclusive PPPs for commodity value chains	1.75	5.00	Not on track	
					PC 4.3	Youth job in agriculture	3.17	5.00	Not on track	
					PC 4.4	Women participation in Agri-business	1.25	7.00	Not on track	
5	Intra-African Trade in Agriculture Commodities and services	1.45	5.00	Not on track	PC 5.1	Intra-African Trade in agriculture commodities and services	0.00	5.00	Not on track	
					PC 5.2	Intra-African Trade Policies and institutional conditions	2.91	5.00	Not on track	
6	Resilience to Climate Variability	4.46	8.00	Not on track	PC 6.1	Resilience to climate related risks	2.64	6.00	Not on track	
					PC 6.2	Investment in resilience building	6.29	10.00	Not on track	
7	Mutual Accountability for Actions and Results	4.71	8.33	Not on track	PC 7.1	Country capacity for evidence based planning, impl. and M&E	0.14	5.00	Not on track	
					PC 7.2	Peer Review and Mutual Accountability	6.77	10.00	Not on track	
					PC 7.3	Biennial Agriculture Review Process	7.23	10.00	Not on track	
Overall Region Score						3.33	Overall Progress			Not on track
The 2021 Benchmark is						7.28	which is the minimum overall SCORE for a region to be on track in 2021.			