



Back to Office Report: Annual Agricultural Policy Conference (AAPC) 17-19 April 2024

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This year's 10th Annual Agricultural Policy Conference theme was on the theme “**A Decade of Impactful Policy Reforms: Driving Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable Food Systems**”. This is an annual event and therefore this was the 10th time AAPC met. The conference aimed to celebrate these achievements, reflect on the progress made, and chart a course for the future.

Sub themes covered included:

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1	Food Systems Supportive Policies
2	Enabling Private Sector Policies (Regulatory frameworks)
3	Trade and Market Policy
4	Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment
5	Access to Finance and Support Services
6	Access to Farm Inputs and Technology
7	Human Resources, Skills, and Labor Policy
8	Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems: Food Safety, Nutrition, Women and Youth

Based on the theme and sub-themes for the 10th AAPC, the following were some of the critical questions that were addressed during presentations and discussions:

- ✓ What remaining policy reforms are critical in ensuring Tanzania's food systems are resilient, inclusive, and sustainable?
- ✓ What are the lessons learned from a decade of effecting policy reforms?
- ✓ What continues to be a major challenge affecting policy reform?
- ✓ How can the processes of effecting reforms be improved?

- ✓ How do the reforms bring about the major sector transformations?
- ✓ How can we align future reforms to support the transformation of food systems?

The Annual Agricultural Policy Conference (AAPC) is organized by the Policy Analysis Group (PAG) in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and other Agricultural Sector Lead Ministries. The PAG is an informal (community of practice) and voluntary group comprising members working on agricultural policy projects/initiatives, academia, and local and international policy think tanks. Established in 2013, the group has about 25 members and provides a platform for sharing information on policy research findings to enhance coordination, collaboration, and synergy. The PAG also aims to ensure consistency in policy messaging.

The AAPC brings together physically over 200 participants (and others attending virtually) from academia, the private sector, research institutions, policy-making institutions, advocacy groups, and development practitioners from Tanzania and beyond. The Conference provides an opportunity to assess progress in implementing policy reforms under the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) framework of the New Alliance on Food Security and Nutrition. In addition, the Conference discusses successes, lessons learned, identifies remaining gaps, how to increase competitiveness within the alliance, and emerging issues that require attention.



Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Hussein Bashe, gives opening remarks at the 10th AAPC.

The Policy Analysis Group (PAG) includes the following:

Sn	The Policy Analysis Group (PAG)
1	Aga Khan Foundation (AKDN)
2	Agricultural Markets and Development Trust (AMDT)
3	Agricultural Non-State Actors Forum (ANSAF)

4	Agricultural Sector Lead Ministries (ASLMs)
5	Agricultural Sector Policy and Institutional Reforms Strengthening (ASPIRES) Tanzania:
6	(SERA BORA USAID)
7	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
8	Axum
9	BRiTEN
10	Care International
11	Dalberg
12	Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC)
13	Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF)
14	Feed the Future Tanzania (USAID)
15	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
16	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
17	International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
18	Kijani Pamoja
19	Kilimo Tija (Feed the Future USAID)
20	Prudence Zoe Glorious (PZG) Public Relations
21	REPOA
22	Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA)
23	Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT)
24	Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA)
25	TAHA Fresh
26	Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF)
27	Trademark Africa
28	USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Project

Participation of RSM2SNF in the Conference

Three of our members attended and participated in different capacities

1. Ayala Wineman: made a virtual presentation on the topic: Land prices heading skyward? An analysis of farmland values across Tanzania. This presentation was on the third day
2. Innocensia John was a panelist in sub-theme #8 “Inclusive, resilient and sustainable food systems: food safety, nutrition, women and youth”
3. Isaac Minde: made a presentation on behalf of the RSM2SNF team on “Views from stakeholders: Based on a rapid reconnaissance survey on green leafy vegetables and tomatoes completed in four project sites—Dar es Salaam, Pwani, Morogoro and Mwanza. The presentation was very well

received and it kept on being referred to in the panel discussion mostly centering on the issue of pesticide residues in vegetables as a result of spraying and subsequent threat to human nutrition and health

Take home messages for RSM2SNF

ASPIRES is an RSM2SNF key partner and collaborator in Tanzania. We have positioned ourselves to have a very strategic association with ASPIRES in what we do. This is entrenched in the fact that ASPIRES is now about 10 years old in Tanzania and came on board almost nine years before RSM2SNF. Given that our agenda has similarities in several ways, there is every reason to liaise very closely with ASPIRES for effective and efficient operation of our activities. This includes one another in our key functions and activities and recognizing the strengths of our two projects and how collaboration can lead to mutual beneficial outcome. It is our deliberate intention to nurture this relationship for the remaining period of RSM2SNF project.

The AAPC provides space for RSM2SNF to broaden our stakeholder base. We have taken note of all new members to the 10th AAPC and we are intending to begin touching base with them to introduce them to our project.

RSM2SNF was highly recognized and appreciated. I was honored with a certificate for effective participation. The organizers also met the cost of transportation and up keep for the four nights at no cost to our project

CERTIFICATE

OF APPRECIATION

PROUDLY PRESENTED TO:

Prof. Isaac Minde

In grateful recognition for your presentation and paneling services at the 10th Annual Agricultural Policy Conference (AAPC). Your technical contribution to the content of the theme was vital and contributed to the success of the conference.



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