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The Malabo Montpellier (MaMo) Forum provides a platform for informed dialogue and exchange among African policy makers at the highest-level on agriculture, nutrition and food security. The MaMo Forum is co-chaired by The Right Honourable Dr. Saulos Klaus Chilima, Vice President of the Republic of Malawi and His Excellency Abdoulaye Bio-Tchané, Minister of State in Charge of Planning and Development of the Republic of Benin. Under the leadership of its co-chairs, the Forum seeks to create a space for busy executives to exchange directly on issues of strategic importance in a context that is free from domestic pressures.

The Forum meets several times annually and gathers leading decision makers to review progress among African countries and related success factors in dealing with issues of strategic importance for attainment of the goals of the African Union under the Agenda 2063 and in particular the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). It serves as a platform to bring research into use at the cross-country or continental scale. The latest evidence on what works on the ground, how and why, researched under the guidance of the members of the Malabo Montpellier Panel, informs and guides the dialogue and exchange among Forum participants. Every session gathers countries that have made the most progress in a given strategic area to share their experience with other countries for the purpose of mutual learning and spreading of best practices.

Every meeting of the Forum is guided by a technical report prepared by the experts gathered under the Malabo Montpellier Panel, a group of leading African and European experts from the fields of agriculture, ecology, nutrition, public policy and global development. The Panel works with African governments and civil society initiatives to provide support and evidence based research that facilitates the identification and implementation of policies that enhance agriculture, food and nutrition security. Through producing easily accessible and readable research reports for senior policy makers and other stakeholders the Panel fills an important gap. The combination of the Panel’s careful analysis of literature, scientific evidence and practical experience from on the ground and the Forum’s strong emphasis on evidence based exchange, dialogue and mutual learning at the highest levels, creates a unique opportunity to help sustain and broaden the recent progress towards better outcomes in agricultural transformation and economic development in Africa.

The Panel is jointly hosted by the West and Central Africa Office of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI-WCAO), the University of Bonn and Imperial College London and is co-chaired by Dr. Ousmane Badiane (Africa Director, IFPRI) and Professor Joachim von Braun (Director, Center for Development Research, University of Bonn).

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