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EBAFOSA



ECOSYSTEM BASED ADAPTATION FOR FOOD SECURITY ASSEMBLY

Optimizing Africa's food security & Job creation



EBAFOSA and its Inception

Articles 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the EBAFOSA constitution define EBAFOSA and its mandate and are expounded as below:

On 30 - 31st July 2015 at the UN Environment Programme Head Quarters in Nairobi, delegates consisting of experts in policy, scientists, development experts from across Africa and the globe, African governments representatives, the private sector in Africa and global business representatives congregated for the 2nd Africa Ecosystems Based Adaptation for Food Security conference. The conference, coming at the back of the 2015 Global Entrepreneurship Summit sought to build on related aims toward sustainable inclusive growth in Africa. Organized by UNEP in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC), African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) and other partners, the conference deliberated transformative, synergetic

approaches to development in the continent that would leverage the relative strengths of various actors in Africa's development solutions space, from government, the private sector, research and educational institutions, development partners among others and how they could be harnessed in mutually benefiting partnerships to ensure Africa achieves sustainable industrial development that will address through working with nature; food insecurity, poverty and climate change among key challenges facing the continent. It is to this end that over 1200 delegates drawn from across the continent unanimously adopted the Nairobi Action Agenda, a resolution establishing the EBAFOSA as the continental policy platform to foster and nurture these partnerships.

EBAFOSA defined

EBAFOSA is the first inclusive pan-African policy framework and platform, an institution with protocols – a constitution and rules of procedure adopted in an inclusive continental process – guiding its actions, that provides a platform for all stakeholders in a country as well as continental – from governments and their agencies, the public sector, private sector, educational and research institutions, individual publics/citizens, CBOs, international intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, CSOs, FBOs etc. to collaborate in developing and implementing policy solutions to upscale EBA-driven agriculture and its value chains toward ensuring sustainable inclusive growth in Africa. EBAFOSA seeks to combat food insecurity, climate change, ecosystems degradation and poverty in Africa using an innovative approach that decentralizes the development and application of the policy solutions in order to achieve participation of key stakeholders in public, private, research etc., in a least bureaucratic channel. This approach facilitates the leveraging of the relative strengths

of these stakeholders to ensure bridging of the policy-action gap that has long stifled development in the continent. EBAFOSA does not re-invent the wheel, but rather creates a participatory solutions space, providing an optimized channel to implement existing and envisaged grandeur development plans for the continent. Consequently, its principal mandate is to support the implementation of the various continental and global blue-prints on food security and sustainable industrialization and development. Principally this includes the SDGs, the AU's Agenda 2063, the AMCEN Cairo Declaration on Natural Capital, Maputo and Malabo Declarations and related CAADP which recognizes EBA-driven agriculture as a priority mechanism for delivering the CAADP vision 2025 which includes objectives such as ending hunger in the continent by 2025, reducing post-harvest losses by 50%, and leveraging agriculture and Africa's natural capital to achieve sustainable industrialization and inclusive economic growth.



BENEFITS OF EBAFOSA

NATIONAL BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

By fostering an inclusive approach that leverages the relative strengths of all levels of a diverse field of key stakeholders, EBAFOSA ensures a wide range of benefits accrues to actors through mutual interactions as follows:

Governments Benefits

Given that Governments are the custodians of development in any country, EBAFOSA provides a platform, a solutions space that brings together a diverse set of solutions providers to development problems. It works with government through its ministries, agencies and personnel to enrich its development policy and mandate in the food security, climate adaptation, and job creation especially through agro-value chains and agri-business. This by making sure it benefits from synergy built through a complementary, harmonized, all inclusive approach to solutions development and implementation. Thus, the

latest in cutting edge technologies, capitalization & commercialization strategies among other resources and approaches that are available from the private sector, CSOs, NGOs, academia etc. can be applied with the least bureaucracy to solve development problems.

In working with local and national governments through its ministries and agencies in this participatory solutions space, EBAFOSA will accrue the following benefits to country governments:



enriching policy development and delivery in food security, climate adaptation, ecosystem productivity, environmental sustainability and job creation;



supporting governments to domesticate relevant continental and global development blue prints on leveraging ecosystems for food security, inclusive growth and sustainable industrial development so benefits accrue at country level



job creation for youth through leveraging global, continental and country level supply and demand side agro-value chains; .



facilitating partnerships including PPPs leading to increased investments through providing a networking platform;

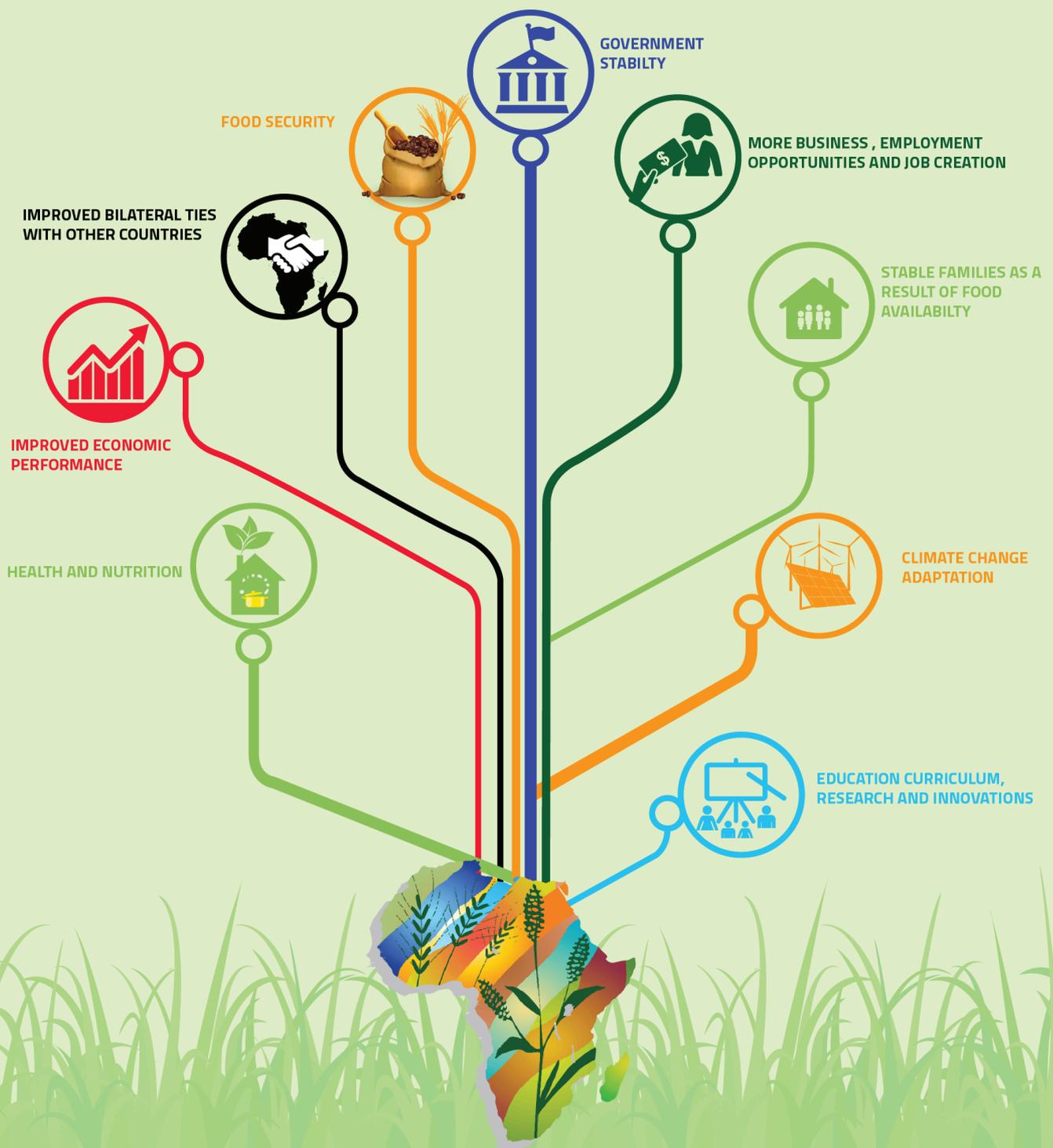


country branding through leveraging the EBAFOSA continental and global appeal.

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BENEFITS TO COUNTRIES

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The Private Sector Benefits



EBAFOSA provides a continental platform for business to business and business to consumer networking and partnership,



Business to government partnership, business to educational and research institution partnerships along areas of mutual interest- food security, climate change adaptation, job creation and employment



EBAFOSA is a platform that brings together many complementary actors across the continent and globe in a mutual relation



This platform brings continental and world supply and demand markets within national level reach.



It provides an opportunity for national level businesses to network with contemporaries across the continent and the globe.



It also gives businesses wider continental and global visibility, and opportunities to tap into these newer markets through leveraging EBAFOSA's appeal in the continent & the globe and its reach within Africa and the globe through the diverse networks that EBAFOSA taps.

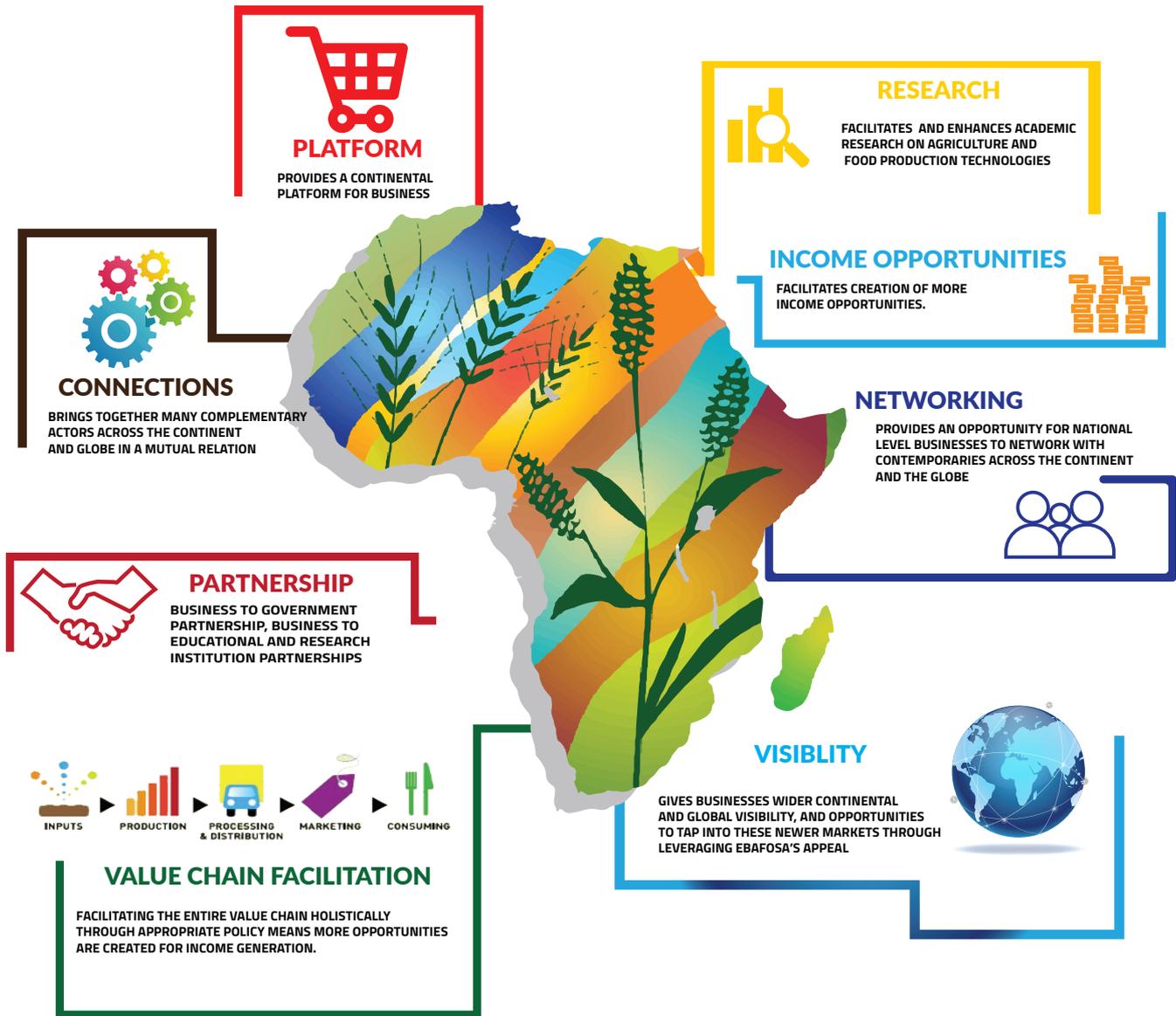


EBAFOSA facilitates creation of more income opportunities. By focusing on upscaling policy and practice that facilitates optimization of the entire EBA-value chain, from sustainable production practices in agriculture, forestry and other ecosystem dependent sectors, and feeding this to supply and demand side value chains, opportunities are created along the entire value chain of a given ecosystem product or service.



Facilitating the entire value chain holistically through appropriate policy means more opportunities are created for income generation.

BENEFITS TO PRIVATE SECTOR



Pop-corn production in Nairobi, Kenya



Other Benefits

EDUCATIONAL, RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS BENEFITS



EBAFOSA provides a platform where continental institutions can build mutual partnerships between themselves and also across sectors with private sector, international organizations, NGOs across countries, at continental levels and global level.



Agricultural Research in Kumasi, Ghana

NGOS, CSOS, CBOS, FBOS ETC. BENEFITS



EBAFOSA provides these organizations with a platform through which their mandate can be delivered at a broader scale.



It also provides opportunity for technical capacity building and partnerships as interactions are fostered across diverse sectors.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, STUDENTS BENEFITS



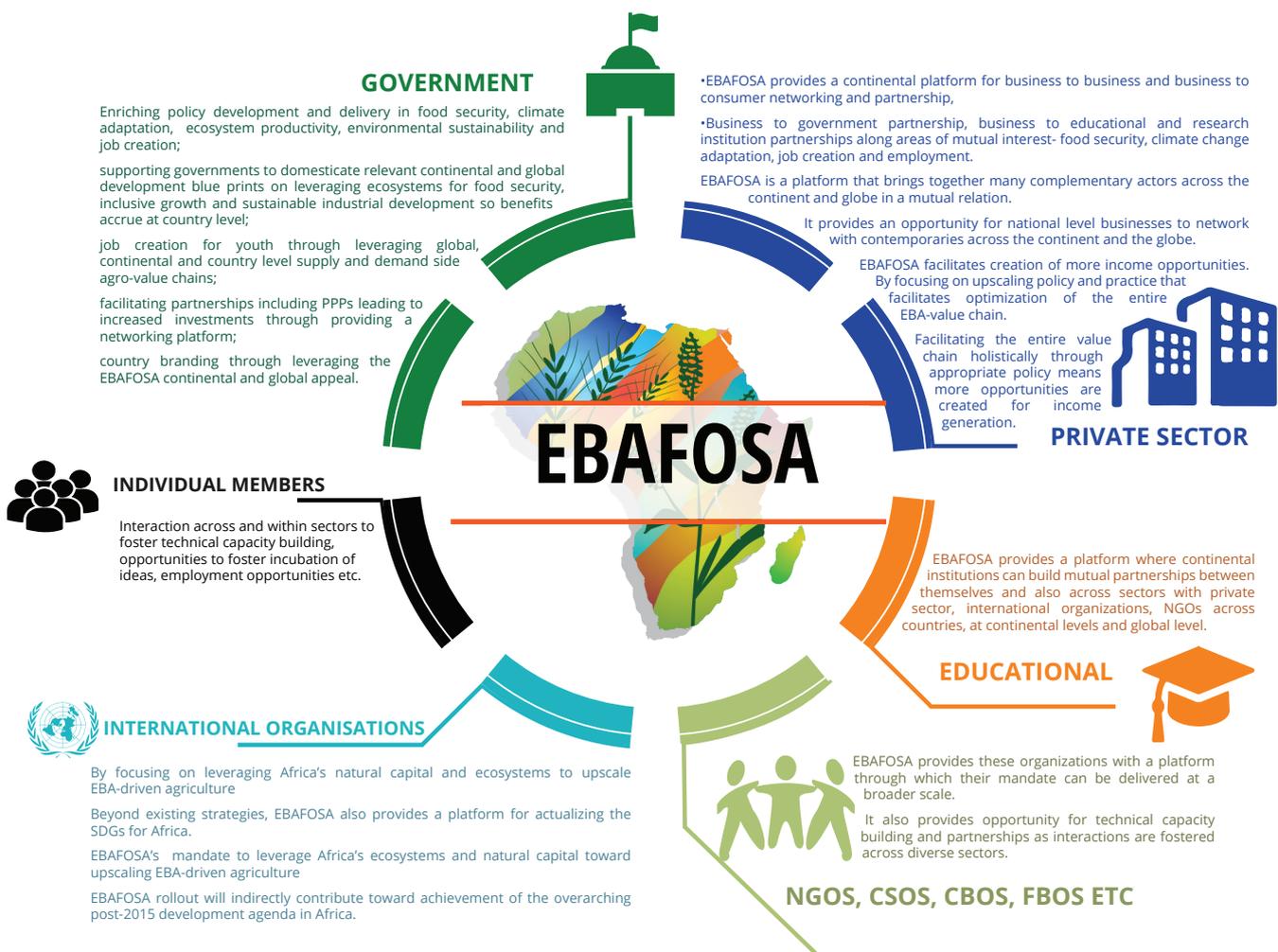
- Interaction across and within sectors to foster technical capacity building, opportunities to foster incubation of ideas, employment opportunities etc.

THE AU AND OTHER REGIONAL BODIES, THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS BENEFITS

- By focusing on leveraging Africa's natural capital and ecosystems to upscale EBA-driven agriculture and its value chains into policy and implementation across the continent so as to ensure food security, climate adaptation, ecosystem enhancement, and job & income creation, EBAFOSA buttresses the achievement of existing continental and global blue-prints, including the AU's Agenda 2063, AMCEN Cairo declaration, Maputo and Malabo declarations, the CAADP process.
- Beyond existing strategies, EBAFOSA also provides a platform for actualizing the SDGs for Africa.
- EBAFOSA's mandate to leverage Africa's ecosystems and natural capital toward upscaling EBA-driven agriculture and its value chains into policy and implementation to ensure food security, climate adaptation, ecosystem enhancement, and job & income creation is directly aligned to SDG 2, 8, 13 and 15.
- EBAFOSA rollout will indirectly contribute toward achievement of the overarching post-2015 development agenda in Africa - which is ensuring sustainable inclusive economic growth.

EBAFOSA Benefits summary

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Additional reference materials

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EBAFOSA CONSTITUTION

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EBAFOSA Rules of procedure

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