

## Examples of international commitments to promote agricultural investment

### 1. G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit: G8 Leaders Statement on Global Food Security (2008.6.26)

7. We fully recognize the need for a wide range of mid- to long-term measures to tackle the issue of food security and poverty, inter alia, the importance of stimulating world food production and increasing investment in agriculture. To this end, we will:(a) reverse the overall decline of aid and investment in the agricultural sector, and to achieve significant increases in support of developing country initiatives, including in Africa through full and effective implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP);

### 2. 13<sup>th</sup> African Union Summit: Sirte Declaration on Investing in Agriculture for Economic Growth and Food Security (2009.7.3)

RECALLING within the context of the theme of the Thirteenth AU Summit, Africa's collective responsibility and commitment to advance Africa's Agriculture with the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) as its framework for bringing about the required institutional and policy reforms, capacity development and increased investments thereby enhanced agricultural performance with direct impact on food security and socio-economic growth;

REQUEST the Commission, the NEPAD Secretariat and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to:

8. Facilitate the creation of Agricultural investment and enterprise development platforms in member states and the organization of Agribusiness joint venture fairs to:

i. promote the required public-private partnerships and business to business alliances to accelerate the development of competitive value chains and raise market shares in domestic, regional, and foreign export markets;

CALL UPON International Development Partners, and regional and non-regional stakeholders to:

18. Harmonise and align their investment support to African Agriculture through and along national and regional CAADP priorities, and in particular, join member governments in mobilizing the necessary funding to meet the resource requirements of the priority investment programs identified in the regional and country CAADP compacts

### 3. L'Aquila G8 2009 Declaration: Responsible Leadership for Sustainable Future (2009.7.8)

113. With a view to ensuring a more food secure world, we commit to:

b) noting a growing trend of international agricultural investment, including land leasing and purchases in developing countries, we will work with partner countries and international organizations to develop a joint proposal on principles and best practices for international agricultural investment.

4. “L’Aquila” Joint Statement on Global Food Security: *L’Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI)*  
(2009.7.10)

5. Sustained and predictable funding and increased targeted investments are urgently required to enhance world food production capacity. Commitments to increase ODA must be fulfilled. The tendency of decreasing ODA and national financing to agriculture must be reversed. We are committed to increase investments in short, medium and long term agriculture development that directly benefits the poorest and makes best use of international institutions. We support public-private partnerships with adequate emphasis on the development of infrastructure aimed at increasing resources for agriculture and improving investment effectiveness.

5. G20 Leader’s Statement at the Pittsburgh Summit (2009.9.25)

39. Sustained funding and targeted investments are urgently needed to improve long-term food security. We welcome and support the food security initiative announced in L’Aquila and efforts to further implement the Global Partnership for Agriculture and Food Security and to address excessive price volatility...

6. FAO: Declaration of the World Summit on Food Security (2009.11.16)

40. We note the call of the High-Level Expert Forum “How to Feed the world in 2050” for, *inter alia*, a substantial increase in investment in the agricultural sector in developing countries. We support public/private cooperation and private investment, both domestic and foreign, for agriculture and food security in developing countries. We support the establishment of national legislation, as appropriate, to facilitate and sustain private investment in agriculture, nutrition, food security and rural development. We agree to continue studying principles and good practices to promote responsible international agricultural investment.

7. Second Committee of the UNGA: Resolution “Commodities” (2009.12.4)

PP16. Taking note of the initiative on promoting responsible international investment in agriculture, which aims to develop relevant principles and an international framework,  
OP9. stresses the importance of promoting responsible international investment in agriculture, and in this regard invites the UNCTAD, in cooperation with other relevant international organizations, to continue research and analysis on this issue.