



DECLARATION OF THE 6th ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE AAA INITIATIVE

10 Years of the AAA Initiative (2016–2026): Review, Vision and Renewed Commitment

We, Ministers of Agriculture and representatives of international and regional institutions, gathered on 22 April 2026 in Meknes, in the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the 6th Ministerial Conference of the Initiative for the Adaptation of African Agriculture (AAA) and the tenth anniversary of its launch, reaffirm our shared determination to act for a resilient, sustainable and prosperous African agriculture.

We build upon the Declaration of African Heads of State adopted in Marrakech on 16 November 2016, which gave birth to the AAA Initiative, and on the commitments made in Addis Ababa (2017, 2020), at the UN Food Systems Summit (2021), at the Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi (2023), at the Sixth Africa Climate Resilient Investment Summit (Rwanda, 2024), and at the African Union Extraordinary Summit in Kampala (January 2025), which adopted the post-Malabo decennial strategy (2026–2035).

We welcome the successive advances of COP27 (Sharm el-Sheikh), which established the Loss and Damage Fund, COP28 (Dubai), which enshrined the integration of agriculture into the climate response and concluded the first Global Stocktake, and COP29 (Baku), which established the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG). This momentum was consolidated at COP30 (Belém) through the adoption of the Abu Dhabi–Belém Work Programme and its indicators for the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA). These advances call for an urgent step change, and we commit to bringing a unified African voice to COP31.

We reaffirm our commitment to the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), to the African Union's Agenda 2063, to the AU Climate Change Strategy 2022–2032, and to the United Nations 2030 Agenda. These frameworks converge with the vision carried by the AAA and Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI).

Africa holds **65 %** of the world's uncultivated arable land, an exceptional potential for global food security. Yet it remains one of the regions most exposed to climate change: according to the World Bank, climate-related GDP losses reach on average **7.3 %** across the African countries assessed. African countries have collectively quantified in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) adaptation needs amounting to **USD 550 billion**, yet only **12 %** of the climate finance needs declared

are currently mobilized. More concerning still, in African NDCs, mitigation captures **2.8 times** more finance than adaptation — an imbalance we call to redress.

Conscious of this urgency, and building on the outcomes of COP30 while looking ahead to COP31, we adopt the following commitments:

1. Review and Vision 2036: a continental roadmap

We support the concept note of the strategic document "10 Years of the AAA Initiative: Review and Vision 2036" and welcome its development by the AAA Initiative Foundation, in partnership with FAO.

2. Scaled-up mobilization of climate finance

We call for the effective implementation of the NCQG and for the collective ambition of USD 1.3 trillion per year to be met. We demand simplified, equitable and transparent access to the loss and damage funds, and a reform of the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund to better serve African realities. We encourage the development of innovative African mechanisms (climate bonds, green taxation, blended finance) to accelerate investment in resilient agriculture.

3. Finalization of NDC 3.0 and National Adaptation Plans

To date, **21 African countries** have submitted their NDC 3.0. We commit to collectively accelerating the finalization of our NDCs 3.0 and NAPs by COP31, systematically integrating concrete and costed agricultural adaptation measures — agroecology, climate-smart agriculture, agroforestry, sustainable land and water management, nature-based solutions. We will ensure the alignment of these instruments with the Global Goal on Adaptation.

4. Food security and protection of the most vulnerable

We affirm that food security in Africa requires priority support to smallholder farmers, women and youth, who are on the front lines of climate impacts. We call for facilitated access to finance, innovation, inputs, markets, as well as to agricultural insurance and social protection schemes adapted to climate hazards — sub-sectors that remain largely underrepresented in African NDCs. We will invest in early warning systems built on modern digital infrastructures.

5. Adaptation metrics and accountability

We actively support the International Platform for Adaptation Metrics (IPAM) led by the AAA Initiative Foundation, to accompany the implementation of the Abu Dhabi–Belém Work Programme. It will develop robust methodologies and indicators tailored to African agricultural realities, to ensure rigorous assessment of progress and strengthen the credibility of our actions.

6. Strategic partnerships, South-South and triangular cooperation

We renew our commitment to strengthening intra-African and international cooperation. We call for ambitious public-private partnerships and for the intensification of South-South and triangular exchanges. We welcome the synergies to be built with the FAST Partnership, the Africa Adaptation Acceleration Programme (AAAP), the Abidjan Initiative, and the three African Climate Commissions stemming from the Marrakech Summit — Congo Basin, Sahel Region, and Island States — to deliver a coherent and ambitious continental strategy.

Ten years after its launch, the AAA Initiative has established itself as a strategic lever of African agricultural transformation in the face of climate change. We will mobilize our full political will to deliver a modern, inclusive, resilient and high-performing agriculture, capable of feeding our populations, preserving our resources and supporting the prosperity of our territories.

On the eve of COP31, and looking ahead to the Rome event on 16 September 2026, we reaffirm our commitment alongside the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and call on the international community to honour its commitments with ambition and solidarity.

We salute the unwavering efforts of the Kingdom of Morocco and the visionary commitment of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, May God Assist Him, in favour of a sustainable, inclusive and sovereign African agriculture. We pay tribute to ten years of collective action and commit to making the next ten years those of implementation at scale.

Done in Meknes, on 22 April 2026.