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The policy dialogue on agriculture brings together government officials from ministries of finance, budget and agriculture to discuss the role of governments in developing value-chains in agriculture. Through a combination of case studies and facilitated discussions, it provides insight into the policy considerations and the institutional challenges for promoting value chains. This includes (i) the tools used to assess and prioritize value chains, (ii) the complexity of agriculture policies aimed at developing value-chains for internal or external markets, (iii) the institutional challenges of multi-sector budgeting for prioritized value chains.

Time	Program: 26 March 2019
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:30	Welcome address Dr. Kaba Urgessa, State Minister for Agriculture, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
09:30-10:00	Break
10:00-11:30	<i>(Presentation followed by a panel discussion)</i>
Session 1	<p>Back to the basics: the importance of agriculture for economic growth and development. The session covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The economics behind the role of the agriculture sector in national development - An overview of trends and developments in the agriculture sector post-independence – market evolution, farmer characteristics and crops - Trends in agriculture policies, with special reference to value-chains <p>Panel: Mr. Selam Worku Kore (Ministry of Finance, Ethiopia); Mr. Randolph R. Kolleh (Ministry of Agriculture, Liberia); Ms. Ramma Indoomatee, (Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute, Mauritius); Mr. Asma Hamzaoui (Ministry of Agriculture, Morocco); Dr. Amadou Ibrahim (Chief Agriculture Economist, African Development Bank)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Neil Cole (CABRI)</p>
11:30-13:00	<i>(Presentation followed by Q&A)</i>
Session 2	<p>A value chain approach to agriculture. The session provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An introduction and definition to the value chain approach and considerations for adopting a value chain approach to agriculture - An overview of the qualitative and quantitative methods used to prioritize and integrate value chains in line with respective national development goals (e.g. economic growth, poverty reduction, employment, food security, gender equality, nutrition and climate change resilience) - The 5Es to assess value-for-money in agriculture

	<p>Presenter: Mr. Techane Adugna (Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency, Ethiopia) Discussant: Kenya Moderator: Mr. Christopher Nicholson (CABRI)</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<i>(Presentation followed by discussion)</i>
Session 3	<p>Case Study 1: Supporting value chains in practice: a comparative analysis of the cashew value chain across the continent. This session looks into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policies and regulations directed at the cashew value chain - The effects of the above on production, productivity and processing - The reasons behind low levels of processing in the region - The challenges for further development of the cashew industry <p>Presenter: Dr. Dossa Aguemon (Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Benin); Discussant: Cote d'Ivoire Facilitator: Mrs. Joana Bento (CABRI)</p>
15:30-16:00	Break
16:00-17:30	<i>(Round table discussion)</i>
Session 4	<p>“PFM Pursuit” – Agriculture edition Through a game, this session facilitates conversations between officials from respective countries, addressing some of the challenges covered in the earlier sessions related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The leadership role within respective governments to prioritize agriculture value chains - Ministerial and agency coordination for agriculture policy-making, financing and budgeting - Efficiency in agriculture spending - Partnerships with the private sector, civil society and development partners <p>Facilitator: Dr. Biniam Bedasso (CABRI)</p>

Time	Program: 27 March 2019
09:00-10:30	<i>(Presentation followed by discussion)</i>
Session 5	<p>Case Study 2: Promoting and developing value chains for domestic markets: linking food security and poverty reduction to rice and cassava value chains in Nigeria. The session covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The approach and role of the Nigerian government in promoting the rice and cassava value chains - The strategies to differentiate and provide support to smallholder farmers and commercial farmers - Challenges and successes of Nigeria’s value-chain approach <p>Presenter: Dr. Essien Effiong Bassey Asuquo (Senior Special Assistant to the Nigerian President on Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP), Nigeria) Discussant: South Africa Facilitator: Dr. Shanaz Broermann (CABRI)</p>

10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	<i>(Presentation followed by discussion)</i>
Session 6	<p>Case Study 3: The key PFM challenges to a value-chain approach. Participants to identify the main PFM bottlenecks for promoting value-chains for agricultural development in their own context, considering the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selecting priority value chains - Determining the full range of potential policies and programs that can be applied in the value-chain scheme and assessing their relative importance - Capturing prioritized value chains in the budget - The special challenges of multi-sectoral budgeting for agriculture value-chains - Identifying the key challenges for each policy and program - Assessing the relative size of funding needs across the whole scheme and the roles of government, development partners and the private sector in providing this funding <p>Facilitator: CABRI</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<i>(Presentation followed by discussion in plenary)</i>
Session 7	<p>Lessons learnt and way forward: Building partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential and limitations of government policies and regulations - Building institutional capabilities - Private sector development - Strategic partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional integration ▪ Co-operation with development partners <p>Wrap-up and closing remarks: Neil Cole (CABRI)</p>
15:30-15:45	<i>Announcements</i>
16:00-17:30	<i>Cocktail reception</i>

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