



Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Markets in Africa (GISAMA)

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COMESA and MSU: Two Broad Areas of Intersecting Interest

- Regional trade in food staples (FTA)
- Agricultural growth (CAADP)



COMESA-MSU Joint Activities for 2009

1. Support to Regional CAADP Compact Design
2. Analysis and policy outreach under GISAMA
3. AAMP



GISAMA Objectives

- Identify strategic opportunities and investment potential in food marketing systems that will result in increased rural incomes
- Assess the potential impact of specific public interventions on markets, smallholder welfare, and food security



GISAMA Outputs (1)

- Ground Work for Identifying Strategies and Opportunities for Investment:
 - Patterns and Trends Affecting Food Staples Markets in Eastern and Southern Africa
 - Pathways out of Poverty for Successful Smallholder Farmers



GISAMA Outputs (2)

- Linking Smallholder Farmers to Effective and Efficient Value Chains: Identifying Priority Investments and Actions
 - Maize
 - Cassava
 - Horticulture
 - Cotton



GISAMA Outputs (3)

- Assessing the Impacts of
 - Road Improvement
 - State Marketing Board Operations
 - Market Information Systemson Smallholder Crop Production and Marketing



GISAMA Outputs (4)

- Research results are expected to
 - help design CAADP-relevant public expenditure strategies
 - contribute to ACTESA programming
 - assist donors in identifying investment priorities

