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 Systems

  on 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