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AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION DELEGATION APPLAUDS GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA FOR CAADP SUMMIT PREPAREDNESS

The African Union Commission delegation led by the Secretary to the Commission Ms. Dalitso Bonongwe who have been in the country since Monday November 11th, 2024 have today concluded their mission to assess Uganda's preparedness to host the AU Extraordinary Summit on Agriculture - CAADP from 9th-11th January 2025 at the Speke Resort Convention Centre in Munyonyo. CAADP is the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme.

The team visited the Conference facilities, accommodation facilities, medical facilities and also reviewed the Airport handling and immigration processes. The team also interacted with the Security and Publicity subcommittees to harmonize implementation strategies for a smooth running of the Extraordinary Summit on Agriculture. The Summit comes almost a year to the day when Uganda hosted successful NAM and G77+China Summits at the same venue.

"We are impressed by the Host country's early preparations to host this Summit and the level of preparedness. A lot of effort has been made to ensure that we are where we are," Ms. Bonongwe said

The Ugandan delegation was led by the Permanent Secretary Maj. Gen. David Kasura-Kyomukama and deputized by Amb. Aisa Ismail Deputy Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In his remarks, the Permanent Secretary reiterated Government of Uganda's commitment to host a smooth and successful summit.

"I would like to assure you that as previously committed by the President of the Republic of Uganda, Uganda is ready to host this summit. As we embrace the draft Kampala declaration in 2025 and review the impact of the Malabo declaration of 2014 on the growth of the economy we

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also invite you to visit Uganda and experience the beauty of the Pearl of Africa," Maj. Gen Kyomukama said.

The Extraordinary summit which will focus on the adoption of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme 2026-2035 will set the agenda for economic growth and transformation through Agriculture Development for the next decade. The 2014 Malabo Declaration introduced funding targets of (10% of national budgets) and growth of the sector at 6% per annum for member states. **ENDS.**

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