

The following are the 10 points summit agenda that constitute Safari Park Declaration of Agriculture

1) Role of the Sector in the Economy

The agriculture, livestock, Fisheries and cooperatives sectors were acknowledged as the backbone of Kenya's economy jointly contributing 26% of the GDP, 65% of exports and 60% of jobs. Subsequently the summit agreed to enhance Multi-stakeholder partnerships to support the implementation of the Agriculture Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy (ASTGS) the will deliver stronger performance of our economy. Stronger advocacy will be put in place to enable the sector to progressively attain the 10% allocation of the national annual budget in accordance with the AU Maputo declaration of 2003.

2) Formation of an apex Body

The formation of an apex body for the agriculture sector, the Agriculture Sector Network (ASNET-underway) was endorsed by the Summit and launched by the CS, Hon. Peter Munya. The network shall bring together the entire ecosystem of the sector including the private sector, development partners, civil society, academia, research institutions and the cooperative sectors under one umbrella.

ASNETS shall create strong partnership platform for structured engagement with the national government, the county governments and all the other strategic partners.

3) The SDG Partnership Platform Window

The SDG Partnership Platform Window bringing together the government, development partners, private sector and financiers supporting the food and nutrition pillar of the Big 4 Agenda was launched by the CS, Hon. Peter Munya.

4) Enhancing Competitiveness

The summit discussed various challenges and interventions as presented by the private sector to be addressed by the national government, county government, the National Assembly and the Senate that would unlock the full potential of the sector and enhance competitiveness. Some of the issues discussed were cross cutting and value chain specific. The proposed interventions were categorized in the form of a 6 month Rapid Results Initiatives (RRI) for critical matters (to be addressed between March-September 2020) and a 3 year matrix (2020-2022 for long term interventions).

5) Devolved Agriculture Sector

Devolution was cited as very important for the agriculture sector. The summit resolved that ASTGS should be disseminated to all counties and to the farmers across key value chains. On its part, ASNET will initiate structured engagement approaches at the counties with special focus in CIDPs and key value chains. ASNET will also push for the adoption and gazettelement of the various counties spatial and land use plans.

6) The role of cooperative in the transformation of agriculture

The cooperative sector was identified as an important framework for organising farmers and other players along the agriculture value chains to improve productivity, access to markets and the overall performance of the sector. The summit resolved to pursue necessary reforms to revamp the cooperative sector.

7) Youth in agriculture

The Average age of a Kenyan farmer being 59 years, the summit agreed to support strategies and programmes that motivates youth participation in the agriculture sector value chains especially on value addition.

8) Research and Innovation

The summit discussed the need to disseminate research, development and innovation generated through public research institutions such as KALRO, Universities and various sector think tanks. The information need to be packaged in the form that is accessible and usable by farmers and all other stakeholders within the sector.

9) Harmonisation of sector focused efforts

The summit noted that there are noble efforts being undertaken by the government, private sector, county governments, development partners and civil societies both at the national and county level. Majority of the efforts are similar but with limited coordination. It was agreed that all the projects will be mapped and information sharing platform created to improve collaborations and synergy to attain maximum results.

10) Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

The summit acknowledged existence of many government, county and partners' policies and strategies within the agriculture sector. However, there is no result oriented implementation where definite measurable outcomes and targets are defined. ASNET will track various implementation matrices as part of the monitoring and evaluation framework. The partnership review meetings shall be monthly, quarterly and leading to the annual national agriculture summit where progress reports shall be presented by all partners and discussed. The second national summit will be held February 2021.