Knowledge sharing helps bring Tanzania's Malabo commitment into budget policy

Knowledge management, media engagement and Malabo Declaration reporting

Scope • Tanzania, with regional guidance shared among 11 SADC member states
Partners • CCARDESA, CAADP-XP4, EU/IFAD, TARI Kihaba Centre and media partners

The starting situation

Countries were struggling to report against Malabo commitments. A CCARDESA review found that the Knowledge Hub lacked information needed for complete reporting, limiting the evidence available for national discussion.

How partners contributed

CCARDESA developed data-capture and information guidelines to help member states gather, report and share evidence. At a South Africa workshop, 11 SADC member states received guidelines and developed national dissemination plans. In Tanzania, a workshop brought together more than 36 government, research and media participants for learning on knowledge management, data capture and Malabo monitoring. TARI Kihaba Centre Manager Dr Hildellita Msita briefed the Agriculture Minister on the commitments and their value to Tanzania.

What changed

After the ministerial briefing, President Samia instructed the Ministry of Finance to allocate 10% of the national budget to agriculture, in line with the Malabo Declaration. The case presents this as a policy milestone connecting regional guidance and national evidence-sharing with a budget directive. Workshop participants shared information through social media, journalists published coverage, and CCARDESA and media partners formed a community of practice to improve dissemination.

Evidence and source

The case reports the 10% directive and the sequence of engagement. At the time represented in the case, five commitments remained to be addressed before the next Biennial Review.

Source record • SS16 Infographics

Sustainability and lessons

Media partners pledged to keep policymakers, communities and stakeholders informed. Continued budget tracking and regular reporting on the remaining commitments can help maintain visibility and distinguish a budget announcement from actual allocation and expenditure.