



Identification, prioritization, and addressing of policy constraints through stakeholders consultative process: The case of PSDTF under RED& FS in Ethiopia

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The PSDTF was created to support implementation of private sector investment and interventions in the agricultural sector

Private Sector Development Task Force

- The Private Sector Development Task Force (PSDTF) was established in 2012 following the G8 Camp David Summit which resulted in the launch of the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition (NAFSN)
- The MoANR placed responsibility for the NAFSN implementation under the RED&FS and Agriculture Growth-Technical Committee, through the Private Sector Development Task Force (PSDTF)
- The specific mandate of the PSDTF is to coordinate, harmonize and support implementation of private sector investment and interventions in the agricultural sector.
- The PSDTF lifetime is linked to the GTP II period of 2016-2020.
- The PSDTF is chaired by the Agriculture Transformation Agency (ATA) on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and USAID as a co-chair
- An annual work plan and a report on the implementation of the annual work plan is submitted through the ATA to the Agricultural Growth Technical Committee under the RED&FS

Objectives of PSDTF

Primary objectives:

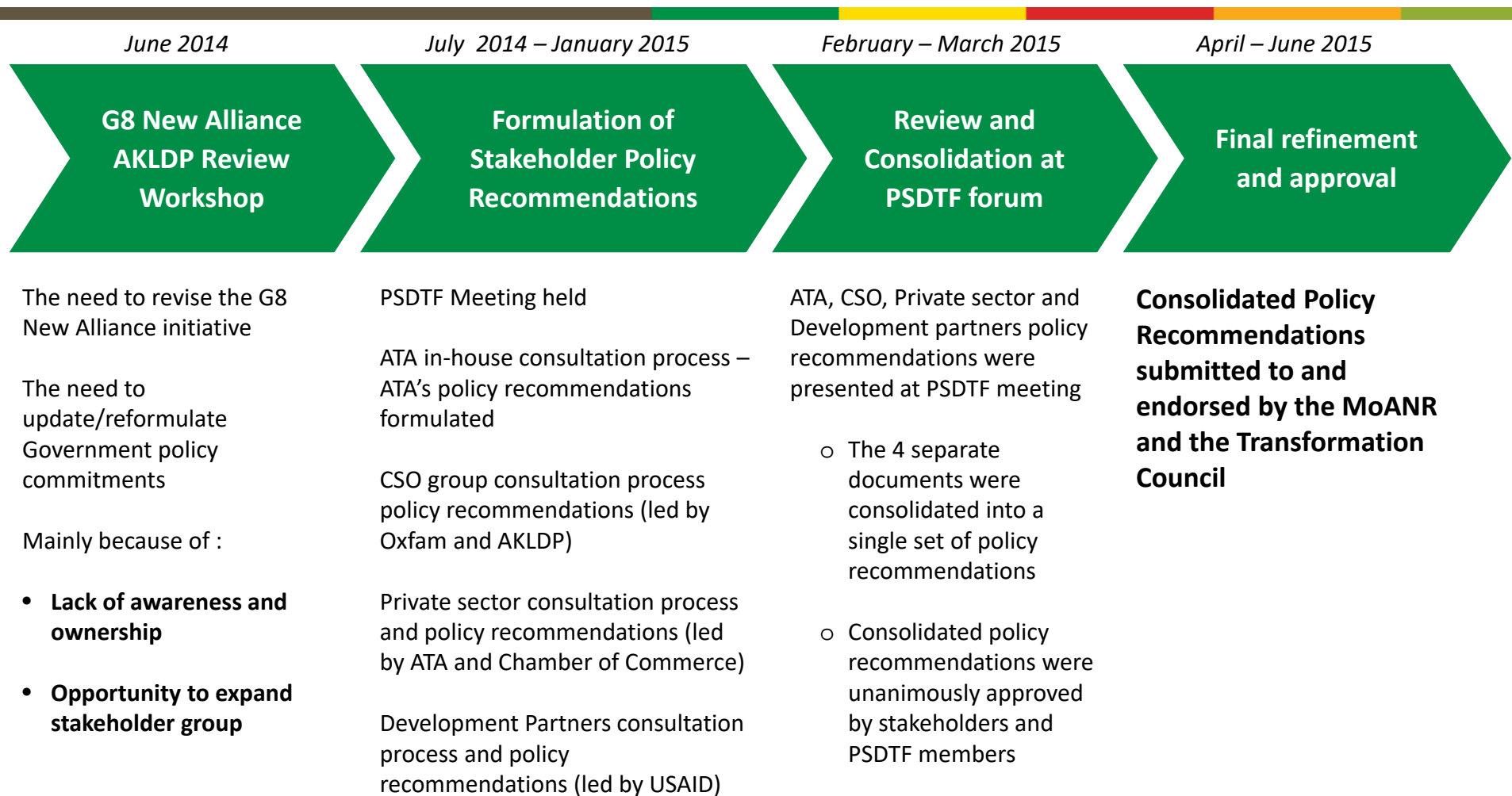
- To foster the development of the agribusiness sector through an improved enabling environment including improved coordination and enhanced dialogue between government, development partners, private sector and civil society; and
- To encourage responsible private sector investment in the agriculture sector

Specific objectives:

- Improve the policy enabling environment for the private sector to play an expanded role in Ethiopia's agriculture;
- Provide a forum for Government institutions and private sector representatives to identify, prioritize and address constraints that minimize private sector contribution to the agriculture transformation agenda;
- Link PSDTF members to other relevant platforms;
- Promote corporate social responsibility in private sector operations and encourage responsible and sustainable investment by benefiting smallholder farmers and building thriving communities.



The process to formulate the Policy Recommendations to be undertaken by PSDF took one year



Out of the eight policy reform areas identified, five have been prioritized by the PSDTF

- Through stakeholders consultative process, the PSDTF has identified **eight policy reforms and institutional strengthening areas** to improve the enabling environment for the private sector to play an expanded role in Ethiopia's agricultural transformation.
- In the past one year the following progress has been made:
 - Articulation of the policy issues in each of the selected policy areas and development of Terms of References (ToRs)
 - Completion of technical work on the four policy areas including policy reform options
 - Drafting of legislation/ policy

Policy areas	Status
Developing a comprehensive contract farming legal framework that supports agro-processing and value addition	Complete and submit revising the draft contract farming legal framework based on the additional feedback collected from stakeholders in the four Regions per the direction from the Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
Streamlining policy processes and procedures under which cereals export restrictions are imposed and revoked	Policy recommendations and a draft Guidelines on the contents of A Regulation/Directive to govern export ban on cereals submitted to MoT
Revisiting import duties and taxes on agricultural machineries, irrigation and drainage equipment, and animal feed	Transformation Council has provided policy guidance on lifting duty and taxes
Developing a National Seed Policy	Draft policy cleared for stakeholders validation
Improve Land Security through a revised Land Proclamation and implementation Directive(s) and regional laws	
Livestock	N/A
Agriculture sector finance	N/A
Improved food and nutrition security	N/A



The PSDTF draws its membership from Government, Development Partners, Civil Society, NGOs, Associations and the Private Sector

Membership

Membership is open to government, development partners, private sector and civil society organizations that meet the following criteria:

- A proven track record in support of the private sector in the agricultural sector in Ethiopia;
- Proven institutional capacity and engagement in the agriculture sector policy processes.

Government/ Associations

- Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency
- Ethiopian Investment Commission
- Horticulture + Ag Investment
- Coffee Exporters Association
- Ethiopian Seed Association
- Horticulture/EHPEA
- Others

Civil Society/NGO

- Oxfam
- USAID/AKLDP
- USAID/FINTRAC
- Others

Development partners

- USAID
- GIZ
- Italian Cooperation
- UNDP
- African Union
- AGRA
- DFATD
- IFAD
- Grow Africa
- Others

Private Sector

- Guts Agro – Industry
- Pionieer
- Others





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