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Re-ALIGNING INPUT MARKETS TO FARMER NEEDS

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1. How Important is our Agriculture



- Engine of growth: -
 - Contributes more than any other sector to overall income growth in rural areas (bulk of the poor).....and would ensure realization of MDGs
 - Stimulates growth of other sectors by expanding demand for goods and services
 - Reduces overall poverty, hunger & malnutrition by raising supply of food while improving access to it thro higher incomes in the rural and other related sectors
 - 1% Agric growth = 1.3% overall economic growth; while an additional 1% increase in Agric exports = 1.8% growth in Non-Agricultural growth

Source: CAADP

2. African Vision by AU/NEPAD

- Regional agricultural production to grow at an annual rate of 6% by 2015
- Achieved through:
 - Dynamic agricultural markets among nations and between regions
 - Be a net exporter of agricultural products
 - Have food available, affordable, and equitable distribution of wealth
 - Be a strategic player in agricultural S&T development
 - Have a culture of sustainable use of natural resource base

3. What do we have?



- Initiatives at the National levels ...strategies of revitalizing Agric in representative countries
- The RECs have directorates or departments charged with developing Agric...SADC; EAC; COMESA, & Forums
- Regional Research– ASARECA ; FANRPAN; FARA
- -Interventions -initiatives on soaring food prices (FAO); AGRA
- Commitments to eradicate poverty and hunger thro Agric.. ABUJA & MAPUTO Declarations (CAADP)
- Recognition of importance of Agric – AU-NEPAD; WB; National Govts; Other Developmental Partners....*All of us*
- Classic Examples – Malawi case study..On input markets

4. What are our Input markets



- . Seeds –
- . Fertilizers –
- . Pesticides –
- . Agriculture machinery.../ irrigation
- . Energy...
- . Extension...
- . Land ownership.....
- . Virtually All factors of production

5. What is the problem with Agriculture....Input markets



I think we know what the problems are!!

- **Water control**, with as much as 93% of arable land dependent on unpredictable rainfall, a high risk of drought and only 4% of available water reserves used for irrigation, compared to 14% in Asia...we are not irrigating
- **Land & Land tenure rights** only 14% of Africa's arable land (of 184million Ha) under cultivation...how do we invest yet ownership is a challenge
- **Fertilizers**, Africa using only 8 kilos/Ha compared to 151 kgs in Asia. In sub-Saharan Africa, at only 9 kg/ha...; costs; quality-knowledge and access
- **Scarcity of good seeds/varieties**, ..”

Source: FAO

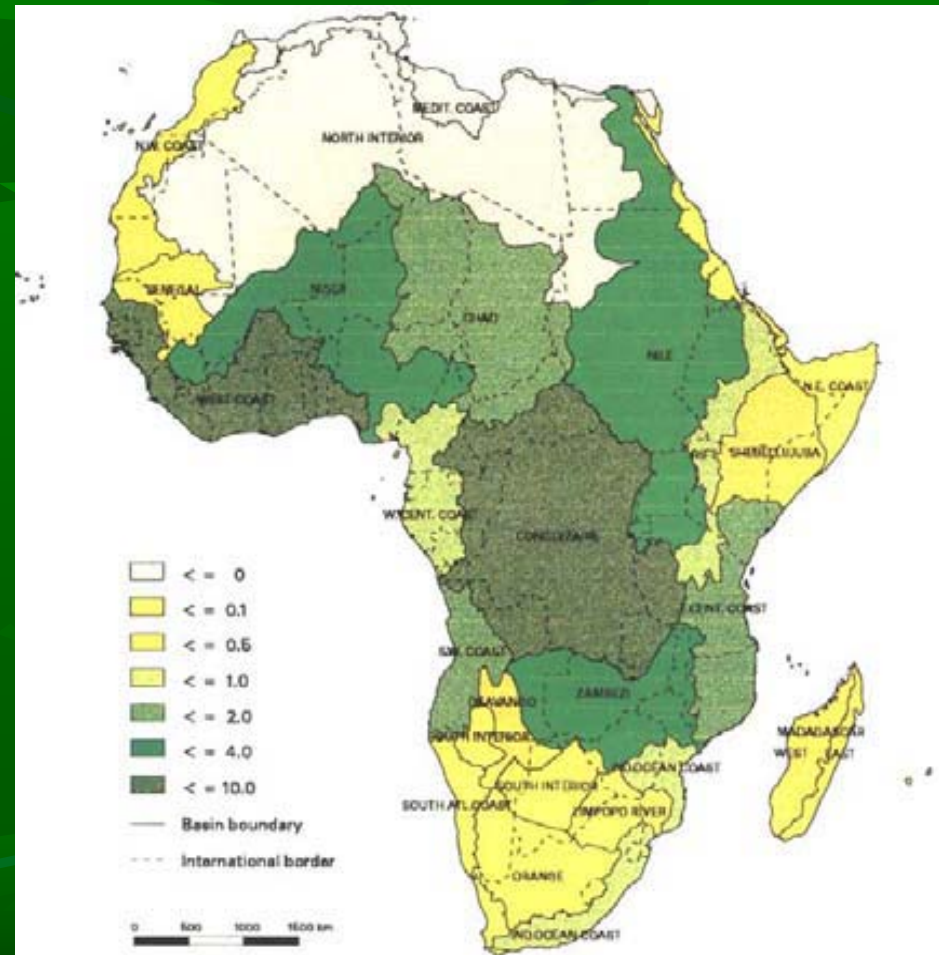
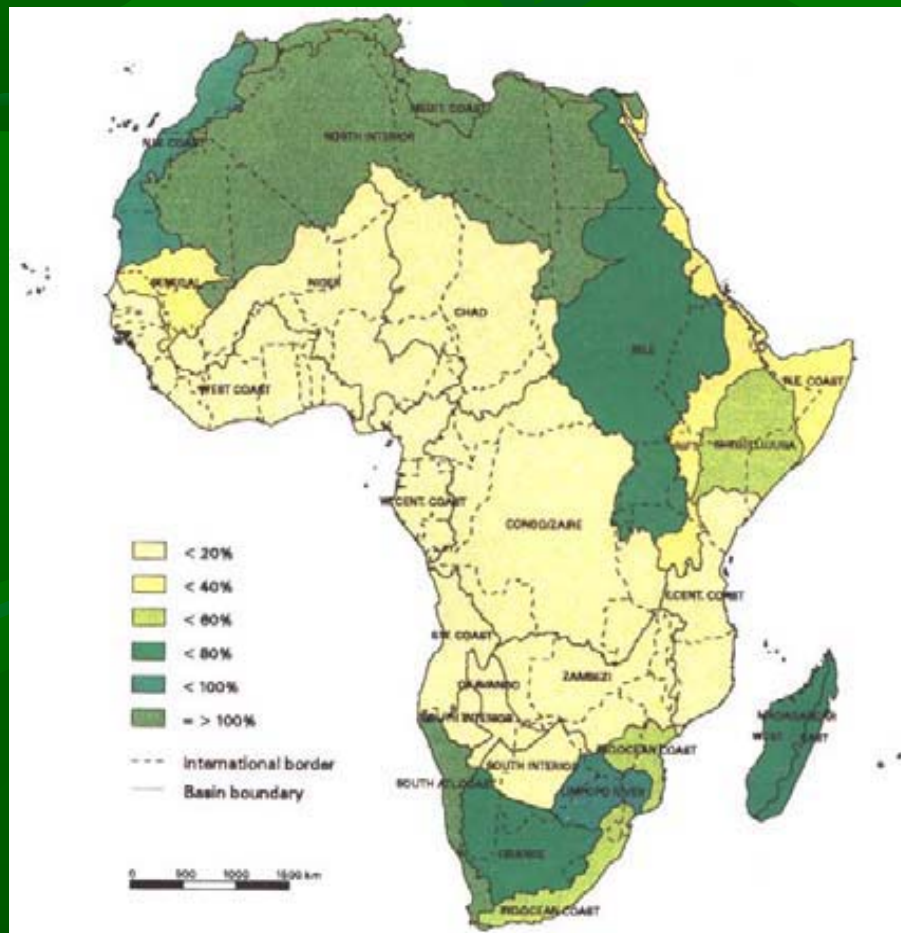
- **Emerging issues** -in Energy/ inputs costs/ Credit crunch/Globalization; liberalization; Politics-policy; climate change; urbanization (eating habits)
- **Historical issues**- Education; traditions/ entrepreneurship/ interest..

5. cont....

Irrigation potential in Africa

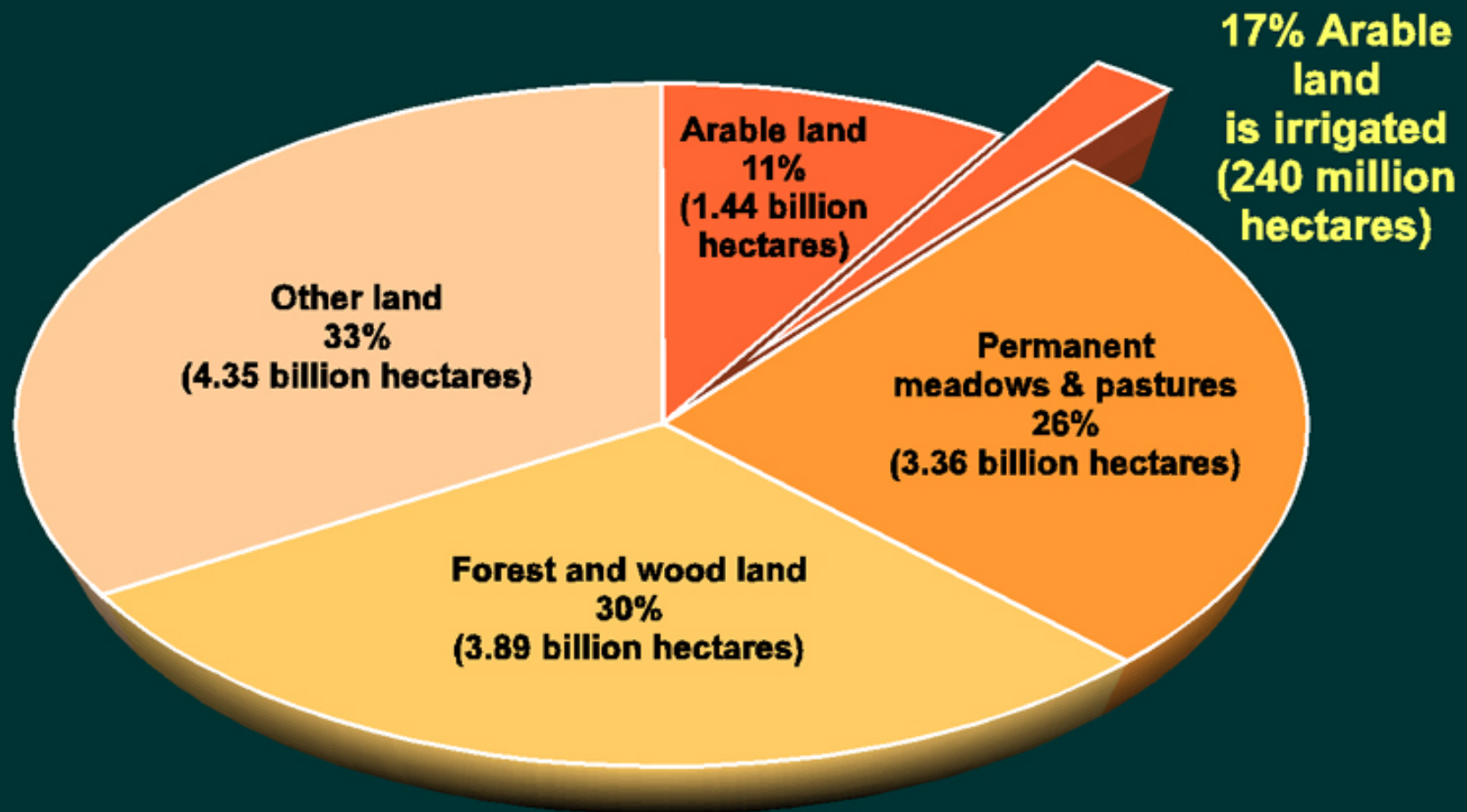


Fig1: % of Irrigation Potential developed Fig: 2 Basin Potentials in Mio ha
FAO



The Earth's Land

Total area: 13 billion hectares



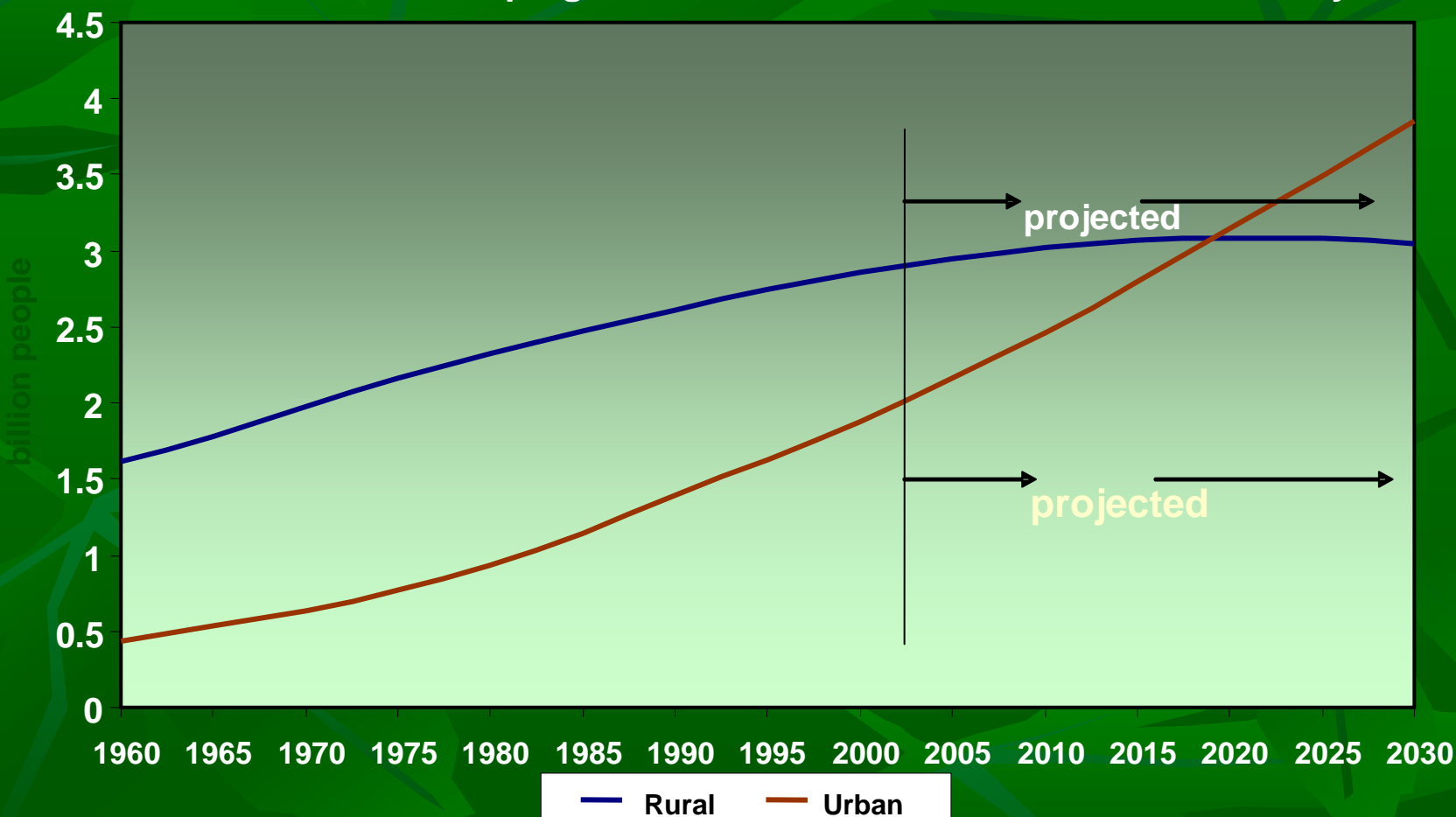
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Inadequate Agricultural Policies



Urbanization and Out-Migration

Urbanisation in developing countries will accelerate over the next 30 years

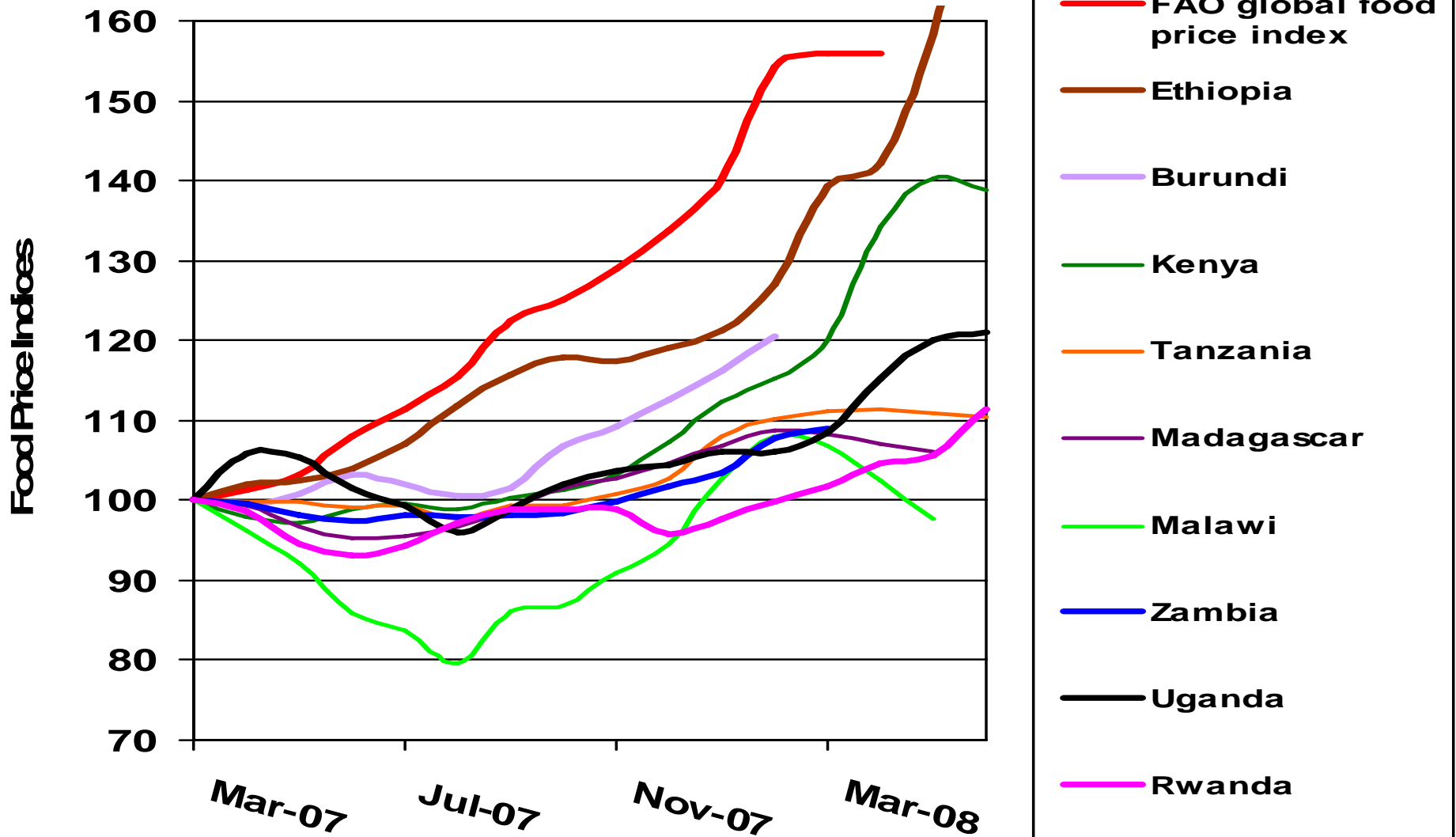


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Urban population will outpace rural

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Global and country food price surge



**CHALLENGE 1: (adapted): LOW PRODUCTIVITY; 2003,
Crop Yields (MT/ha) – COMESA vs Global**

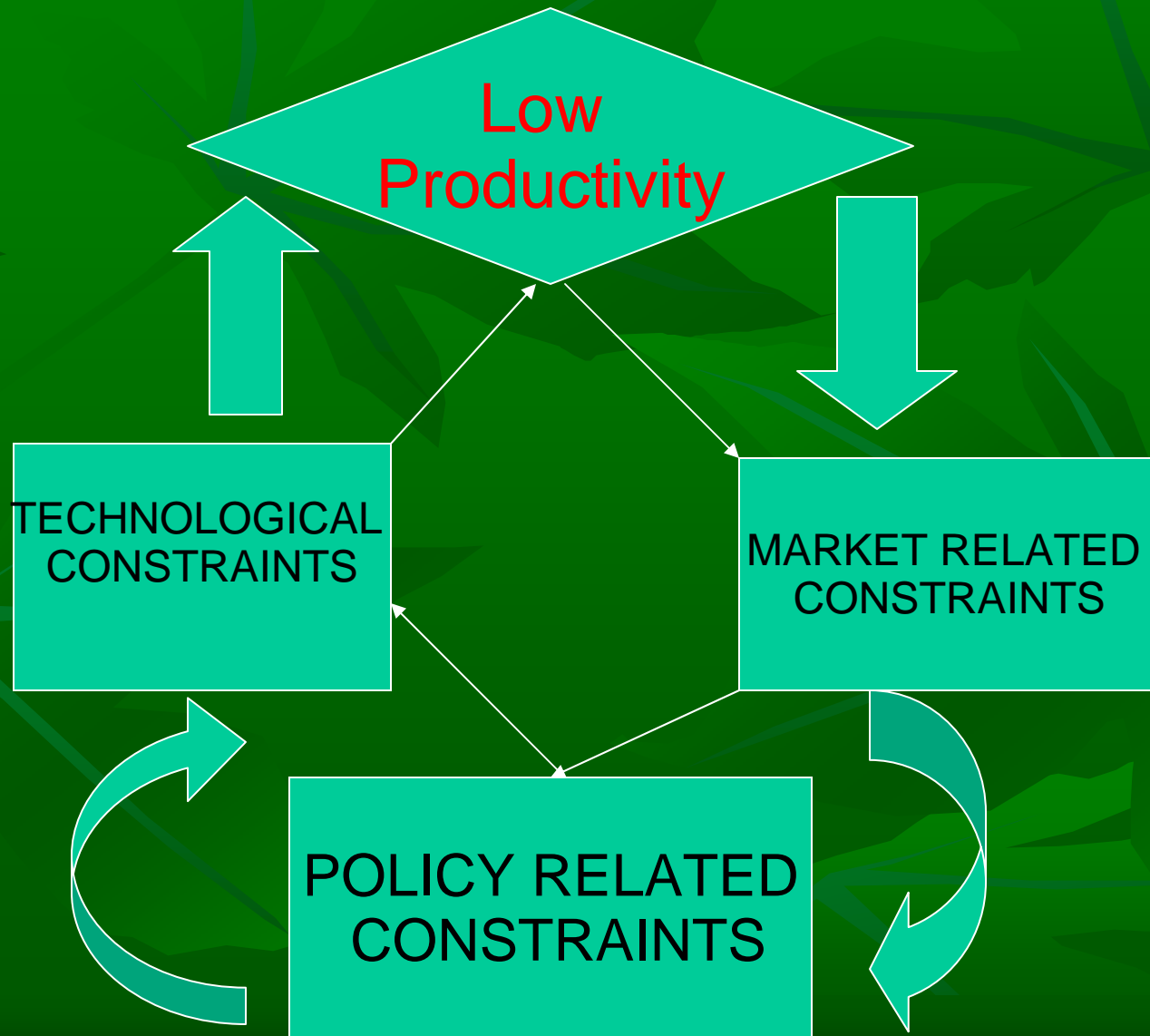
Crop	COMESA	GLOBAL
Maize	1.49	4.47
Rice	1.22	3.84
Wheat	1.38	2.66
Sorghum	0.67	1.30
Millet	0.47	0.82
Potatoes	7.46	16.45
Sweet Potatoes	4.29	13.49
Cassava	8.18	10.76
Beans	0.60	0.70

Home grown policy: Malawi's "smart subsidies" achieves a revolution

- 2005/06: \$50 Million subsidy with government distribution
- 2006/07: \$60 Million "smart subsidy"
- 2006/07: Private sector distributes inputs for 1st time sold \$25 million of seeds and fertilizers
- Maize green revolution
 - 400,000 MT surplus in 2005/06
 - 1.3 Million MT surplus in 2007
 - Exports \$ 160 million of maize
 - Donates 10,000 MT of maize to Lesotho and Swaziland!



SUMMARY OF REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SECTOR CHALLENGES.....



5...*cont* Summary of challenges



- . Farming challenges - soil
- . Credit facilities....*financial*
- . Population – urban demand
- . Policies
- . Subsidies
- . Climate change- drought/ floods
- . Organization of input markets...traders/ etc

6. EAFF is doing



“All that STARTS well ENDS well”

- Lessons from Malawi*
- Active in ACTESA...*
- ReSAKKS –CAADP (rqst)*
- FANRPAN family*
- ASARECA family...farmer empowerment/ TUUSI*

7. EAFF has done...*tried to*



- Abuja Fertilizer summit- June 06 - Reducing Soil Fertility constrains to enrich and feed Africa – Governing council of Africa Fertilizer Financing Mechanism (AFFM)
AfDB; Advisory committee in IFDC
- Studies - CATALIST Project (Catalyze Accelerated Agricultural Intensification for Social and Environmental Stability); markets in EAC (sensitizations; policy implications; gaps; opportunities)
- Farmer empowerment through Input & Output market development (access; quality; price.....co-ops)
- Developing Market systems and Linkages to service providers and Farmers of Eastern Africa

8. EAFF challenged to do



- Removal of export commodity export bans
- Promotion of increased government purchases from farmers when a shortage is projected
- Putting in place early warning systems and consultations with farmers on appropriate actions in case of any potential crisis
- Promotion of ongoing dialogue on all agricultural development issues
- Intensification of agricultural standards regional harmonization with full involvement of farmers
- Facilitation of development and strengthening of national and regional farmer organizations
- Careful consideration of the tax regime affecting farmers considering sector competitiveness issues
- Create networks and partnerships

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