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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 4 September 2017 (ECA) – The Land Policy Initiative (LPI), in partnership with the government of Rwanda, will on September 5, 2017, conduct a day-long national validation workshop for more than 20 participants in Kigali on the pilot project to mainstream land policy and governance in the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP).

Key officials from the ministries of land and agriculture, representatives of the private sector, civil society organisations, development partners, academia and others, will attend the workshop to validate the Country Report and Business Plan on Mainstreaming Land Governance in the National Agricultural Investment Plan of the CAADP (NAIP/CAADP).

The main aim of CAADP is to increase agricultural investments and productivity as the continent seeks to achieve total food security.

In this particular project, the LPI is working in collaboration with and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the European Union in a two-year programme to mainstream land and governance issues in CAADP at national level in Ivory Coast, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Tanzania, Rwanda and Madagascar.

“Our objective is to raise awareness of the stakeholders on the challenges of mainstreaming land governance into agricultural strategy or programme and CAADP,” said Ms. Kagwanja.

She said participants will also review Rwanda’s national agriculture strategy or programme, the different policies the country has on land, innovation for land governance interventions and related issues.

The validation workshop follows a continental launch in October 2016 in Addis Ababa, and an inception workshop held in January 2017 in Antananarivo.

The workshop successfully provided inputs to the study report on mainstreaming land in agriculture in Madagascar and identified the entry points for the ministry of land to address land governance challenges that hamper agricultural transformation in accordance with the 2014 Malabo Declaration.

Participants drawn from the land and agricultural ministries, civil society, farmers organisations, private sector and academia also provided inputs to a business plan to facilitate key actions needed to successfully implement recommendations of the report.