



## Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions

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# Vision

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A vibrant, prosperous and sustainable farming sector that ensures food security and contributes to economic growth in Southern Africa

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# Mission

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To promote the development of strong farmers' representation in all countries in the region, to support strengthening of member organizations' capacity to deliver adequate services to their members, and to advance and protect the common interests of national farmers organisations and regional commodity producer organizations in the Southern African region and internationally

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# Values and principles

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- Voluntary membership
  - Democratic control by members
  - Transparency in all operations
  - Responsibility and honesty
  - Address matters on merit and not on a party-political approach
  - No discrimination based on race, colour, creed, religion, gender and farm size
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# Strategic goals

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- To develop the capacity of SACAU and its members
- To enhance the legitimacy and relevance of SACAU to represent farmers in Southern Africa
- To improve market access and promote trade opportunities
- To enhance access to and use of agricultural information
- To promote strategic links between SACAU and key institutions, as well as between members and partners
- To participate in the development of regional agricultural policies and programmes
- To promote sustainable agriculture

# Membership

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## Current membership

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Madagascar   | FEKRITAMA, CPM                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Malawi       | NASFAM, FUM                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Namibia      | NAU                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | South Africa | Agri SA, NAFU                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Zambia       | ZNFU                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Zimbabwe     | ZFU, CFU                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Botswana     | BAU                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Seychelles   | Farmers' Union of Seychelles     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tanzania     | Agricultural Council of Tanzania |

## FO's with observer status/MOU

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mozambique | UNAC |
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## FO's being established with SACAU support

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lesotho   | LNFU                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swaziland | Swaziland Farmers Union/As |
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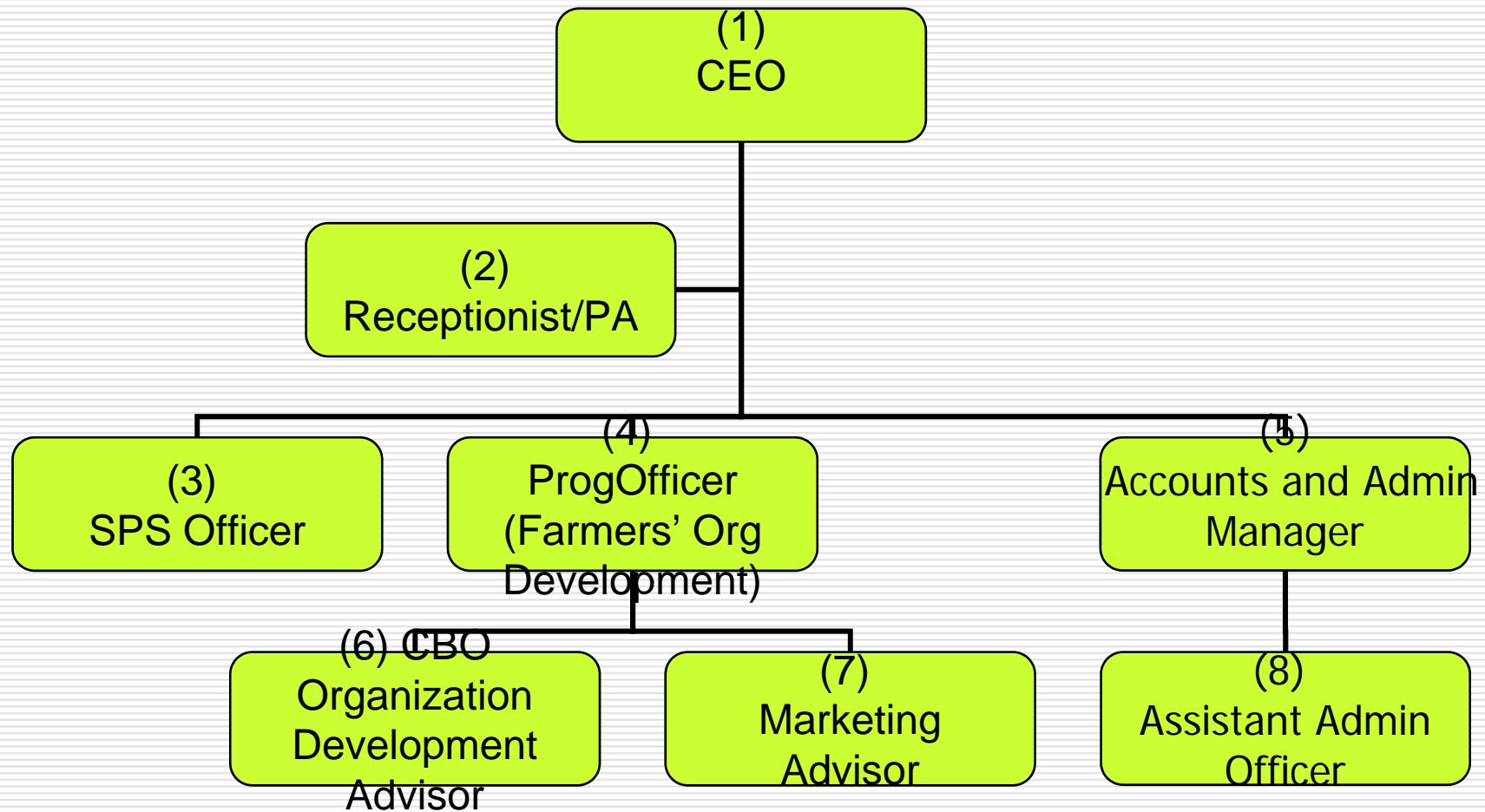
# Governance of SACAU

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- ❑ AGM – three representatives from each member organization
  - ❑ Board of Directors elected by the AGM consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents and two committee members
  - ❑ At least three board meetings per year
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# The secretariat

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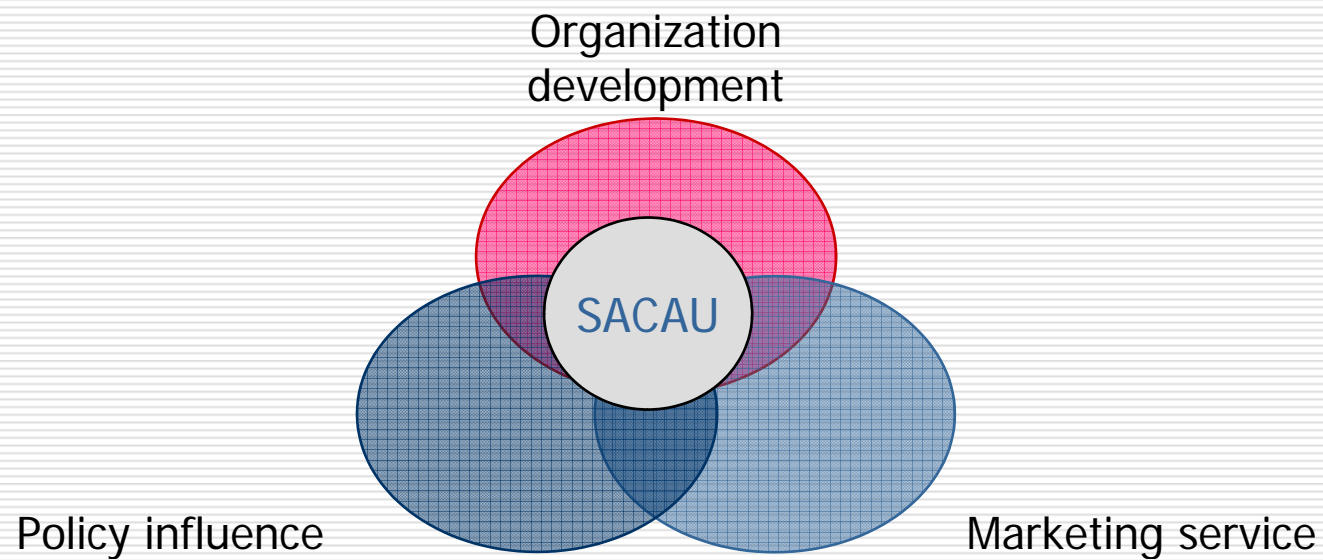


# Key partnerships and alliances

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- REC's (COMESA and SADC)
  - AU/NEPAD
  - IFAD
  - Swedish Cooperative Centre (SCC)
  - ComMark Trust/DFID
  - French Government
  - FAO
  - IFAP
  - RFO's (EAFF, ROPPA, PROPAC)
  - FARA
  - FANRPAN
  - SADC Business Forum
  - The Institute for Advocacy and International Cooperation (BBO)
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# Programme areas



## Lobby and Advocacy Initiative

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### Objective

To influence regional, continental, and international agricultural policies and programmes and to enable national FO's to influence national policies and programmes

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# Marketing service initiative

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## Objective

To enable national FO's to provide services that make it possible for farmers to get increased access to inputs and remunerative markets

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## Farmers' Organization development initiative

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### Objective

To enable development of relevant, member owned, democratic, gender sensitive, and transparent national Farmers' Unions and national and regional Commodity Associations in Southern Africa

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# Main areas of work

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- ❑ Membership mobilisation
  - ❑ Farmer organisation development support
  - ❑ Development of policy positions on various issues
  - ❑ Participation in international standards setting bodies
  - ❑ Participation in regional agric policies and programmes (e.g CAADP, IRSDP, ReSKASS)
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# SACAU and the CAADP process

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- ❑ Involvement regional consultation processes & launch (2004-2006)
  - ❑ Regional Farmers' Organization/CAADP Dialogue (2007)
  - ❑ CAADP implementation sensitization workshop for national farmers unions in Southern Africa- Endorsement of CAADP by farmers at regional level
  - ❑ Endorsement of CAADP by farmers at continental level- towards the establishment of a continental farmers forum
  - ❑ COMESA's CAADP implementation partner
  - ❑ Pillar 2 ERG member and representation in FARA
  - ❑ Backstopping national farmers unions on CAADP issues
  - ❑ ReSAKSS (southern Africa) steering committee member
  - ❑ EU/AAA- contributions
  - ❑ WB/WDR- contributions/comments
  - ❑ Continuous alignment SACAU's programmes with CAADP
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Thank you!

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