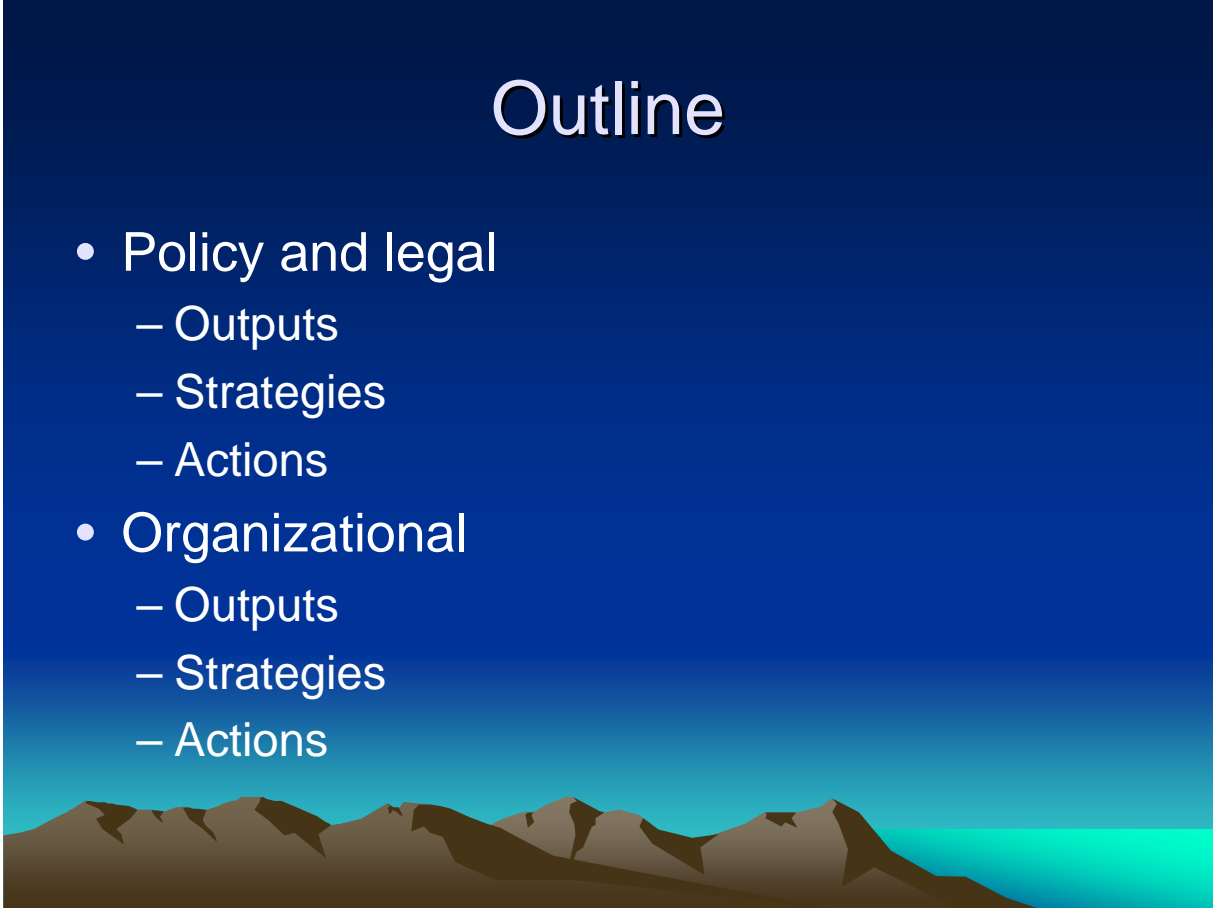


# Cross-Cutting AIM Issues



## Outline

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## Policy and legal outputs

- Stable macro-economic environment
- Capital market development and financial sector reform
- Improved farm liquidity
- Improved targeting of subsidies & level playing field
- Legal framework for biotechnology

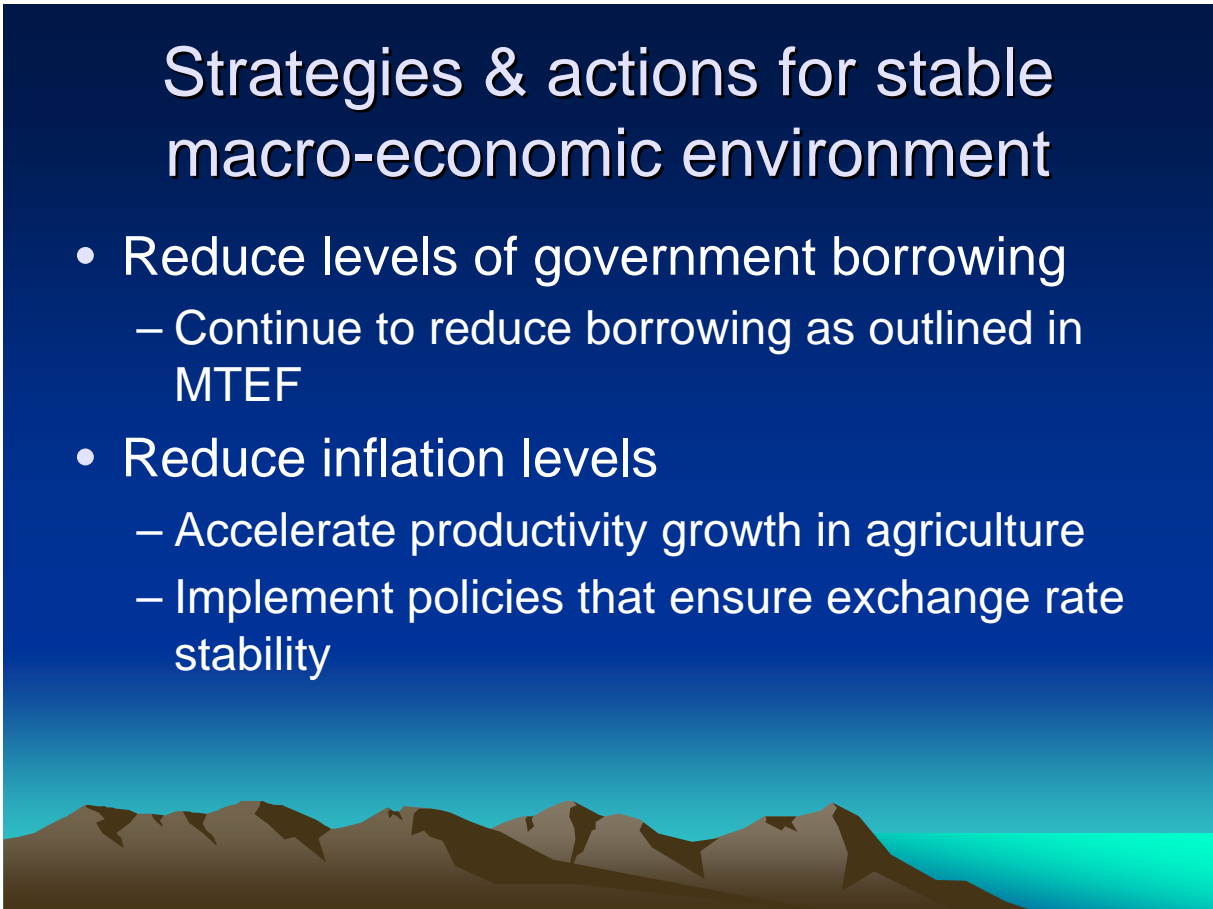
## Organizational outputs

- Comprehensive rural infrastructure development strategy
- Developed output markets
- Effective and sustainable extension service

# Policy and legal strategies and actions



## Strategies & actions for stable macro-economic environment

- Reduce levels of government borrowing
    - Continue to reduce borrowing as outlined in MTEF
  - Reduce inflation levels
    - Accelerate productivity growth in agriculture
    - Implement policies that ensure exchange rate stability
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## Strategies & actions to develop capital market & financial sector

- Agricultural credit Act amended
  - Review Act & submit recommendations to Cabinet
- Establish agricultural lending institutions
  - Develop modalities for operating lending agency
  - Set up group schemes
  - Develop partnerships between banks & microfinance institutions

## Strategies & actions to develop capital market & financial sector (2)

- Rural savings mobilized
  - Encourage formation of commercial savings clubs & mobile banking service

## Strategies & actions for improving farm liquidity

- Traditional land transformed into farming blocks and titled
  - Engage traditional leaders in planning
  - Demarcate land & process titles quickly
- Enterprise diversification encouraged
  - Increase public funding towards livestock and crops such as cassava, millets, fruits & vegetables

## Strategies & actions for improving farm liquidity (2)

- Provision of seasonal credit expanded
  - Increase PRP allocations to out-growers
- Smallholder farmers incorporated into credit guarantee schemes e.g., WRS
  - Develop schemes which handle a wider array of commodities

## Strategies & actions for targeting subsidies & leveling playing field

- Coordinate non-commercial demand for inputs timely & openly
  - Policies on input distribution clarified and made consistent with NAP
- Introduce a flexible instrument for distributing subsidized inputs
  - Commission study on input vouchers
  - Design instrument for targeted input distribution

## Strategies & actions for developing a legal framework for biotechnology

- Enactment of bio-safety legislation accelerated
  - Lobby MSTVT & Cabinet to bring bill to parliament
- Build capacity to monitor & regulate GM products
  - Train personnel in biotech to handle GMOs
- Build institutions for controlled research
  - Identify partners & companies for support

# Organizational strategies and activities



## Strategies & actions for a comprehensive rural infrastructure plan

- Plans to encourage private sector investment developed & implemented
    - Identify projects in productive farming areas
    - Develop regulatory & incentives framework
  - Public storage facilities to support sector
    - Restrict use of storage in FRA to agriculture
    - Rehabilitate public storage in rural areas
  - Marketing & processing facilities established
    - Remove capital equipment duty for processors
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## Strategies and actions to develop output markets

- Market information widely distributed
  - Harmonize market information systems
  - Fund agric surveys timely & adequately
  - Introduce IT in disseminating market info
- International standards placed and enforced
  - Sensitize players on importance of standards
  - Gazette credible internationally recognized standards
  - Enhance capacity of ZBS in international standards testing

## Strategies & actions for effective & sustainable extension service

- Extension operations adequately funded
  - Build & renovate housing for field officers & install power and running water
  - Supply bikes ownership scheme
  - Fund maintenance & procurement of vehicles
  - Provide attractive rural hardship allowance
- Field staff vacancies filled
  - Employ additional extension workers

## Strategies & actions for effective & sustainable extension service (2)

- Revive & strengthen research extension linkages
  - Organize joint planning meetings
- Skills of field officers upgraded
  - Upgrade syllabi in training colleges
  - Camp officers to attend refresher courses
- Public-private extension harmonized
  - Firms & NGOs to attend DAC meetings
  - Cement partnerships between MACO & NGOs

## Strategies & actions for effective & sustainable extension service (3)

- Adopt participatory extension approaches
  - Promote farmer led extension
- IT solutions introduced in system
  - Provide IT services at field offices
- Participation of women in extension increased
  - Allow increase entry of female students into tertiary training centers