

European Union contributes to strengthening the competitiveness of Uganda's agricultural and agro-processing sectors

The European Union has approved a EUR 2 million project on trade-related Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary and Quality Management Systems under the Uganda's Annual Action Programme (AAP) 2010 which is financed by the 10th European Development Fund (EDF). The AAP includes also a EUR 2 million project in support to the National Authorising Officer in charge of implementation of EU aid (€2 million).

Trade opportunities are frequently hampered by legislative and industry-specific requirements related to food safety, quality, and plant and animal health. In order to overcome these "Non Trade Barriers" and to strengthen the competitiveness of Uganda's agricultural and agro-processing sectors, the Government of Uganda created an agribusiness initiative which is being co-financed by a number of development partners including Sweden, Danida and Belgium for a total budget of EUR 30 million.. With today's adoption of the "Trade related Sanitary, Phyto-sanitary and Quality Management Systems support programme", the EU is joining the initiative.

The EU contribution will complement its ongoing support being delivered to the Ministry of Trade (EUR 5 million) focusing on improving the policy and regulatory environment. Both programs assist Uganda in improving exports' access to the EU in preparation to the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Eastern Africa, which is scheduled to be signed by the end of this year.

The "Support to the National Authorising Officer" project is intended to strengthen the capacity of the National Authorising Officer in the implementation, coordination and monitoring of the EDF cooperation portfolio, hence to improve the impact of EU support to Uganda in accordance with national development priorities.

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