A Rural Agenda for the new Africa–Europe Alliance

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Discussion with the participants
Closing address by Phil Hogan, Commissioner European Union
Moderator: Peter Baader
Task Force Rural Africa
Introduction

• Political context
• Terms of Reference
• Membership
• Started work, May 2018
• 5 meetings in Brussels, 1 meeting in Kigali
• Final report, March 2019
2015-2050
The African Employment Challenge

- African Population is expected to increase by 1.2 billion to reach 2.5 billion
- Africa will account for 70% of increase in global labour force

The number of youth reaching the working age will be:
- 26 million in 2020
- 33 million in 2030

- What can agriculture, food and rural development do to create jobs and income?
Where we are starting from

Acknowledge Africa’s diversity

A unique challenge: managing structural transformation in the context of globalisation and climate change

Key elements of context

- Politics and governance (Responsibility of African governments, businesses and people for development)
- Economy (economic diversification)
- Population, employment and migration (on-going demographic transition)
- Infrastructure (lagging behind fast increasing needs)
- Natural resources and climate change (growing risks)
Our Central Recommendation

• Build a strong Africa/EU partnership for inclusive and sustainable development of agriculture and food sectors and rural economy

• Operate at three levels: people to people, business to business, government to government

• A multi stakeholder dialogue between African and European societies, business communities and governments
Strategic Areas for Action

- A medium to long-term Africa-EU partnership
- African political and policy leadership supported by EU experience and finance
- Policy dialogue and institution building
- Better policy coherence and coordination between and with EU Member States
Territorial Approach for Jobs and Growth

Areas for Action

- Local institutions and networks
- Implementing a Territorial Approach (people and place centered)
- Infrastructure (roads, electricity, broadband,...)
- Social Capital
Land and Natural Resources, Climate and Food Systems

Areas for Action

• Mainstreaming natural resources management and climate action into national policies
• Fast-track climate financing into national policies
• Foster digital transformation in land and natural resource management
Areas for Action

- Strategies for agricultural transformation
- Boosting research, education and innovation systems, capacity building
- Improving markets and increasing farm outputs
- Promoting farmers’ organisations and cooperatives
Areas for Action

- Increase competitiveness of food industry
- Increase private sector investment
- Promote value-chain development
- Tackle trade barriers (regional integration, policies in public health and food safety)
KEY RECOMMENDATIONS
short and medium term actions

1. Support rural governance and an innovative local action programme, based on territorial approach

2. Mainstream environmental sustainability and promote climate action

3. Start a knowledge, innovation and networking initiative for transformation of agriculture and rural areas

4. Improve access to private finance and to EU cooperation instruments for small and medium size agriculture and food businesses

5. Scale up sustainable value chain development, regional integration and intra-regional trade

6. Share together European and African expertise for agriculture and rural development

STRATEGIC AREAS FOR ACTION

Development of the African food industry and food markets
Sustainable transformation of African agriculture
Sustainable land and natural resources management and climate action
Territorial development strategy for income and job creation
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An African Local Action Programme

• Mobilise local initiatives through an innovative local action programme, based on a territorial approach

• Link up African Local Action Programme and European LEADER initiatives
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Mainstream environmental sustainability and promote climate action

• Support African governments to enforce sustainable land and natural resources management, promote climate action, and build capacities by establishing markers as criteria for funding, compliance monitoring, evaluating and reporting on programmes and projects.

• Fast-track the co-financing of food-related goals to enhance coherence between climate and agriculture policies by dedicating an adequate fixed share of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and other international finance mechanisms for sustainable agriculture in Africa and build the capacities of African stakeholders to access the GCF.

Chinwe IFEJIKA
SPERANZA

Francesco RAMPA
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A knowledge, innovation and networking initiative

• Create knowledge platforms to feed national and regional policy dialogue using the potential of the developing EU-Africa Research and Innovation Partnerships

• Implement innovation hubs to support agripreneurs and using ICTs for improved extension services, e-learning and vocational training

Bruno LOSCH
Private finance for small and medium food enterprises

• Establish, monitor and evaluate robust inclusive and sustainable agriculture policies, especially in fragile States.

• Encourage financial intermediaries implementing the new EU private sector support instruments to finance more agriculture and agribusiness investments following the EU and African countries criteria.

• Scale up technical assistance to support farmers and producer organisations to prepare bankable investments.

• Use, promote and disseminate tools and methods developed by the EU to assess value chains in economic, environmental and social terms.
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Value chains, regional integration and intra-regional trade

- Increase competitiveness of African value chains by supporting coordination between stakeholders in the value chain and by improving the business environment.

- Scale up support to regional integration efforts and harmonisation of food safety and sanitary regulation.

- Promote effective Africa/EU dialogue at all levels addressing the topics policy coherence, responsible value chain development and trade and investment in support of food industry development.

Christine WIECK
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Sharing African and European expertise

• Establish twinning programmes for advice, training and exchange between peers from society, business and governments

• Facilitate professional arrangements for the linkage of experts from associations, businesses and public entities with peers

• Empower local self-government
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Focus on youth and gender

• Leverage technology and digitalisation to support agripreneurship and allow young people to create their own jobs

• Reduce the digital gender divide by providing preferential access to local and regional innovation hubs to women

Mashiri ZVARIMWA
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