



AFRICA-EUROPE ALLIANCE:

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE AFRICAN AGRI-FOOD SECTOR



"Agriculture and rural development policy is leading the way in EU-Africa political cooperation, helping our two continents to build a real partnership of equals".

Phil Hogan
Agriculture and rural development
Commissioner



"This is a very important day for the Africa-Europe alliance. Today we have seen the hard work of the Task Force on Rural Africa culminate in concrete recommendations".

Neven Mimica
International Cooperation
& Development Commissioner



"The Task Force report recognises the new reality of Africa and Europe as global partners on an equal footing. It demonstrates that farmers and the food industry should work hand in hand to take on new opportunities".

Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko
African Union Commissioner for
Rural Economy and Agriculture

STRATEGIC AREAS FOR ACTION



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS :

short and medium term actions



1. Support local action programmes in Africa, including local people and knowledge



2. Ensure environmental sustainability and promote climate action



3. Start a knowledge, innovation and networking hub to support the transformation of agriculture and rural areas



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



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



6. Share together European and African expertise through twinning and exchange programmes

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

- ➔ Advice, training and exchange between farmers, students and professional organisations
- ➔ Local action programmes for people in rural areas
- ➔ Engage stakeholder in joint policy and business planning
- ➔ Twinning for knowledge and experience exchange on agricultural practices and technologies, climate action, value addition, trade

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

- ➔ Improve access to finance and encourage joint investments
- ➔ Innovation hubs and Joint business development
- ➔ Vocational training and technology exchange
- ➔ Development of new business models to integrate environmental and climate concerns and to benefit from ICT
- ➔ AU-EU agribusiness platform

GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT

- ➔ Advice, training and capacity building to improve public services in rural areas and small towns
- ➔ Public investment in infrastructure, application of investment guidelines
- ➔ Support transparency and simplification of administrative processes
- ➔ Support regional integration and harmonisation of standards
- ➔ Jointly monitor markets and trade flows