



# AFRICAN UNION Agricultural Policy Dialogue African Union–Germany

The APD aims to strengthen resilience of agri-food systems and contribute to the objectives of the Agenda 2063, the CAADP, and the Malabo Declaration

## Agriculture policy in Africa


Agricultural policy frameworks in Africa require accelerated adaptation to both continental and global challenges. Indicators demonstrate that most African countries will not achieve the common goals for agricultural development as set out by the Malabo Declaration by 2025. The African Union Commission therefore intends to increase capacities and support to member states for implementation of agricultural strategies and national agricultural investment plans.

## The Project

The APD will support the Department for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (DARBE) in the development and implementation of Guidelines for Strategy Development to Promote Resilient Agricultural and Food Systems (GRASS) in line with the objectives of the UNFSS and the African Common Position on Food Systems. The project will also provide direct implementation support to a Programme for Resilient Agrifood Systems Strategies (PRASS). Key stakeholders include the AUC, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and the agrifood sector in member states.

## Project Goals


- Strengthened coordination capacity of AUC-DARBE in the development and implementation of AU GRASS;
- Adoption of the guidelines in the implementation of national policies and National Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIPs);
- Operationalization of an Implementation Support Mechanism (ISM);
- and Dissemination of good practices.



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Agricultural Policy Dialogue (APD) between the African Union and Germany on Strengthening Resilience of African Food Systems

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#### PORTRAIT

African food systems face multiple challenges that are compounded by the impacts of climate change. Accelerated efforts are required to build on existing solutions and incorporate innovations to increase the resilience of agrifood systems, address inequalities, improve market access, reduce food insecurity and malnutrition rates across the continent.

## Results and Successes

The project started with a one-year inception phase, during which mechanisms will be established for engagement of key stakeholders for agrifood systems transformation within the African Union and its member states. The inception phase will also serve for critical assessments on gaps and opportunities related to the implementation status of agricultural strategies, action and investment plans.

## Project Partners and Cooperations

- African Union Department of Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (AUC DARBE), political partner of BMEL and implementation partner of the consortium
- Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- AU Member States

## Project Partner on Operational Level

- African Union Commission - Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE)

## Implementing Organisation

IAK Agrar Consulting GmbH (lead), Andreas Hermes Akademie (AHA), and the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)



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