

Knowledge Base

Agri-Business in Private Sector Development in ACP Countries

This document aims to collect, organise, highlight and share relevant knowledge and information on **Agri-Business in Private Sector Development in ACP countries**: Regulations, strategies, activities and programmes, projects and platforms, good practices and opportunities.

This **knowledge base**, developed for the wide audience of OACPS Platform users, focuses on key thematic areas (OACPS Regional Focal Points Survey Report March 2022) linked to EU in the context of ACP countries: EU Development Cooperation, EU and ACP Development practitioners and international partners, **Private Sector Development in ACP countries**.

NB The information listed below is NOT exhaustive. This document will be periodically updated and disseminated.

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1. Agri-Business in EU-OACPS Intra-ACP Private Sector Development Programmes

PROGRAMME / ACTORS	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p><u>Fit For Market Plus</u> (FFM+)</p> <p>Implemented by <u>COLEACP</u></p>	<p>ON-GOING PROGRAMME FFM+ Top-Up 2022 / 2026 (AGRI focus theme)</p> <p>FFM+ supports horticulture in ACP Countries to improve the capacity of smallholders, farmer groups and horticultural MSMEs to access domestic, regional and international markets.</p> <p>⇒ Previous programmes: Fit For Market (FFM) and Fit For Market SPS (FFM SPS): supported ACP countries exports to comply with local, regional and EU Sanitary and Phytosanitary regulations.</p> <p>⇒ Innovation Series: Sharing best practices from entrepreneurs, farmers, with focus on innovations in production methods, markets development, digital solutions, technologies and circular economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business ACP Website: ⇒ Programme Knowledge Collection • FFM SPS Web page ⇒ FFM SPS Report 2021 • FFM+ Web page (Info and Request Submission) • E-Data on Agri-Food Markets: ⇒ Interactive Dashboard • Innovations Series on Agri-food – Web page: ⇒ PAFO and COLEACP YouTube channels

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PROGRAMME / ACTORS	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>Agri-Business Capital Fund (ABC Fund)</p> <p>Implemented by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and managed by Bamboo Capital Partners, Injaro, Agriterra</p>	<p>ON-GOING PROGRAMME 2019 / 2024</p> <p>(AGRI focus theme)</p> <p>The ABC Fund proposes an innovative approach for attracting capital to rural areas and to underserved segments of agribusiness value chains in developing countries.</p> <p>⇒ It catalyses blended capital and provides technical assistance to investees through a dedicated facility.</p> <p>⇒ It provides financing to farmer-based organizations, SMEs and financial intermediaries and offers debt, guarantee and equity financing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business ACP Website: ⇒ Programme Knowledge Collection • ABC Fund Website • ABC Fund Investments Web page • SMEs, Farmer-Based Organizations, Financial Intermediary supporting smallholder farmers can register for funding, apply for a loan and submit the online application by clicking here. <p>GOOD PRACTICE - REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC Fund provided a loan to increase women employees. Kaworo, based in Burkina Faso, produces grains and seeds for local sale. <p>GOOD PRACTICE - REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC Fund deploys capital to support agribusinesses in West Africa. EUR 800K working capital facility to Mali Shi, which procures raw shea nuts from women’s cooperatives.

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<p><u>Investment Climate Reform Facility</u> (ICR Facility)</p> <p>implemented by GIZ, British Council (BC), Expertise France (EF), Stichting Nederlandse Ontwikkelingsorganisatie (SNV)</p>	<p>ON-GOING PROGRAMME 2019 / 2026</p> <p>(AGRI cross theme)</p> <p>ICR Facility creates better conditions for Business Environment supporting public and private organisations in ACP countries. The ICR Facility supports all sectors, including AGRICULTURE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Technical Assistance (TA): targeted TA of up to 90 expert days for business environment and investment climate improvement initiatives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special focus: Strategic ACP value chains ⇒ Strengthen ACP regional and national development financial institutions in their capacities to identify, prepare and implement investments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special Focus: traditional and blended finance instruments ⇒ Collect and mainstream innovative instruments, lessons learned and best practices with national and regional ACP partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business ACP Website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Programme Knowledge Collection • ICR Facility Technical Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ How to apply • 2022 Online Training Series - Tools for Reforming the Business Environment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Toolbox • Example of tailor-made TA intervention in the AGRICULTURAL sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Support agribusiness financing in Tanzania – Web page ⇒ Factsheet

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<p><u>ACP Business-Friendly</u> implemented by the World Bank (WB), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the International Trade Center (ITC)</p>	<p>ON-GOING PROGRAMME 2018 / 2023</p> <p>(AGRI cross theme)</p> <p>ACP Business-Friendly aims to adopt and implement business-friendly, inclusive and responsible national policies and legal frameworks and to strengthen productive, processing, promoting and marketing capabilities and value chains. The ACP Business-Friendly supports all sectors, including AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>⇒ The ACP Business-Friendly programme addresses OACPS regional economic communities, regional Private Sector Development (PSD) organizations, OACPS national investment climate reform bodies, national investment promotion agencies (IPA), ACP agriculture value chain actors and MSMEs.</p> <p>⇒ The programme works at Macro-Level (WB), facilitating improvements to policy and regulations at regional level; at Meso-Level (UNIDO) strengthening investment promotion at country level; at Micro-Level (ITC) promoting inclusive and sustainable value chains at firms level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business ACP Website: ⇒ Programme Knowledge Collection • Programme Activities: Overview 2022 Brochure • Programme Activities: Meso-level UNIDO Brochure 2021 • Programme Activities: Micro-level ITC – Fourth Edition of the Coffee Guide 2021.

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<p><u>Women Entrepreneurship for Africa (WE4A)</u></p> <p>Implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (<u>GIZ</u>), Tony Elumelu Foundation (<u>TEF</u>), Swiss Association for Entrepreneurship in Emerging Markets (<u>SAFEEM</u>)</p>	<p>ON-GOING PROGRAMME 2021 / 2023</p> <p>(AGRI cross theme)</p> <p>WE4A improves business capacity of women-led enterprises: Initial acceleration and follow-on growth programmes to assist women entrepreneurs in Sub-Saharan Africa to access to financial services, integration into local/regional value chains. The WE4A supports all sectors, including AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>⇒ Swiss Association for Entrepreneurship in Emerging Markets leads the Acceleration programmes.</p> <p>⇒ In 2022, 120 women start-ups take part in the acceleration programme (Women selected from TEF Entrepreneurship programme), with access to €10.000 in grant funding and technical support.</p> <p>⇒ The selected start-ups are divided by clusters (Education, Health, Market Places, etc..). Two clusters are dedicated to Agriculture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business ACP Website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ <u>Programme Knowledge Collection</u> • <u>TEF Entrepreneurship Programme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ <u>How to get involved</u> ⇒ Examples of Success Stories in Agriculture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ <u>To make Nigerian rice global</u> ❑ <u>Agro-ecology in Africa</u> • Check out the selected start-ups by clusters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ <u>Agriculture 1</u> and <u>Agriculture 2</u>

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<p>Farmers' Organisations for ACP Programme (FO4ACP)</p> <p>Implemented by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p>	<p>ON-GOING PROGRAMME Top-Up 2021 / 2024</p> <p>(AGRI focus theme)</p> <p>FO4ACP increases income and improve livelihood, food and nutrition security of smallholders and family farmers in ACP countries.</p> <p>⇒ Implemented by six regional farmers' organizations, PAFO, PAFO's Members, Agricord, FAO Regional Office for the Caribbean.</p> <p>⇒ Working closely with national FOs, agri-agencies in 70 countries, with a potential outreach of over 52 million farmers.</p> <p>⇒ A FO4ACP Community to support knowledge generation has been created to share opportunities and offer peer-to-peer support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business ACP Website: ⇒ Programme Knowledge Collection • FO4ACP Community Web page • FO4ACP Brochure • FO4ACP Programme Summary

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<p>FISH4ACP implemented by FAO with funding from EU and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</p>	<p>ON-GOING PROGRAMME 2020 / 2024 (AGRI focus theme)</p> <p>FISH4ACP tackles key challenges to sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in ACP: low economic performance, limited market access, poor social and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>⇒ It focuses on enhancing productivity and competitiveness of fisheries and aquaculture value chains, ensuring economic improvements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FISH4ACP programme Website ⇒ 2020 Programme Factsheet ⇒ Programme Publications by country
<p>EDFI AgriFI Agriculture Financing Initiative Implemented by EDFI</p>	<p>ON-GOING PROGRAMME 2022 / 2036 (AGRI focus theme)</p> <p>EDFI AgriFI provides medium to long-term financing to private sector enterprises active in the agri-food value chain with a focus on smallholder farmers.</p> <p>AgriFI aims to:</p> <p>⇒ Invest in smallholder farmers, women and youth;</p> <p>⇒ Mobilise large (local/foreign) investment into ACP agriculture sector (long-term debt, equity, working capital, value chain);</p> <p>⇒ Raise finance and attract investment in ACP agriculture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDFI AgriFI Website • Apply for Investment: Request and Criteria • Country Window – ACP countries

2. Agri-Business in EU and EU-partners International Cooperation

ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>EU European Union</p>	<p>International cooperation and agreements in EU agriculture:</p> <p>⇒ EU cooperation on agriculture and rural development with regional and international organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Agreements in Agriculture with developing countries – Web page • EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) – Web page <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ EU Policy coherence for development (CAP in EU partner countries)
	<p>EUROPEAN COMMISSION Trade Policies</p> <p>The EU is firmly committed to the promotion of open and fair trade with all its trading partners. Agriculture is included in EU trade policies.</p> <p>⇒ The EU has specific trade policies in place for all its partners and abides by the global rules on international trade set out by the World Trade Organisation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Trade Policies: Countries and Regions • EU-Caribbean Region Trade Policies • EU-West Africa Region Trade Policies • EU-Central Africa Region Trade Policies • EU-Eastern and Southern Africa Trade Policies • EU-East Africa Community Trade Policies • EU-Southern Africa Development Community Trade Policies • EU-Pacific Region Trade Policies

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>EU European Union</p>	<p>European Partnership Agreements (EPAs)</p> <p>⇒ EPAs link EU to ACP in seven regional groupings.</p> <p>⇒ EU Bilateral Agreements – Web page</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ East African community (EAC) Agri-food trade 2021 statistical factsheet ○ SADC 2021 Agri-food trade statistical factsheet ○ Pacific 2021 Agri-food trade statistical factsheet ○ CARIFORUM Caribbean 2020 Agri-food trade statistical factsheet ○ West Africa 2020 Agri-food trade statistical factsheet ○ Central Africa 2021 Agri-food trade statistical factsheet ○ Eastern and Southern Africa 2021 Agri-food trade statistical factsheet

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>EU European Union</p>	<p>AFRICAN UNION - EU COOPERATION (AU-EU Partnership)</p> <p>EU and African Union (AU) are committed to the sustainable development of Africa's agricultural sector and rural areas.</p> <p>⇒ Strategic cooperation on food and farming: knowledge sharing, job creation, Africa's rural economy.</p> <p>⇒ Addressing challenges such as nutrition, food security, environmental concerns and economic growth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa-EU Partnership Web page • 2018 Task force rural Africa (TFRA) to strengthen the EU-AU partnership in food and farming in Africa's agri-food sector and rural economy. • Africa-Europe rural transformation action agenda sets out concrete initiatives to strengthen rural areas and the food supply chain in Africa. Agenda's Actions.
<p>OACPS Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific State</p>	<p>Investment and transformation in the ACP agriculture sector. A new approach to OACPS support for the development of agricultural value chains.</p> <p>⇒ 2020 The OACPS Committee of Ambassadors approved the OACPS-EU Framework Programme on Agriculture Value Chains.</p> <p>⇒ The objective of the Programme is to empower actors along the OACPS agriculture value chains specifically family farmers and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), with an emphasis on women and youth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment and Transformation in the ACP Agriculture Sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ A new approach to OACPS support for the development of agriculture value chains. PDF Document • 2020 OACPS-EU Framework Programme Programme on Agriculture Value Chains

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>FAO Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations</p>	<p>The EU is a FAO's member organisation since 1991 and recognises FAO as an essential actor on topics which constitute the central business of our common agricultural policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sustainable agriculture ▪ Harmonic rural development ▪ Food security <p>⇒ FAO is a source of knowledge and information to help developing countries to modernise, improve agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices, and ensure good nutrition for all.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO and EU Partnership Web page • Role of the FAO in the EU - Web page • 2021 Strategic Dialogue Meeting EU-FAO about the transformation of agri-food systems – Web page
<p>UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization</p>	<p>UNIDO and the European Union have years of collaboration on agriculture. In the latest report on the state of international partnership between UNIDO and EU (2021), agribusiness and agri-food industry are among the most mentioned topics in projects, agreements and strategies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIDO Agribusiness Development – Web page • UNIDO and EU State of the International Partnership – Report 2021

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development</p>	<p>For over 15 years, EU and IFAD have worked together on strategic priorities including: eradicate poverty and hunger, reduce inequalities, climate action, gender equality, and decent work and economic growth.</p> <p>⇒ IFAD and EU shared strategic priorities are set out in: EU's Green Deal, Farm to Fork Strategy (2020), European Consensus on Development (2017), IFAD's fifth Strategic Framework (2016-2025) and its ambitious agenda for the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD12).</p> <p>⇒ Since then the EU has provided EUR 660 million in financing to IFAD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFAD Web page on EU partnership • IFAD and the EU: Partnering to transform rural realities – Report 2022 • IFAD's fifth Strategic Framework 2016-2025 – PDF Document • IFAD12 – Report 2021
<p>UNDP United Nations Development Programme</p>	<p>UNDP works in partnership with the European Union to transform food and agriculture to be more resilient, equitable, inclusive, and environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP Section: Transforming food and Agriculture – Web page

3. Agri-Business in within OACPS Regional Private Sector-related Organisations

ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States</p>	<p>ECOWAS is actively involved in the agricultural and food self-sufficiency of citizens of the Region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 2016-2020 Regional Agriculture Investment Plan and Food Security and Nutrition (RAIP) ⇒ Economic Community of West Africa Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2015-2025 Regional Agricultural Policy ▪ 2025 Strategic Policy Framework in Partnership with FEWACCI ⇒ ECOAGRIS is the portal for promoting food and nutrition security in West Africa and Sahel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECOWAS Economic Affairs and Agriculture – Web page • 2016-2020 ECOWAS RAIP: Pdf Document • ECOWAP Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 2015-2025 Regional Agricultural Policy ⇒ 2025 Strategic Policy Framework • ECOAGRIS Web page
<p>ECCAS Economic Community of Central African States</p>	<p>2021-2025 ECCAS Indicative Medium-term Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ The Strategic Plan is based on 6 priority areas: Agriculture and Rural Development is one of the priority. ⇒ According to the Strategic Plan, ECCAS will work to guarantee sustainable development, increase significantly the production, productivity and competitiveness for food security, access to regional / international markets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021-2025 ECCAS Indicative Medium-term Strategic Plan. Pdf Document • 2021 Agriculture and rural development: dynamic cooperation between ECCAS and African Union - Web Article • 2017-2022 Regional program for agricultural investment in Central Africa business. Pdf Document

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<p>COMESA Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa</p>	<p>COMESA Industry and Agriculture Division contributes to drive inclusive industrialization, PSD and agricultural growth in the COMESA region.</p> <p>⇒ COMESA facilitates the production and distribution of agricultural products to markets through several programmes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMESA Industry and Agriculture Division – Web page • 2018-2022 COMESA Regional Agricultural Investment Plan. Pdf Document
<p>SADC Southern African Development Community</p>	<p>Agricultural development in SADC is an pre-requisite for poverty reduction as well as a key supplier of raw materials for the industrialization of the region.</p> <p>⇒ 2014 SADC Regional Agricultural Policy (RAP): It defines common objectives and measures to guide actions at regional / national levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SADC Agricultural Sector – Web page • 2020 Synthesis Report on the state of food and nutrition security and vulnerability in Southern Africa. Pdf Document
<p>CEDA Caribbean Export Development Agency</p>	<p>Agricultural Sector is a priority for CEDA: Caribbean Export is at the forefront of promoting investment in the agricultural sector.</p> <p>⇒ Caribbean Export Food Portal: guidance for exporters with information on entry requirements and the process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 CEDA Annual Results Report • CARICOM agriculture sector and investment opportunity for CARICOM Member State – Web page

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<p>PIFS Pacific Island Forum Secretariat</p>	<p>The fisheries sector in the Pacific constitutes a significant component of the region's economy.</p> <p>⇒ 2015 PIFS endorsed the Regional Roadmap for sustainable Pacific Fisheries.</p> <p>⇒ 2020 – 2025 Pacific Aid for Trade Strategy (PAfTS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIFS Regional Priorities: Fisheries – Web page • PIFS Regional Road Map for Sustainable Pacific Fisheries. Pdf Document • PAfTS. Pdf Document
<p>SPC South Pacific Community</p>	<p>Agriculture plays a key role in the Pacific Food Systems.</p> <p>⇒ Sustainable Agriculture theme: develops integrated solutions to counter the challenges to sustainable agriculture production systems by building robust information systems, effective partnerships and policy advocacy and technical support services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPC Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division – Web page • SPC Land Resources Division – Web page <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Sustainable Agriculture – Web page

4. Agri-Business within the European Development Financial Institutions and Other European Bilateral DFIs

ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>BELGIUM Belgian Investment Company For Developing Countries (BIO)</p>	<p>BIO Investment Strategy 2019-2023: The objective is to have a solid portfolio of agri projects (15% of deals should have an agri feature) by 2023.</p> <p>Strategic priorities Agriculture value chains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Support agricultural sector through enterprises along agricultural value chain. ⇒ Invest in agriculture and agro-industry projects, in export-focused agriculture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIO Investment Strategy 2019-2023 • BIO Investment Portfolio • Apply for Investment
<p>SPAIN COFIDES</p>	<p>COFIDES is accredited to implement the Green Climate Fund (GCF).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ GCF finances climate change mitigation and adaptation projects in developing countries. One of the priority sectors is Agriculture and Forestry. ⇒ GCF drives agri-food and water systems transformation to enhance farmers' resilience by promoting climate-smart agriculture, reconfiguring food systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COFIDES GCF Web page • GFC Website • GCF Impact Report 2021

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<p>GERMANY German Investment And Development Company (DEG)</p>	<p>DEG supports production processes that conserve resources in the agricultural sector for climate transformation.</p> <p>⇒ DEG invests in companies operating in the agricultural and services sectors, in industry and infrastructure enterprises.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of Climate Transformation – DEG impact Report 2021 • DEG Investment Web page • DEG 2012 Sustainability Report – Rural Sustainability
<p>NETHERLANDS FMO Entrepreneurial Development Bank</p>	<p>FMO invests in key sectors that are crucial to economic and social progress such as Agriculture and Energy to support sustainable growth of businesses.</p> <p>⇒ 2021 Annual FMO Report: invested €544 million in Green projects such as renewable energy projects, sustainable agriculture, forestry and Green credit lines.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FMO Agrifood Sector Web page • FMO Investments on Agribusiness • FMO 2021 Annual Report
<p>DENMARK IFU</p>	<p>IFU has been investing in agribusiness projects along the whole value chain from farm to fork.</p> <p>⇒ At year-end 2019, the active agribusiness portfolio included 52 projects companies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFU impact on agribusiness – Web page • IFU projects and Investment on Agribusiness – Web page

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>FINLAND</p> <p>FinnFund Development Financier and Impact Investor</p>	<p>FinnFund puts special emphasis on sectors that are critical to sustainable development: renewable energy, sustainable forestry, sustainable agriculture.</p> <p>⇒ Finnfund invests in the entire value chain of agriculture with the aim of improving primary farm production, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p>⇒ Finnfund has invested 90 million euros in agribusinesses and funds in Africa, Asia and Latin America.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FinnFund Investment Web page • FinnFund Sustainable Agriculture – Investments and projects Web page • FinnFund current Investments
<p>NORWAY</p> <p>NORFUND</p>	<p>Norfund invests in specialized in sectors such as agriculture, infrastructure, education: investments in agribusiness value chain to support productivity, jobs, link smallholder farmers to markets and increase production.</p> <p>⇒ Norfund invests in Scalable Enterprises to grow companies in agribusiness and manufacturing.</p> <p>⇒ Sub-Saharan African fund to create 2000 jobs in food and agriculture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfund Investments – Scalable Enterprise – Web page • Sub-Saharan African – Web page

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<p>AUSTRIA OeEB Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank</p>	<p>OeEB Strategy 2019 – 2023:</p> <p>⇒ Cross-sector issue “Climate Protection”: Main focus on reducing emissions through renewable energy projects to adjust to the consequences of climate change, especially Agri-sector.</p> <p>⇒ 2020 OeEB Report: Portfolio committed to Agricultural sector 5%.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OeEB Focus Sectors – Web page ⇒ OeEB Strategy 2019-2023 • OeEB Development Report 2020
<p>FRANCE PROPARCO</p>	<p>Proparco supports private investments in the agricultural and agri-business sectors.</p> <p>⇒ Proparco covers all steps in the production process: improving plantations, transport, distribution of products, processes of transformation and storage.</p> <p>⇒ To support agri-sector, Proparco provides financial and non-financial solutions through PROPULSE, its capacity building service (Technical Assistance).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proparco Agriculture and Agro-Industry sector – Web page • PROPULSE and the Agriculture Sector – Web page

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>UNITED KINGDOM</p> <p>British International Investment (BII)</p>	<p>BII investments in food and agriculture aim to create economic opportunities, support inclusive and good-quality jobs and livelihoods, improve nutrition and food security, and improve environmental sustainability.</p> <p>⇒ Food and agriculture investments portfolio reached almost 1.9 million farmers in 2021.</p> <p>⇒ BII Annual Review 2021: 2,000 new permanent jobs to be created in food and agriculture sector.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BII New 5-years Strategy 2021-2026. Pdf Document • BII 2021 Annual Review. Pdf Document
<p>SWITZERLAND</p> <p>SIFEM</p>	<p>SIFEM invests primarily in sectors such as manufacturing industry, transport, storage, communication, wholesale and retail trade, production of renewable energies, health and education.</p> <p>⇒ However, in 2021, SAFEM invested the 4% of capital exposure in Agribusiness, supporting 37 companies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAFEM investment sectors – Web page • SAFEM impact Report 2020-2022. Pdf Document

5. Agri-Business within Development Financial Institutions – Multilateral DFI

ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>AfDB African Development Bank</p>	<p>AfDB vision focuses on poverty reduction and agriculture and rural development as a prime building block.</p> <p>⇒ AfDB contributes to agribusiness development in Africa through its private sector window.</p> <p>⇒ Rural Infrastructure Development: contributing to growth and poverty reduction by supporting a broad range of rural infrastructure interventions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AfDB Agricultural Sector – Web page • AfDB Poverty Reduction – Web page • FEED AFRICA - Strategy for agricultural transformation in Africa 2016–2025. Pdf Document
<p>EBRD European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</p>	<p>EBRD is a leading agribusiness private sector investor. Main focus: modernise the agribusiness sector and help companies move away from business as usual, investing in a sustainable, responsible and innovative way.</p> <p>⇒ EBRD provides financial and technical support to agribusiness and makes a significant contribution to policy dialogue between governments and private sector.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBRD Agribusiness Sector – Web page • EBRD Agribusiness Strategy 2019-2023 – Pdf Document

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>EIB European Investment Bank</p>	<p>EIB invests across the entire agri-food and fishery value chain, as well as foster innovative and sustainable bio-resource pathways that are critical for greening the economy.</p> <p>⇒ EIB supports rural development and infrastructure with tailored financial products for national and regional governments: long-term financing and technical advice for farmers, private enterprises and society as a whole.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIB Agricultural Sector – Web page • Agriculture, bio-economy and rural development Overview 2021 – Pdf Document • EIB Publications on Agriculture – Web page
<p>WBG World Bank Group</p>	<p>WBG work in food and agriculture focuses on:</p> <p>⇒ Improving livelihoods, creating more and better jobs.</p> <p>⇒ Improving food security for all, including access to safe and nutritious food.</p> <p>⇒ Making agriculture and food more sustainable and more climate-smart.</p> <p>⇒ Boosting agribusiness by building inclusive and efficient food value chains.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBG Agricultural and Food – Web page • WBG Food Security Update 2022 Infographic – Pdf Document

5. Agri-Business within Development Financial Institutions – Multilateral DFI

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<p>ADB Asian Development Bank</p>	<p>ADB scales up nature-based solutions and supports for climate-smart agriculture across the entire agriculture and food value chains, including the blue economy.</p> <p>⇒ ADB takes a comprehensive multi-sector approach to food security.</p> <p>⇒ Supporting food production, processing, marketing, distribution networks to strengthen resilience and efficiency of food and agricultural value chains.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB Agricultural and Food Security – Web page • ADB Key Agriculture and Food Security Resources – Web page
<p>CDB Caribbean Development Bank</p>	<p>CDB's investments in agriculture and its related activities focus on improving productivity and sustainability within the sector in order to reduce the Region's food import bill and end poverty.</p> <p>⇒ Interventions are country-specific, respond to trends and issues in the regional sector. Governments, financial and research institutions are the main beneficiaries of CDB funding in this area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDB Agricultural Sector – Web page

6. Agri-Business in other Private Sector Development Initiatives

ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>European Commission DG INTPA Directorate-General International Partnerships</p>	<p>PROGRAMME 2021 / 2027</p> <p>Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) – Global Europe: new EU instrument to support International cooperation.</p> <p>⇒ NDICI-Global Europe simplifies and consolidates all previously existing financial instruments related to the EU’s development cooperation.</p> <p>⇒ EFSD+ is the core element of NDICI-Global Europe instrument and supports private sector development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDICI Global Europe Regulation • About the NDICI programme • NDICI Global Europe Factsheet 2021 • NDICI - MIPs Multiannual Implementing Plans • Funding Opportunities • How to Apply • EU External Investment Plan guarantees: Small Business and Agriculture

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ACTOR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>European Commission DG INTPA Directorate-General International Partnerships</p>	<p>PROGRAMME – 2017 / 2025</p> <p>Value Chain Analysis for Development (VCA4D): perform value chain analyses across a range of agricultural commodities to appraise their contribution to growth and job creation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCA4D Homepage on Capavity4Dev • Value Chains Analysis by country and products
	<p>PROGRAMME – 2020 / 2024</p> <p>NEXT KENYA - Enhancing Horticultural Exports.</p> <p>⇒ Next Kenya is funded by the European Union and implemented by COLEACP.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEXT KENYA Webpage • NEXT KENYA Factsheet • Request for Intervention
	<p>EU INITIATIVE – 2019 / 2025 first phase</p> <p>DeSIRA - Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture.</p> <p>⇒ EU-funded programme to contribute to climate-relevant, productive and sustainable transformation of agriculture and food systems in low and middle-incomes countries.</p> <p>⇒ Implementing organisations: European research organisations, international research organisations, regional and national research organisations, development agencies of Member States.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DeSIRA Homepage on Capacity4Dev • List of the DeSIRA projects

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<p>European Commission</p> <p>DG INTPA</p> <p>Directorate-General International Partnerships</p>	<p>PROGRAMME – 2013 / 2017 (Closed)</p> <p>EU ACP Technical Assistance to Overcome Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT).</p> <p>The programme contributed to improve competitiveness in local, regional and export markets by enhancing the export capacity of economic operators in ACP countries.</p> <p>⇒ Enhancement of the capacity of regional and continental quality infrastructure institutions, comply with technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures; the dissemination of results and experiences to raise capabilities for providing support at the intra-ACP level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBT Lessons Learnt and Good Practices • Programme Final Report (2017) • Knowledge Dissemination TBT Practices
	<p>KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM</p> <p>CAPACITY4DEV: The European Commission’s knowledge sharing platform for International Cooperation and Development.</p> <p>⇒ Within the Platform, the Agriculture & Rural Development sector covers a wide range of issues relevant to agriculture and rural development: climate change, water, land, territorial development, innovation, commodities, livestock, SPS, access to markets, farmers' organisations, etc. and cross-cutting issues.</p> <p>⇒ It provides access to essential reading materials on these themes, EC practical tools, seminar contents, links to partners and experts in the field.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity4Dev Homepage • Platform registration • Agriculture & Rural Development sector

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<p>African Union and European Union</p>	<p>PLATFORM - AFRICAN UNION-EUROPEAN UNION AGRIFOOD PLATFORM</p> <p>To link African and European private sectors in the agrifood sector to foster sustainable and inclusive investments in African agriculture.</p> <p>⇒ The Platform identifies sector-specific barriers and challenges to private investment and trade and promotes agrifood twinning such as exchange of best practices, mentoring schemes, vocational training programmes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AU-EU Platform Web page
<p>Netherland Food Partnership</p>	<p>KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM</p> <p>FOOD & BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM (F&BKP). F&BKP serves as a knowledge base filled with valuable content created in the past seven years.</p> <p>⇒ News items, reports, studies and blogs of various Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) related themes, research projects and strategic partnerships.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge Portal • Food and Business Platform

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<p>G20 and EUROPEAN UNION</p>	<p>PLATFORM - TROPICAL AGRICULTURE PLATFORM (TAP)</p> <p>TAP aims to pave the way for agricultural innovations that meet the demands of its principal users - small farmers, MSMEs agribusinesses and consumers.</p> <p>⇒ TAP Action Plan based on a Common Framework established by TAP partners.</p> <p>⇒ TAP Common Framework tested in 8 countries: Africa (Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Rwanda), Asia (Bangladesh, Laos), Central America (Guatemala, Honduras).</p> <p>⇒ 2019 Agreement EU – FAO 5-years/5-million project: EU supports the TAP through the project “Developing capacities in agricultural innovation systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scaling up the Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP) Framework (TAP-AIS). This project is a DeSIRA Component (EU Initiative above). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAP Website • 2016 TAP Common Framework <p>PROJECT – 2019 / 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAP-AIS Web page • TAP Platform TAPipedia • TAP-AIS is based on EU-funded project CDAIS results – Project Website

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PROGRAMME / ACTORS	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
<p>COLEACP</p>	<p>PROGRAMME – 2022 / 2027</p> <p>AGRINFO: New information programme to enhance data and knowledge to support developing and emerging countries.</p> <p>⇒ AGRINFO provides enhanced data and knowledge to developing and emerging countries, covering EU policies, regulatory and non-regulatory measures, standards and market trends that have a potential impact on the competitiveness, market access and trade dynamics of agricultural value chains linked to the EU market.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGRINFO Web page • AGRINFO Factsheet
	<p>e-LEARNING PLATFORM</p> <p>⇒ Tailor-made training for current and future generations of a sustainable agri-food sector. An open-access tool for professionals, professors and students from African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-Learning Platform Website • Registration form • E-Learning Platform Guide