

# Beyond Food First Lessons & Follow-up

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## Future of Farming & Food Security in Africa

- Smallholders are key for food security
- Declining attractiveness of family farming
- Competitiveness: value chains & finance
- High risks: price volatility & climate change
- Multiple stakeholders: public, private, civic

## Enhancing efficiency of African smallholders: farming, food and finance

- Focus on commercial & viable family farms
- Sustainable intensification of farming systems
- Inclusive value chains & finance
- Farmers' organization & training
- Partnership approach (PPPs)

## Investing in food security in post conflict regions and fragile states

- Access to food as a basic human condition
- Food production for local markets
- Governance & participation for food systems
- Mix of short-term & long-term investments
- Insurance for Food security

## Rural careers for young men and women in the agro-food sector

- Rural employment inside/outside agriculture
- Basic education and vocational training
- Land rights & contracts for men and women
- Inheritance & early follow-up systems
- Entrepreneurship in food processing & trade



# Outlook and Follow-up

The *FoodFirst* partners - from government, private sector, research and civil society - will continue food security discussions during their monthly *Vijverberg* sessions in The Hague



# What next? Vijverberg autumn sessions

Future sessions will deal with subjects such as

1. Cooperation among and financing of smallholder farmers in Africa
2. Structural policies for agriculture in Africa
3. Food security and the 2015 summits (financing for development, SDGs, climate treaties)

*Most important: to achieve a good balance among generations, with younger participants and representatives from all walks of life*

Thanks for your  
assistance & participation