



# Recent developments in the cooperation with the African Union

**Priority for agriculture in Africa**

**Food First Vijverbergssession**

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## Objectives of my presentation:

1. Set the framework – what is the European Commission (DG AGRI) doing
2. Learn from you – identify synergies
3. Prepare the high level meeting in Utrecht

1. The framework for AU EU cooperation on agriculture (JAES)
2. External Investment Plan (EIP)
3. Task Force Rural Africa
4. Trade relations – EPAs
5. CAP and developing countries

# The framework for AU EU cooperation on agriculture (JAES)

## ❖ Enhanced cooperation on agriculture – AGRI Contact Group

Change in paradigm: from development aid to "policy dialogue, trade and responsible investments"

## ❖ AU EU Agriculture Ministerial Meetings

- 2016 Noordwijk (under NL Presidency)
- 2017 Rome (back to back the FAO Conference)

## ❖ AU EU Summit, Abidjan, November 2017

- Political declaration
- Action plan? ..... Deliverables of the Agri Ministerial meeting!

## ❖ College-to-College (C2C) meeting 23 May 2018

# External Investment Plan (EIP)

- ❖ Objectives
- ❖ A 'one stop shop' to promote sustainable private investment
- ❖ 3 Pillar structure
  - Financial guarantee + blending instruments
  - Technical assistance
  - Investment environment
- ❖ Agribusiness window

# Task Force Rural Africa (TFRA)

- ❖ Commissioner Hogan's initiative to enhance AU EU partnership in food and farming
- ❖ Specific objectives
- ❖ Composition of the TFRA: 11 members balance representation of profiles (agriculture, agri-business or agroindustry, trade, development policy or migration related issues, all with first-hand knowledge of the agri-food sector in Africa)
- ❖ Final report with recommendations to be submitted before the end of the year
- ❖ Timing of meetings and relevant events
- ❖ How to contribute to the work of the TFRA

# CAP and developing countries

- ❖ CAP in line with development objectives (Policy Coherence for Development)
- ❖ Successive CAP reforms (non trade distortive, elimination of export refunds, limited market measures)
- ❖ CAP contribution to SDG
- ❖ Future CAP – Legislative proposals to be adopted soon
- ❖ Importance of dialogue on policy making (AU EU cooperation but also in global context – G20 and G7)

# Thank you for your attention!

*For further details:*

- [https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/farming/regional-and-international-agreements/regional-agreements/african-union/eu-africa-partnership\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/farming/regional-and-international-agreements/regional-agreements/african-union/eu-africa-partnership_en)
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