



Long-term EU-AU Research and Innovation Partnership for Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture

Insights from an expert workshop on innovation and entrepreneurship

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Introduction

- The workshop took place on September 13 (2022) in Accra, Ghana, and brought together experts and key stakeholders of the LEAP4FNSSA project from Africa and Europe
- Agrifood trade between the EU and AU as well as innovation and entrepreneurship with special reference to gender and youth
- Questions and guidelines for future work and research emerge





Insights on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- Investing in transformative gender and youth approach
- Invest in capacity building in R&I to include gender and youth
- Contextual approach research is important to enhance the inclusion of women and youth in R&I, as gender constraints are embedded in local norms and environments
- Focus on long term drivers of change to understand what works and what does not
- Scaling of context specific proven innovations was emphasized





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- Moving beyond formal value chains research, to include the informal sector, as well as improving frameworks for understanding the role of informal cross-border trade and the market interactions supporting these patterns.
- Develop evidenced based pathways for policymakers
- Stronger engagement of financial institutions required to scale innovations
- Map solutions that works and the ones that did not work to learn from them





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- Incorporate sustainability beyond production and consumption by embracing a foods systems approach
- Taking into account local contexts and comparative advantages of specific countries and specific crops
- Facilitate dialogues that brings together all stakeholders from the beginning.





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