



## INVITATION

### **A Green Revolution for Africa? - How to boost the productivity of African agriculture?**

Expert Roundtable and Public Discussion

Berlin, 28. August 2014

Hotel Maritim, Stauffenbergstrasse, Berlin

Salon Riga

14.00 h – 18:00 h

Agriculture continues to be Africa's most important economic sector and provider of employment. Decades of neglect, lack of investment, and insufficient knowledge transfer led large parts of African agriculture to suffer today from low levels of productivity. Increasing amounts of Foreign Direct Investments in land and agriculture currently threaten to further marginalize African small-holder farmers. The question of how to increase productivity of agriculture in Africa, including all groups of small-holder, emerging and commercial farmers, takes center stage for the sustainable development of the continent. What kinds of investment are needed? How should knowledge transfer and capacity building be organized? What can be learned from the Green Revolution in Asia? Does Africa need its own Green Revolution?

German Development Cooperation intends, according to the new Africa Policy, to contribute to the strengthening of agricultural value chains in Africa. Which role can the 10 „Green Centres“, to be financed by the BMZ and implemented in cooperation with German Agro Business, play in this regard? How can the planned 10 vocational training centres for rural development contribute towards this end and how will the cooperation with the German private sector look like? INISA and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung bring together experts and the interested public in order to enhance the debate on key preconditions and challenges for sustainable development of the agro-sector in Sub-Saharan Africa.

- 14:00 h                    **Welcome Remarks**  
Andrea E. Ostheimer, Head of Department Sub-Saharan Africa, KAS  
René Gradwohl, INISA
- 14:15 h                    ***An African Green Revolution: Finding Ways to Boost Productivity on Small Farms***  
Prof. Keijiro Otsuka, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo
- 14:30 h                    ***The right framework for African Agricultural Productivity***  
Dr. Aggrey Agumya, Technical Advisor to the Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
- 14:45 h                    ***Enhancing resilience and strengthening the agricultural value chain – German initiatives in the fight against hunger***  
Dr. Stefan Schmitz, Head of Division, Special Initiative “For a world without hunger”, German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- 15:00 h                    ***Panel Discussion***  
***How to boost the productivity of African agriculture?***
- Chair: Prof. Awudu Abdulai , Christian-Albrechts-University, Kiel
- Prof. Chinwe Ifejika Speranza, Bonn University
  - Michael Brander, Senior Policy Expert, Biovision Foundation
  - Dr. Susanne Neubert, SLE, Humboldt University, Berlin
  - Prof. Keijiro Otsuka, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo
  - Dr. Aggrey Agumya, Technical Advisor to the Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
  - Dr. Stefan Schmitz, Head of Division, Special Initiative “For a world without hunger”, German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- 16:00 h                    **Open discussion**
- 17:00 h                    **Closing Remarks**
- 17:30 h                    Informal exchange with drinks and snacks

The discussion will be in English. We are looking forward to receiving your **registration** by **27 August 2014**. Please, confirm your participation by email:

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