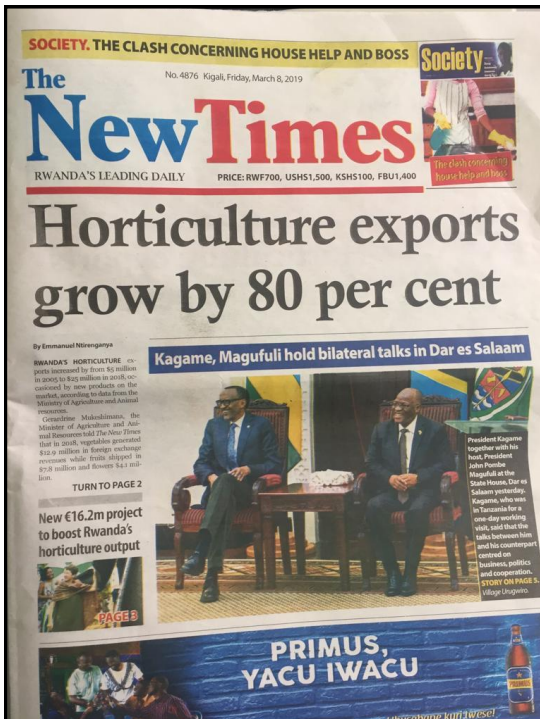




Valuable Vegetables

Learning loops for impact in the international horticultural sector

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Why invest in horticulture?

Nigeria. [KDSG Liaison Office @KDSGLo 23h](#) (...) the potential benefit to our farmers as well as, the opportunity to create jobs for our youth. [@GovKaduna](#) has committed to provide every necessary support.

Asia. [Delphine Larrousse @dlarrousse Mar 26](#) (...) [@Responsible Biz](#) forum (...). A lot to be done to foster innovations and investments in the [#vegetable](#) sector to enhance [#nutrition](#) security.

USA. [Hort.Innovation Lab @HortInnovLab Mar 26](#) - Why [#horticulture](#), why now? (...) "6 big reasons" - nutrition imperative, urbanizing food markets, food safety concerns, economics, climate change, long-term sector development

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Key investments Netherlands

Ethiopia	Horti-LIFE ; EPHEA
Kenya	HortImpact ; Food for all
Rwanda	SMART ; Hortinvest
Indonesia	Vegimpact NL
Ghana	HortiFresh (former GhanaVeg)
Tanzania	SEVIA
Myanmar	Dutch vegetable support Myanmar
Vietnam	Netherlands Vietnam Horticulture Platform

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Lots of learning ongoing at various levels



- SNV: Gender and Youth Empowerment in horticulture Markets; Horti Farmer Field Schools
- Embassy Support Programme
- CDI: Course Horticulture sector development for emerging markets
- Seed-NL: knowledge component
- AgriProFocus: country-based multistakeholder network learning
- F&BKP 'Fruits & Vegetables'

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Objectives 'Valuable Vegetables'

- Support entrepreneurs (LMIC/NL) in their endeavors to **profit** from/contribute to horticultural sector transformation in LMICs.
- Improve and innovate the **practice** of horticulture entrepreneurs and other 'diamond' actors.
- Improve and innovate the **policy** of participating actors, particularly of Netherlands (Foreign Affairs / Agriculture).

→ GREATER SDG IMPACT

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Key stakeholders

- Embassies of Netherlands with programmes in horticultural sector
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry Agriculture, N&FQ; RVO
- Topsector Horticulture/Starting Material
- **Private sector: companies in the selected LMIC countries and NL**
- **Civil society in the selected LMIC countries and NL**
- Knowledge/higher education institutions in LMIC and NL.
- Other experts and (international) networks, incl. World Vegetable Centre.
- Intermediary organisations

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Key: learning about interventions and innovations that have worked for **successful horticulture sector transformation**.

More particular questions and topics:

- **Inclusive local and national vegetables value chains**, which effectively connect urban consumers and peri-urban or rural producers, and boost opportunities for small and medium sized enterprises, youth and women.
- **High quality and safe vegetables**: systemic solutions to deliver these.
- Vegetables sector **contribution to the SDGs**, including nutrition, climate, education.

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Being part of a community in which ...:

- share practical ideas about success factors in horti investments
- understand how obstacles are addressed by others
- learn from the challenges of horti investments over the years
- bring expertise, services, products to scale
- contribute to joint conclusions and innovations on how future horti practice and (NL) policy should be designed and enabled

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Countries proposed

Specific level loops	country-learning	Other countries - extensive experience	Other countries – starting phase NL
Ethiopia Kenya Rwanda Indonesia		Ghana Tanzania Myanmar Vietnam	Mali Nigeria Uganda Jordan Libanon

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Proposed activities 2019

- Tailor-made, creative learning journey with key horticulture sector stakeholders in 3-4 countries in Africa/Asia, with AgriProFocus networks. Jointly finding solutions for challenges
- Two horti stakeholder meetings in the Netherlands/global
- Synthesis paper
- 4 international webinars
- Booklet/toolkit for practitioners: practical solutions
- Summary of lessons learnt for policy makers
- Communication & dissemination of lessons and solutions

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1. Joint identification of burning knowledge questions/challenges
2. Identify and share key practical experiences
3. Joint learning action: exchanging & synthesising experiences
4. Develop ideas for improved action
5. Continued joint learning action: jointly reflect on experiences with improved action
6. Communication/dissemination
7. Transform new knowledge/lessons → doing things differently

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Community of practice with mixed stakeholder group

- all participants' contributions are welcome!
- building a learning loop together
- all participants can benefit for their practice / policy role

Facilitation capacity available at F&BKP and AgriProFocus

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Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda

- Important countries for both public and private investments.
- APF colleagues to facilitate the process in-country
- Conversations with EKN and key partners based on concept note and communication to EKN.
- Meeting EKN Rwanda 1st April.
- Topics Kenya: food safety, food loss.
- NL provides support.

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Uganda, Indonesia, Ghana

Uganda

Lots of interest; conversation started with EKN who issued a sector mapping

Indonesia

Interest expressed; no initiatives as yet with stakeholders

Ghana

Interest expressed by stakeholders

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Process at country level

- Q1-2: Conversations with EKN and key stakeholders.
- Q2: Organizing multistakeholder expert meeting at country level to define topics for learning:
 - > global topics with input NL
 - > context specific
- Q2-3: Indepth learning and solutions for challenges - topic specific
- Q4 2019: country learning feeds into a regional/global learning event to share solutions, new ideas, innovations for policy and practice in 2020.
- New learning loop in 2020 - new practice - other topics - countries

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