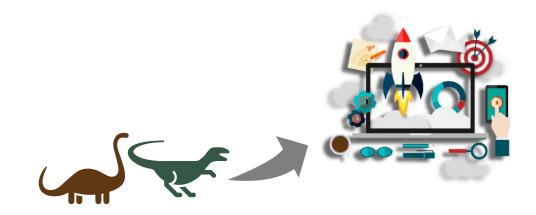


# How COVID-19 has helped us in advancing from digital dinosaurs to digital "pioneers" in Agribusiness

**ABF Partner Web-Seminar** 





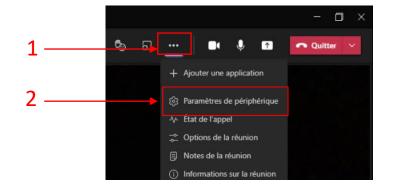


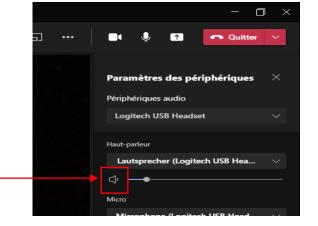






#### Step 1 : Mute MS Teams





#### **Translation**

#### Step 2 : Open interactio

- 1. Click on the link in the chat
- 2. Select the language "English"



3. Click on the PLAY button







## **Agenda**

1	Welcome & team introduction	Bienvenue & introduction de l'équipe
2	FBSInnova: The digital FBS	FBSInnova : Le FBS numérique
3	Online trainings: Increasing our bandwidth	Formations en ligne : augmenter notre capacité de transmission
4	Building partnerships online	Établir des partenariats en ligne
5	Learning with 3D animations	Apprendre avec des animations 3D
6	Launch of ABF's Agribusiness e- Academy	Lancement de "Agribusiness e-Academy" de ABF
7	Discussion	Discussion
8	Outlook & Closing	Perspectives et clôture



#### Welcome & Objective

- Updates on our main workstreams during 2021 related to our today's topic (digital pioneers thanks to COVID-19)
- Exchange on our joint work, developments & new innovations
- Hearing your voices, opinions & testimonials
- Jointly shape portfolio for 2022





#### The ABF Team

Annemarie Matthess - Head of programme Bernard Agbo Advisory Berthe Minnie Balep Hell Makong Arshfod an Ngugi Simon Striegel



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Julika Stauber



#### Expanding ABF portfolio - upon your requests

- Aquaculture Business School
- CBS and PBS guides for managers and coordinators
- Contract farming overhaul of training material
- Gender makes Business Sense revision of training material and strategy
- Creation of a climate tool to identify climate risks and related adaptation strategies
- Further work on tool for estimation of employment, income & production volume effects
- Master trainer and expert talks
- Advisory and provision of M&E tool to monitor training activities



## FBSInnova: The digital FBS

2017 - 2020

Hack-a-thon & Prototype

- AgroInnova was selected by an international jury from three competing teams
- & Prototype First version SSAB/ABF and AgroInnova for cocoa in English
  - Finetuning for potential scaling



2020 - 2021

Roll-out 2nd version

- Development of second version starting in October 2020 in collaboration with GIAE
- New version of FBSInnova better adapted for scaling



**Since 2021** 

Scaling

- Finalized new version available in the Google Playstore (and soon iOS Appstore) for 8 countries, 4 languages and 22 value chains
- New packages (value chains, languages, countries) can be added on demand



#### List of countries & value chains

Country	Package	Lead product	2. product	3. product	Language
Burkina Faso	1	Rice	Onion	Tomato	French
	2	Sesame	Maize	Cowpea	French
Cameroon	1	Irish Potato	Maize	Beans	French
	2	Cocoa	Maize	Cassava	English / French
	3	Poultry	Maize	Beans	French
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Cocoa	Maize	Cassava	French
	2	Plantain	Maize	Cassava	French
Ghana	1	Cocoa	Maize	Cassava	English
	2	Cashew	Maize	Groundnut	English
Mali	1	Rice	Irish Potato	Tomato	French
	2	Mango	Maize	Orange	French
Mozambique	1	Pigeon Pea	Maize	Sesame	Portuguese
Nigeria	1	Maize	Tomato	Cow pea	English
	2	Cassava	Maize	Melon Seed	English
	3	Irish Potato	Maize	Soy Bean	English
	4	Cocoa	Maize	Cassava	English
	5	Rice	Cow pea	Egusi	English (soon: Hausa)
Tunisia	1	Dairy	Wheat	Poultry	French / Arabic

These packages have been developed in cooperation with our partner projects GIAE, ComCashew and CARI.

Download: <u>FBSInnova</u>

– Apps bei Google Play

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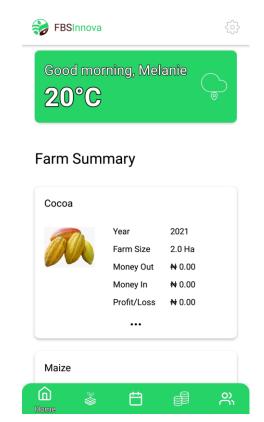


## **Objectives of Digitizing FBS**

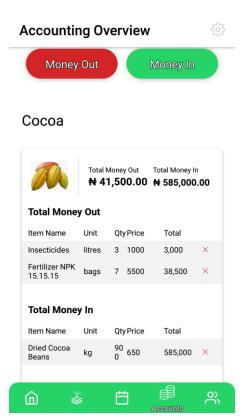
- innovative youth- and user-friendly access to FBS tools and information for smallholder agricultural entrepreneurs
- making active use of FBS graduates' newly gained knowledge on business skills
- encourage smallholders to use e.g. gross margin calculation, planning and farm management tools in their everyday work context to become entrepreneurs in practice



#### FBSInnova: The digital FBS



FBSInnova version 2



- Very high standard of data security and protection
- Secure registration process
- App runs offline (internet only required for weather forecast and for chat)
- User friendliness
- 8 countries, 4 languages, 22 FBS packages (soon 5 languages)
- COVID-19 information
- Weather forecast
- Communication material (user manual, video guide)
- Download: <u>FBSInnova Apps bei Google Play</u>



#### **Experience with FBSInnova from Mali**

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#### **Abdoulaye KOURIBA**

- Global Programme Green innovation Centres for the Agriculture and Food Sector (GIC) in Mali
- Technical Advisor ICT and M&E
- Agricultural VC Mango and Potato



## Questions to you / Questions à vous poser

- If you did not know FBSInnova until today, what would you like to learn about it?
- Who in the audience has already worked with FBSInnova?
- What are experiences of your endusers with FBSInnova?

- Si vous ne connaissiez pas FBSInnova jusqu'à aujourd'hui, qu'aimeriez-vous apprendre à son sujet ?
- Qui dans l'auditoire a déjà travaillé avec FBSInnova ?
- Quelles sont les expériences de vos utilisateurs finaux avec FBSInnova ?







#### Online trainings: Increasing our bandwidth

Training of Trainers in 2018/19

Training of trainers & teachers in 2020/21\*





\*~ 1472 hrs = 184 working days collectively spent in online trainings by ABF team





#### Online training topics / target group

- Complete online "classroom" training:
  - FBS ToT Algeria
  - Cooperative Business School (CBS) Master training programme (EN + FR)
  - ATVET upgrading loops 1-4 (so far) with teachers/trainers
  - Simulation sessions (FBS ToT, ATVET) trainers/teachers
- Hybrid format:

- Supervision of ToT,,à la distance" DeveloPPP Madagascar
- E-Learning: self-paced and self-tutored learning via an e-learning platform → Agribusiness e-Academy, Course 1 Agriculture as a business
- Blended learning combination of the above e.g FBS training of farmers & using FBSInnova to continue and apply learnings, GAP training on site plus WhatApp → WhatsGAP 3D animation videos









#### **Implementation**

#### Success factors

- Internet access (funding!), computers and relevant software are preconditions (what happens if no internet /smartphone /device available) Leave-no-one behind principle cannot be applied
- Strong intrinsic learner motivation, attention & concentration
- Time and room for online learning
- Digital literacy of participants& implementing partners
- Training materials for interactive online delivery
- NO lecturing by teachers: language, didactic and tools for interacting with & among learners

#### **Outcomes and impacts**

- Start / continue implementation of trainings even when no alternatives (lockdown)
- ✓ Networking: Participants from different countries can get together without travelling
- Overhaul of training materials to be in line with new trends
- Many experts can be included -> easier to bring them all together
- ✓ Learning and becoming better by doing
- ✓ Cost-efficient trainings





## Lessons learnt from strategic perspective

- Training materials require overhaul before each online training
- Experimenting → WORKS interactive sessions
- After online (and face-to-face) training → Creation of group of learners (e.g. WhatsApp group for continued exchange)
- Blended formats, classroom training in-person + eLearning work
- Testing of the effectiveness application of learnings (knowledge, skills/tools and attitudes) - online and in-person training

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 Online trainings will not fully replace trainings in presence (e.g. training of entrepreneurs in FBS)



#### Experience with online ToT in Algeria









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**Education:** engineer in Saharan agronomy engineering school of Ouargla (Algeria) and doctor in territorial planning, University Grenoble – Alpes (France)



PROGRAMME D'APPUI AU SECTEUR DE L'AGRICULTURE, Y COMPRIS DANS LA GESTION DE L'EAU, L'AGRO-INDUSTRIE ET LA POLLUTION AGRICOLE (PASA)

برنامج دعم قطاع الزراعة بما في ذلك إدارة المياه و الصناعة الزراعية و التلوث الزراعي (PASA)

https://pasa-algerie.org/actualites/

Mis en oeuvre par:









#### Questions to you / Questions à vous poser

- How do you adapt during COVID-19 restrictions?
- What were the innovations that you made use of?

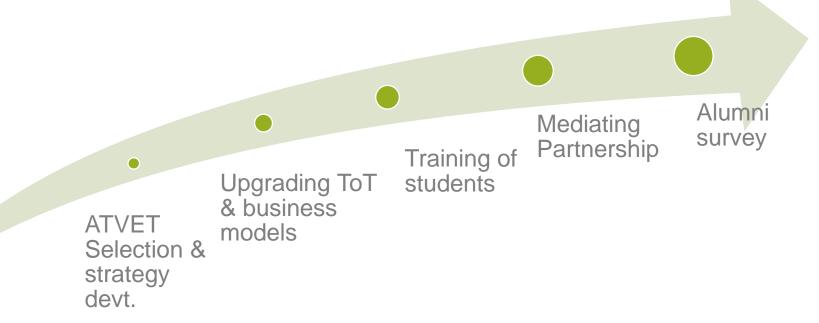
- Comment vous adaptez-vous pendant les restrictions de COVID-19 ?
- Quelles sont les innovations que vous avez utilisées ?





# **Building Partnerships online: ATVET for growth and jobs from agribusiness**

**Objective:** qualify ATVET institutions to train students and young professionals as multipliers for tried-and-tested agribusiness training approaches







## Who are the partners? – ATVET for growth

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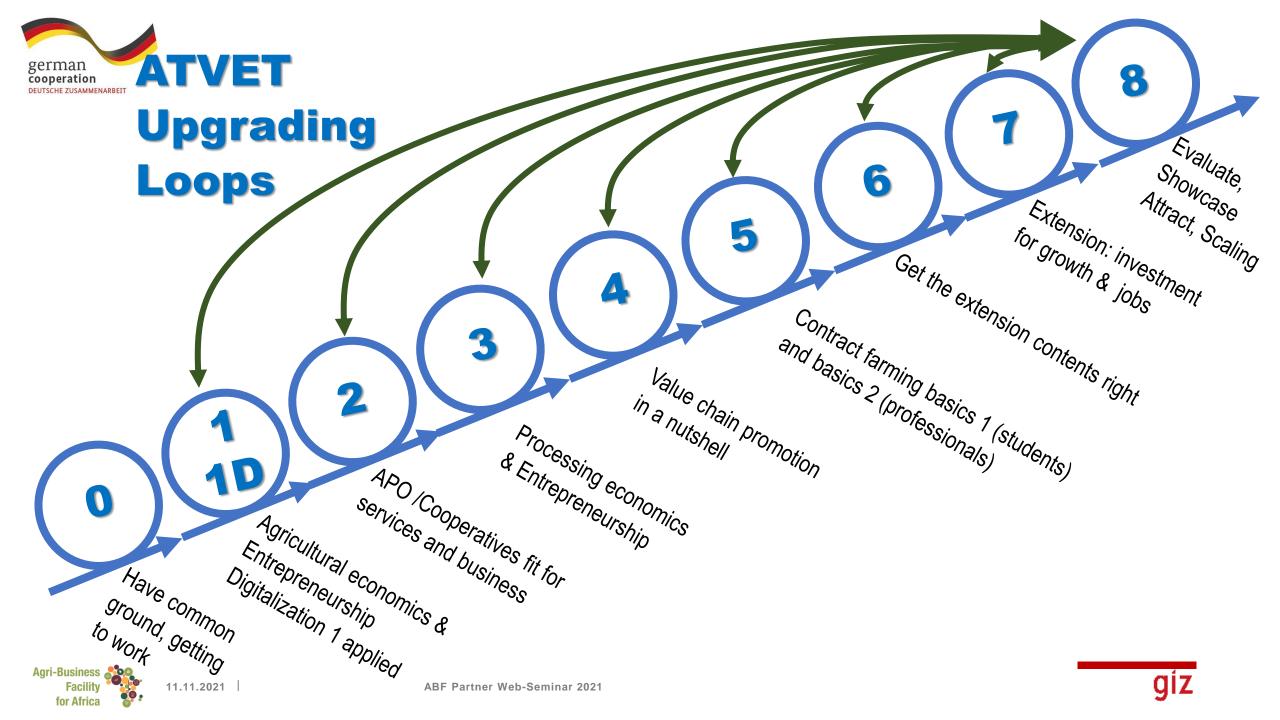
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## **Building Partnerships online**

- Setting up our work online:
  - Appointment of focal persons and constitution of list of trainers
  - Registration in GIZ MS Teams for easy communication
  - Bi-weekly online meetings with ATVET partners
  - Development M&E tools and starting monitoring of outreach
- Establishment of strategic platform with grants accompanied by advisory services with ATVET institutions
- Finally: Visit to the partners and engagement with other ATVETs for platform/Network.





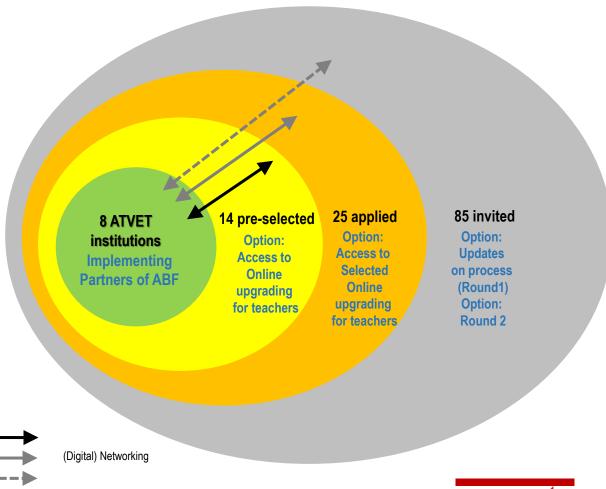
## Success factors for online partnership

- Relevant training content → addressed to the needs
- Network among all partners (anglophone, francophone)
- Participatory trainings (online) with including <u>all</u> (trainers, teachers)
- Openness, commitment and trust from the beginning
- Testing new and innovative tools and instruments
- TIME! to be invested to get to know our partners and building partnerships step-by-step
- ABF advisory work appreciated ©



#### Way forward – further building partnerships online

- 8 partner ATVET institutions play a key role in the upscaling and networking
- Hybrid format trainings and online networking with other institutions and scaling on <u>demand basis</u>
- ABF backstopping and advisory continues





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# **Experience with partnerships** from Tanzania

#### **Anna Hans Makundi**

- MS TCDC: Pan-African Training Centre for Development Cooperation in Arusha, Tanzania
- Anna worked in MS TCDC since 2020 as Associate trainer and Coordinator for the ABF – ATVET project component
- Worked at MS TCDC already between 2011 and 2012 as a Regional Training and Development Advisor





#### **Learning with 3D-animations**

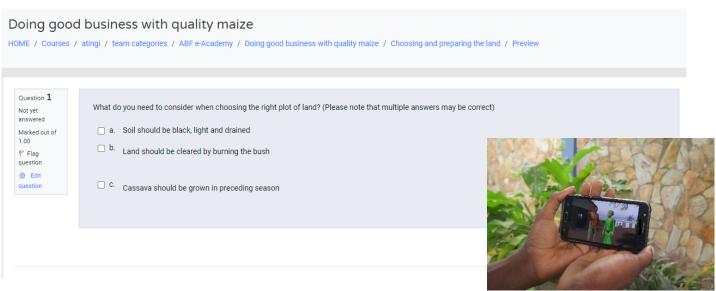
#### 3D animations for:

- GAP Maize, Cassava, Cocoa, Rice
- Safe Use of Pesticides
- Healthy Nutrition (EN Basic, EN Advanced, FR de base, FR avancé)











## Feedback on healthy nutrition courses

#### 71 responses for the 4 healthy nutrition courses (EN & FR)

The topic and		
contents were		
relevant and		
enriching to me		

- 80% totally agree
- 11% mainly agree

## Additional comments or recommendations?

- I loved it
- The modules covered were so interesting, hence I start applying them in my family to live healthy lives.
- I recommend this platform for everyone that needs upgrade in career.
- It was a very exciting and educative lessons. They looked simple at first, but it wasn't as I thought because it contained a lot of detailed information that many do not even know or think is necessary. It has given me another perspective on health, food and nutrition in general.
- Nothing much. Just increase the contents.
- The program is good, and I wish to encourage for more of it.



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#### Now online!

## First course offers available (EN)

## Online learning opportunities for

- agribusiness practitioners& agripreneurs
- extension officers
- ATVET students & teachers
- anybody who wishes to expand their knowledge on agribusiness







## Launch of ABF's Agribusiness e-Academy

Growing course offer available in English & French



- Easy access: register on
- Interactive, h5p animated, selftutored e-learning
- knowledge tests
- networking and exchange of practitioners
- knowledge repository
- Personal certification of learners based on pass marks

## Course on Agriculture as a Business



3D-animation based learning courses will be integrated in the Agribusiness e-Academy













#### Agriculture as a Business: 7 training sessions on agripreneurship and the use of farm management tools.





2. Agripreneurship

2.2 Production

2.3 Farm

2.4 Risk

2.1 Agripreneurship.

factors and

sustainability

management

management

competencies

- 1. The farm as economic unit
- 1.1 Global Market trends for agriculture
- 1.2 Agriculture as a **Business: Why it is** important
- 1.3 Key success factors for your business

3. Basics & key concepts

- - 3.2 Prices, demand & supply
  - 3.3 Production and **Unit Cost**
  - 3.4 Value of production

3.1 Units

4. Management & tools for short-

4.1 Gross margin

term upgrading

- 4.2 Labor productivity
- 4.3 Capital productivity and bankability
- 4.4 Choosing farm enterprises
- 4.5 Financial management over the year

5. Management & tools for mediumlong-term upgrading

- 5.1 Investing in the future: scaling-up, modernizing
- 5.1. Analyzing multi-annual investments (Cashflow, NPV, IRR before financing)
- 5.2 Sensitivity analysis
- 5.3 Constraint and opportunity analysis

7. Value chains in a nutshell

#### 6. Financial **Services**

- 6.1 Basic on savings. accounts, credit, collaterals. reimbursement
- 6.2 Cost of capital: interest rates, fees
- 6.3 Short-term bankability of investments (complements session 4)
- 6.4 Medium & long-term bankability of investments (complements session 5)

- 7.1 Value chains and development
- 7.2 Analysing and understanding value chains
- 7.3 Strategies for value chain upgrading

Ready to learn about my business secrets? Then follow me!

Bonus; Farmer

Business

School



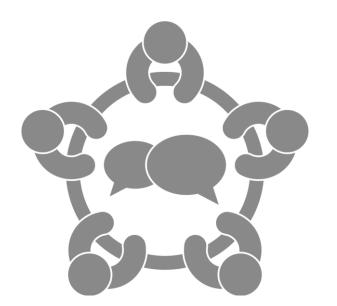
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#### **Discussion**

- What was new?
- What has been your experience?
- What was useful?



- Quoi de neuf ?
- Quelle a été votre expérience ?
- Qu'est-ce qui était utile ?



#### Let's stay connected

- Inputs at SNRD conference
  - 17.11.2021: Boost your knowledge on economics of processing and marketing [Training] Click here to join the meeting
  - 17.11.2021: Booster votre savoir sur l'économie de transformation et de marketing [Formation] <u>Cliquez ici pour rejoindre la réunion</u>
  - 26.11.2021: Climate-smart and sustainable income from the forest: Processor Business School and how to go for scale?
- Expert talks
  - 12.11.2021 (9-10:30 GMT): Green economy in ATVET to make agribusiness future-proof and grow <u>Click here to participate in this meeting</u>
  - 18.11.2021 (9-10:30 GMT): Improvisation or real opportunity? Prospects and pitfalls of e-learning in agribusiness in Africa Click here to join the meeting
  - 03.12.2021: There is no good unless you make it happen: Financing ATVET in Africa!
  - 07.12.2021: Inclusive digital development or data imperialism?
- Master trainer talks

- Next one: January 2022 topics to be determined by network
- ABF Online Conference in May 2022: Wealth from climate-smart agribusiness with and for Africa – today and in the future



## Learning ... Closing

- We learnt a lot from you in last year's survey and during our joint work
- Also, this end-of-the-year, we would like to learn from you
- Survey:

- You will receive the annual survey template today or tomorrow.
- Please fill it and send it back to us before or until 3rd of December.
- Stay connected –
   Let's keep learning from each other ©

