



Agri-Business Facility for Africa (ABF)

Joint Action with EU-INTPA: Business Support Facility for Resilient Agricultural Value Chains

General context

Strong agribusinesses build stronger economies. Across Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific (ACP) countries, micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) have potential to drive economic growth, create jobs and strengthen resilient agricultural value chains. Yet many struggle to access finance, build competitive businesses and reach new markets while facing capacity gaps, climate risks and unequal opportunities for women and youth. By combining knowledge, investment and strategic partnerships, the Agri-Business Facility for Africa (ABF) enables MSMEs to transform their potential into sustainable businesses that create lasting impact.

At the heart of ABF is a simple belief: **Money moves. Knowledge stays.** In partnership with private sector, institutions and regional partners, ABF connects enterprises to knowledge, investment and markets, strengthening agricultural value chains (VCs). By building lasting skills, stronger business practices and partnerships, ABF lays foundations for sustainable growth beyond project funding.

The result is competitive enterprises, resilient VCs and more economic opportunities for agripreneurs, women and youth across the Organisation of African Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).

Project name	Agri-Business Facility for Africa Co-implementing the Joint Action "Business Support Facility for Resilient Agricultural Value Chains"
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From Potential to Growth

The ABF is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and co-funded by the European Union (EU) under the Samoa Agreement with the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS). As part of the Joint Action *Business Support Facility for Resilient Agricultural Value Chains*, ABF works with MSMEs in the cocoa, maize and livestock VCs. By combining knowledge, investment and strategic partnerships enables businesses to become more competitive, resilient and investment ready.

Building Capabilities

Knowledge creates confidence. Strong businesses start with strong skills. Through its **Skills for Agribusiness** portfolio, ABF delivers face-to-face training, the Agribusiness e-Academy and tailored advisory services. These strengthen entrepreneurial, managerial and technical capabilities, promote climate-smart business practices and prepare enterprises for investment and sustainable growth.

Unlocking Investment

Investment accelerates growth. Through its **Competitive Matching Grant Fund**, ABF combines co-investment with tailored business development support to help enterprises strengthen financial management, improve governance and expand market opportunities. This integrated approach enables businesses attract private investment, scale operations and create sustainable economic opportunities.

Scaling Success

Knowledge shared creates lasting impact. Through its **Innovation & Agribusiness Linkages through South-South Cooperation** portfolio, ABF connects enterprises, institutions and regional partners to exchange knowledge, foster innovation and build partnerships. Sharing successful approaches across countries and VCs, ABF strengthens regional

collaboration and contributes to competitive, resilient agricultural systems.

Impact at a Glance

- **Building skills at scale.** With its partners, ABF has reached more than 2 million smallholder farmers, supported over 3,000 cooperatives and strengthened 71,000 processors. Women accounted for 35%, 34% and 92% of participants respectively.
- **Expanding access to knowledge.** More than 66,800 learners, including over 25,330 women, have developed practical skills through the [Agribusiness e-Academy](#), supported by over 20 academic institutions across Africa.
- **Mobilising finance for sustainable growth.** The Competitive Matching Grant Fund has co-financed [65 agribusiness projects](#) in 23 countries, mobilising approx. €8.7 million to strengthen sustainable cocoa, maize and livestock VCs. Many of these businesses are progressing to their next growth stage through the Investment Readiness Programme.
- **Connecting businesses and expertise.** Through [Expert Talks](#) and networking events, ABF has connected MSMEs with experts, practical knowledge and new business opportunities.
- **Strengthening regional partnerships.** Over 40 business-to-business partnerships have been established, fostering cross-border collaboration and creating new market opportunities across the OACPS.

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