



Agricultural Trade and the Development of the local Food Economy in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Organizers: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Division "International Agricultural Trade and Development", University of Hohenheim and GIZ Sector Project "Agricultural Trade and Value Chains"

Objective of the event: The focus of this event is to foster the discussion about the role of agricultural trade for the development of the local food economy in Sub-Saharan Africa. In West Africa, the local food economy, including all activities related to the production, processing, transport and distribution of food amounted to 178 billion Dollars in 2010. The local food economy is an important job creator. Nevertheless, Africa has become a net importer of food – mainly due to its weak food system governance, population growth, low agricultural productivity, poor infrastructure, and changing (urbanising) consumption patterns.

With this dialogue event, we want to further the understanding of how the governance of agricultural trade may affect the potential of African food economies for creating food security, income and employment. We will illustrate this with two different case studies: a) the situation of the milk market in Burkina Faso and b) the poultry market in Cameroon. Finally, we want to discuss the necessary and available policy space in trade agreements for national governments in Sub-Saharan Africa, the opportunities, to support local and national food markets and ways, how the European Union may support this development.

Participants: around 50-75 participants from German government institutions, development organizations, the German food industry and farmer's association, science representatives, economic associations, NGOs, students and interested public

Language: English



Programme

8:30-9:00	Arrival, Registration, Coffee	
9:00-9:20	Welcome	Prof. Dr. Harald Grethe, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Prof. Dr. Christine Wieck, University of Hohenheim
9:20-9:45	Opening Address	BMZ Head of Directorate-General 1, Gunther Beger
9:45-11:00	Session 1 EU dairy exports to Burkina Faso and the local dairy economy	Session chair: PD Dr. Khalid Siddig, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
9:45-10:05	Findings of the GIZ study mission to Burkina Faso regarding the situation of dairy farmers. What needs to be done to allow pastoralists earning an income from milk production?	Dr. Christian Corniaux, CIRAD Senegal
10:05-10:30	Results from 2 nd Multi-Stakeholder Dia- logue Roundtable on Sustainable Dairy Sector Development in West Africa	Line Gamrath Rasmussen, CARE Danmark
10:20-10:30	Discussion opening	Prof. Dr. Harald Grethe, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
10:30-11:00	Discussion with audience	
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-12:45	Session 2 EU frozen chicken exports and the poultry industry in Cameroon	Session chair: Heike Hoeffler, GIZ Sector Project Agricultural Trade and Value Chains
11:30-11:50	Impressions from Cameroon regarding the situation of the poultry value chain	Representative of the poultry sector, Cameroon
11:50-12:05	What makes the Cameroon example spe- cial? Is it replicable in other West African countries?	Francisco Mari, Brot für die Welt
12:05-12:15	Discussion opening	Johanes Agbahey, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
12:15-12:45	Discussion with audience	
12:45-13:45	Lunch break	
13:45-15:00	Panel: What is the role of EU actors in African Food Economy Developments?	Session chair: Prof. Dr. Christine Wieck, University of Hohenheim
13:45-14:00	Short statements by panelists	Panelists: BMZ, BMEL, WTO Advisory Center, AU Commission Representative
14:00-15:00	Discussion with panelists & audience	
15:00-15:15	Closure	Prof. Dr. Harald Grethe, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin