



Enhancing Youth Opportunities through Value Chains Development : What Africa is Doing!

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“As successive editions of the *African Economic Outlook* (AEO) have shown, Africa’s rate of growth has outperformed the global rate over the last decade. Yet high growth is not sufficient to guarantee productive employment for all. Large sections of the population, and particularly the young, can be left behind and become frustrated.”

(AfDB, OECD, UNDP, UNECA 2012)



NUMBERS THAT CALL FOR ACTION

1. **49% of Africans or 420 million** live under the poverty line of \$1.25 per day (2014); Those living in poverty will rise to **550 million by 2025** if we do nothing
2. **33% of African children** live in chronic hunger; **58 million children in Africa are stunted** (under 5 years)
3. Staggering food net **food import bill of USD 35.4 billion** per annum (2015); Net Imports projected to increase to **USD 111.0 billion by 2025** if we do nothing



AFRICA THE YOUNGEST CONTINENT

- 1. With almost 200 million people aged between 15 and 24, Africa has the youngest population in the world. And it keeps growing rapidly.**
- 2. By 2030, one in four youth in the world will be an African**
- 3. 40% of African are between 15-35 years old**
- 4. 10 million youth enter Africa's labor market annually.**

Only 16% of youth have a 'wage job', while 62% work on family farms and 22% in household enterprises.



CAADP/Malabo commitments

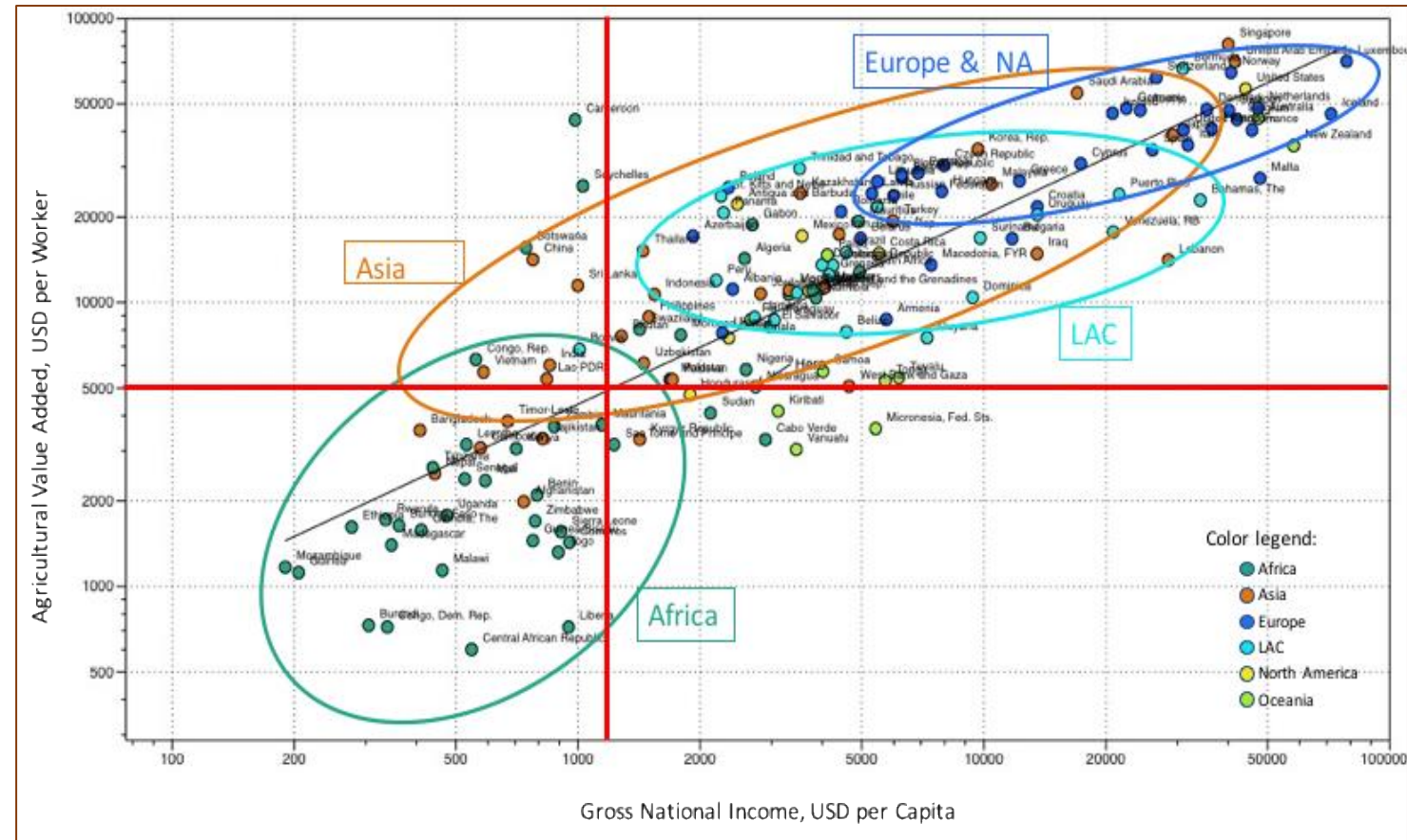
- 1. Recommitment to the Principles and Values of the CAADP Process**
- 2. Commitment to Enhancing Investment Finance in Agriculture**
- 3. Commitment to Ending Hunger in Africa by 2025**
- 4. Commitment to Halving Poverty by the year 2025, through Inclusive Agricultural Growth and Transformation**

Also committed to creating new job opportunities for at least 30% of the youth in agricultural value chains by 2025.

- 5. Commitment to Boosting Intra-African Trade in Agricultural commodities and services**
- 6. Commitment to Enhancing Resilience of Livelihoods and Production Systems to Climate Variability and other related risks**
- 7. Commitment to Mutual Accountability to Actions and Results**

Increased Ag productivity matters for raising GDP and income

- Increasing agricultural value added is essential for growing the GDP
- The analysis of data from 160 countries shows that the per capita gross national income correlates well with agricultural value added per worker

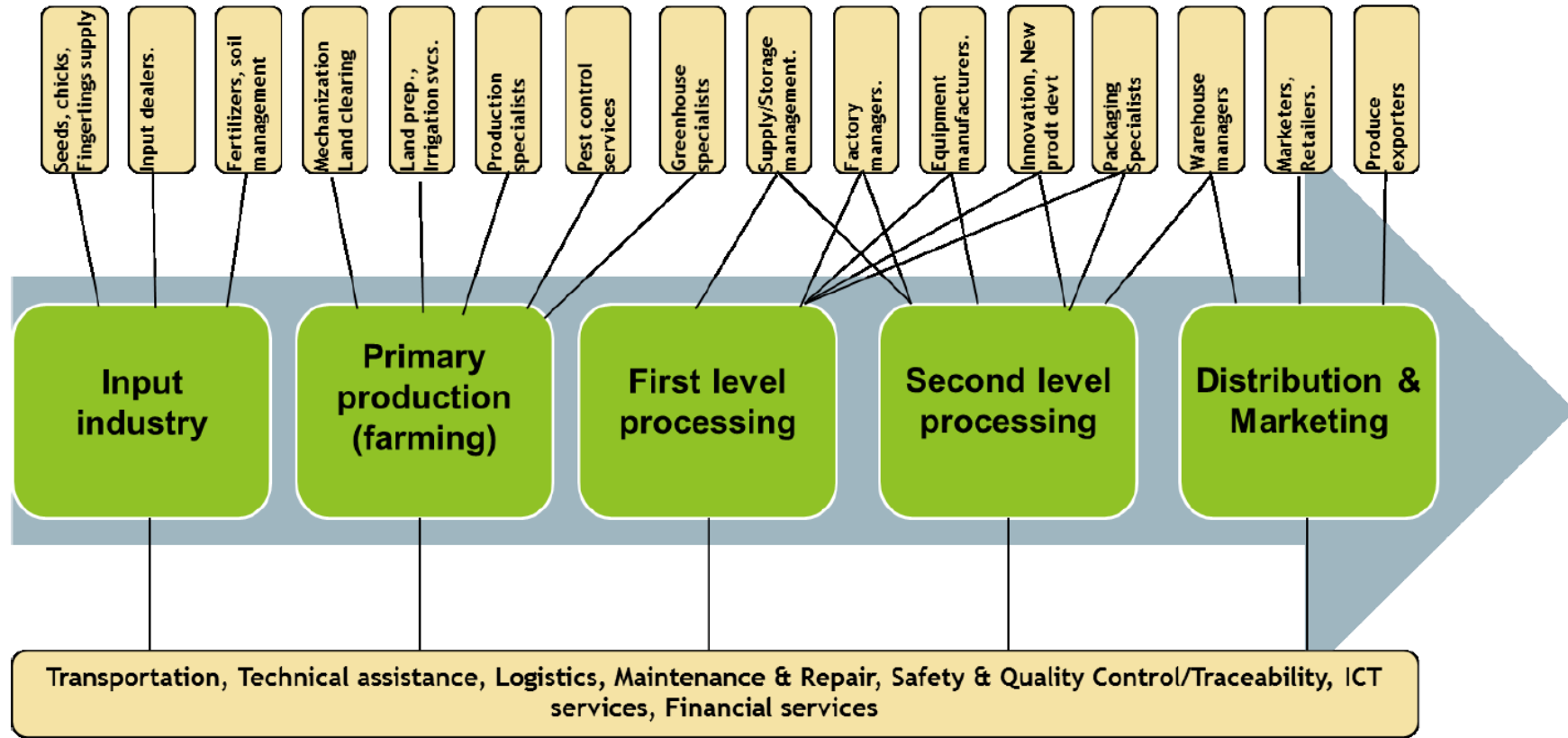


Source: AfDB (2017) using 2015 World Bank data



Ag value chains matter to promote youth employment and entrepreneurship

Job opportunities along agricultural value chains



More youth must become job creators, rather than job seekers, through agribusiness startup and

Possible policy options along VC



Component	Possible policy options	Institutions/Partners
Inputs		
Land	Land rights/ownership	Ministry of ag, ministry of land affairs Local authority Farmers organizations (FO) NGOs
Seeds/livestock materials	Laws/regulations Certification Quality control Zero import duty if no local supplier?	Private sector NARS Ministry of ag Ministry of health FO Ministry of finances
Fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, etc.	Laws/regulations Certification Quality control Zero import duty if no local supplier?	Private sector NARS Ministry of ag Ministry of health FO Ministry of finances
Equipment	Zero import duty if no local supplier? Certification Quality control	Ministry of ag, Ministry of finances Private sector

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Fuel	“Fuel for ag” concept? (tax-free fuel)	Private sector Ministry of Finances Ministry of ag
Infrastructures		
Energy	Law/regulation	Ministry of energy Ministry of environment Private sector National energy company
Road	Law/regulation Toll/Non-toll?	Ministry of infrastructure Ministry of environment
Milling	Certification Quality control	Private sector Government agency
Packaging	Certification Quality control	Private sector
Markets		
Households	Incentives (price/income) Institutional demands (military camps, elderly homes, school feed programs, government-funded programs, etc.)	Government Private sector
Industrial (animal feed, breweries, patisseries, etc.)	Smart subsidies	Government Private sector
Beyond-borders markets	Zero export duty? Certification Trade agreement Quality control	Ministry of finances Ministry of commerce
Food safety	Law/regulations	Government



IITA-AfDB AFRICA YOUTH PROGRAM

- Train agripreneurs to liaise with other youth groups
- Contribute to outreach actions of IITA and other training projects
- Over 2000 youth trained till date (through collaborative projects)
- Over 70,000 youth will receive training through collaborative projects over the next five years

Examples of youth-led VC



Value Chain	Sites	Technologies
Bean	5	Seed bulking of climbing varieties, youth outreach, marketing, milling
Cassava	5	Cuttings of improved varieties, youth outreach, QCF production
Fish	8	Nursery, pond establishment, feed production facilities, processing
Livestock	7	Feed production facilities, fattening operations poultry
Rice	2	Seed production, youth outreach, marketing, milling
Maize	5	Seed production, youth outreach, marketing, milling
Sorghum	2	Bulking improved varieties, input provision, marketing, milling
OFSP	3	Vine multiplication, field production, outreach, processing
Wheat	2	Irrigated wheat production in Northern Nigeria and Sudan
Total	39	

Holistic and Demand Driven Approach

Resource Mobilization



Training



Mentoring



Business Planning



Value Addition



Communication & ICT



THANKS