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Welcome to the monthly newsletter of the agricultural department of The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Uganda and Rwanda. In this newsletter we would like to inform you on the latest news on agriculture, upcoming events, interesting studies and articles and give you updates on projects we are working on or involved in.

*Kind regards,
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Agri-News Uganda

Ten farmer groups have received \$30,000 as a grant from the Dutch government

This grant is to boost their farming, production and related businesses in order to fight poverty in their households.

Youth unemployment in Uganda is very high and is estimated at 62% to 84%. Since a large percentage of the available jobs are in the agricultural sector, it is very important to make and keep the agricultural sector attractive to young people, so that there is no shortage of workers in this sector in the future. One of the things the farmers want to do with the grant is to employ more youths in the agricultural sector.

The Netherlands Ambassador to Uganda, Ms Karin Boven expressed her optimism in the project execution.

“We are hopeful that these farmers will use the grants well to promote commercial production where they can be able to earn money, improve the production that meets demand in the market and fight poverty at household level,” she said.

Read the full article [here](#).

The promotion of ecological organic agriculture (EOA) in East-Africa

On Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 October the East African Ecological Organic Region Steering Committee met in Dar es Salaam to discuss progress realized so far, challenges and the way forward.

This committee was formed by ecological organic agriculture bodies of the six regional states, which are Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Burundi and Rwanda.

The Guardian writes that participants tell that some progress is made towards promoting ecological organic agriculture, but that absence of policy and laws is often a common challenge that they need to address.

Country coordinator participatory ecological land use movement in Uganda Josephine Akia tells that so far only Uganda has made it to adopt a policy on EOA, and that went through a process of ten years to its endorsement.

Read more about the process and the meeting [here](#).

EU launches accelerator program

The EU launches an EU-Funded Accelerator Program, to help high-potential small and medium-sized enterprises that specialize in eco-tourism, clean energy, sustainable transport, waste management and green manufacturing, including agro-processing, turning raw crops in finished products like textiles and dried fruit. The program offers free finance-focused workshops and discounted loans to help them scale up with a vision to accelerate Uganda's economy by 10% growth within two decades.

Network opportunities will also be provided with peers and business advisors to ensure that businesses gain a comprehensive understanding of the loan application process.

Learn more about this program and how to apply [here](#).



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Coffee farmers urged to adopt farm succession

Agriterra in partnership with the National Agriculture Export Development Board (NAEB) through CBI (Dutch-Centre for Promotion of Imports) has a youth in coffee program that has launched an exercise to raise awareness about "farm succession planning".

The Farm succession is expected to develop the level of understanding on land transfer process and increase the number of youths who join agribusiness especially the coffee subsector.

Read more about this [here](#).

Second season of implementation SDGP project "Increased Potato Value Chain Efficiency in the Great Lakes Region" has started

This project's goal is to create a well-connected and efficient seed and ware potato value chain in Rwanda's Great Lakes Region.

The project provides training, access to finance and creates market opportunities by further developing the processing capacity.

In this second season the project partners have scaled up some of the activities.

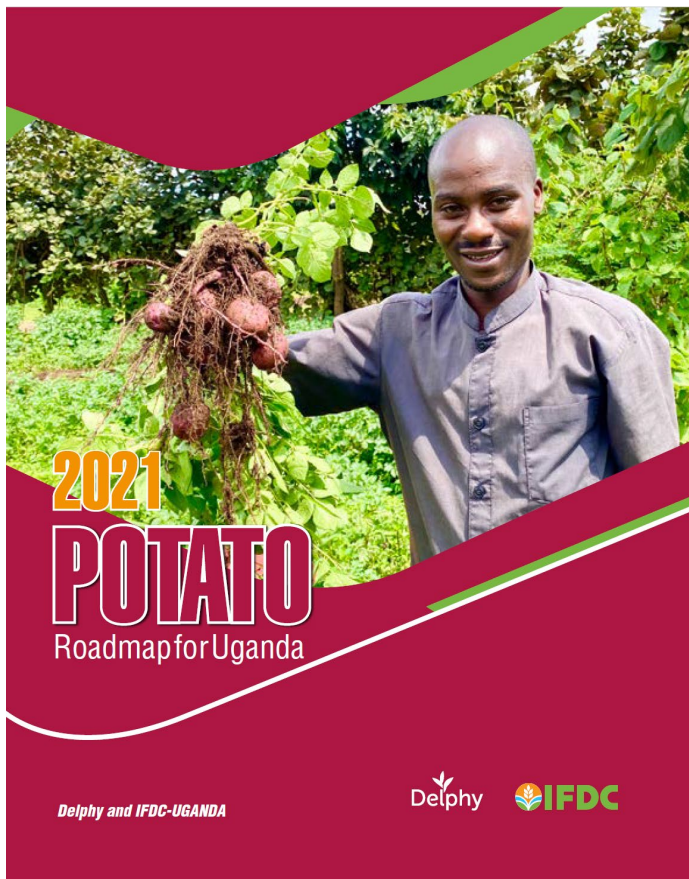
You can learn more about the project via [this](#) link.

Rwanda takes another leap at operationalizing One Health approach

The government endorsed a five-year new [One Health strategic plan](#) in 2021 to contribute to the country's commitment in the prevention and control of zoonotic diseases and other public health threats in a healthy environment through multidisciplinary collaboration, research and community services.



Latest Publications



Potato Roadmap for Uganda

Delphy has made [a potato roadmap for Uganda](#). This roadmap was an assignment of RVO.

The roadmap provides an overview of the possible interventions, trade linkages, and (business) opportunities that could be interesting for stakeholders in the (Ugandan) potato value chain. The document focuses on assessing the Ugandan potato value chain for the potential market linkages, potential value addition, and potential introduction of improved agricultural practices and postharvest handling. It gives an overview of the current situation of the potato sector in Uganda, maps the value chain actors, activities, and geographical spread.

Clear business opportunities and recommendations for follow up with RVO instruments are also provided.

If your company is active in the potato sector and/or is interested in further developing its presence in Uganda please feel free to reach out.

Events & developments

Field visit Marula Proteen

The agricultural team in Uganda recently visited Marula Proteen, set up by the Dutch young entrepreneur Tommie Hooft van Huysduynen.

The process of Marula Proteen starts with the collection and sorting of organic waste. At the moment they collect the waste from markets in two districts in Kampala. After the waste has been properly selected and plastic has been removed, the waste is processed and put into crates. To these crates the larvae of the Black Soldier Fly are added. After eight days, the larvae are ready to be harvested, dried and processed. Not all larvae are dried. 10% grows into Black Soldier Flies who will produce new eggs again.

The dried larvae are used to make oil and press cake, which is used in animal feed. The press cake is high in protein (more than 55%), and the oil contains a lot of good fats. The rest of the waste from the larvae, and from the Black Soldier Flies is processed in the organic fertilizer.

It was very interesting to see this process, and inspiring to see how they contribute to a sustainable alternative for protein.





PoultryTechUganda Impact Cluster

Larive International has done the final application for impact cluster PoultryTechUganda. It is an initiative of Dutch and Ugandan companies that jointly aim to develop the Ugandan poultry value chain and make the local sector more resilient to external shocks.

This cluster aims to create a resilient and profitable Ugandan poultry value chain by improving overall productivity, sustainability and resilience in the Ugandan poultry value chain, while strengthening business relationships between the Dutch and Ugandan cluster members.

SDG project 'innovating the potato value chain in Uganda'

On Thursday the 7th of October the Uganda Agriculture team attended a project implementation plan meeting of the SDG project 'innovating the potato value chain in Uganda'.

During the meeting the partners gave an update on where they stand in the project and what they need. One of the things that came out of this meeting was that the partners asked Frank Buizer to be a part of the advisory committee, which he is happy to do.

It is a project funded by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) through the Sustainable Development Goals Partnership (SDGP) facility.

The project purpose is to create a market driven, interconnected and economically viable seed and ware potato value chain from farmer to processing industry in Uganda.

One of the next steps in the project is setting up a demo farm and training in the potato field and entrepreneurial skills, among other things.



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