

**PRESS RELEASE Nº 046/2015****Commissioner Tumusiime meets German delegation**

**25 February 2015, Nairobi-** Her Excellency Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture at the African Union Commission who is currently leading the delegation of the high-level Meeting on Scaling Agricultural Innovations in Africa 23-24 February 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya yesterday held discussions with Dr. Stefan Schmitz, Deputy Director General of the Germany

Ministry of Development Cooperation (BMZ) who also heads the special unit championing the One World-No Hunger initiative.

The German Government is rolling out this initiative in collaboration with the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) together with its affiliated sub regional and national agricultural research organizations which are advancing the African Agriculture Science Agenda that promotes agricultural research, innovation and technology.

The One World-No Hunger initiative currently covers 13 countries in the world, of which 12 are in Africa, namely: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Togo, Tunisia and Zambia,

The One World-No Hunger initiative comprises 6 pillars, namely innovation, rural transformation, nutrition, building resilience, natural resources management and land rights. It is envisaged that the scaling of innovations through this initiative will spread to other AU Member States and that this will also take coordination with other partners including through the Africa-EU Innovations, Science and Technology for Food and Nutrition Security as well as the Partnership Platform for the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), among others.

The Commissioner commended Germany for the initiative and for the continent-wide support it provides to Africa as well as through bilateral cooperation. She called for the alignment of the initiative with CAADP and ensuring that the components implemented are part of National Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plans.

The meeting was attended by officials from the AU Commission and the German Technical Cooperation Agency (GIZ).

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