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AU-SAFGRAD launches the Guidelines for Inclusive Agricultural Value Chains Development (iAVCD) in Africa



The Guidelines for Inclusive Agricultural Value Chains Development in Africa which was produced by AU-SAFGRAD in collaboration with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) was officially launched on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. The Launching was at the Opening Ceremony of the 4th All African Post-harvest Loss Congress and Exhibition which was held at the African Union headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. IFAD was represented at the launching by the Associate Vice President and General Counsel, Ms. Katherine Meighan.

Representing H.E., Amb Josefa Sacko, the Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) Dr. Mure Agbonlahor, Senior Officer (production and Marketing) at the AU-SAFGRAD office, reiterated the imperative of African food systems transformation for increased income, wealth creation, and intra-African trade. She submitted that the Guidelines for inclusive agricultural value chain development in Africa are unique as they draw from success stories from African member States across different value chains.

The Guidelines document reflects the success stories of agricultural food systems transformation and recommend requisites for institutional and policy prescriptions along the different value chains. Commissioner Sacko, expressed her gratitude, on behalf of the African Union Commission to IFAD for their unwavering and unflinching support to African agricultural transformation over the years. She concluded that IFAD stands tall among development Partners in the African agricultural development Landscape, through their targeted support to agricultural transformation at all levels.



In her speech, Ms. Katherine Meighan stressed the commitment of IFAD to African agricultural transformation, she reported that investments in African agriculture occupy the lion's share of IFAD's total global investments. She reiterated IFAD's commitment to deepen collaboration with the African Union to actualize the aspirations of Agenda 2063.

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