

Smallholder Accelerated Market Access for Inclusive Growth, Food Security and Poverty Reduction in Kenya; Institutional and Macroeconomic Perspective: Lessons from Netherlands

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Abstract

This report provides an overview and illumination of key institutional incentives that can optimize smallholder agricultural productivity, market access, food security and poverty alleviation in rural Kenya. Analysis is by extensive literature review, stakeholder interviews emanating from international training, seminars, workshops and general observations in the Netherlands. The results inform the existing opportunities and obstacles for the transformation of the Kenyan smallholder agricultural system through optimization of institutions. This

Publication is the initial phase towards documenting and sharing key institutional incentives, macroeconomic policies and innovations that leverage smallholder agricultural productivity, market access, food security and poverty reduction in the context of increasing global population, climate change, rising food prices, poverty and food insecurity in Kenya. The findings and recommendations will direct policy discourse and action in transforming the Kenyan agri-food system development, through smallholder accelerated integration into modern agri-food markets through optimization of institutional and macroeconomic incentives.

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