



SEED MONEY MATTERS – 15 Years of Bilateral Trust Fund (BTF)

A STRONG PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GERMANY AND FAO FOR GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Joint Side Event of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of BTF

4 July 2017

Time: 12:30 – 14:00

Location: FAO (Rom) - Sheikh Zayed Centre

Refreshments provided

Welcome by Ambassador Dr. Hinrich Thölken

(Permanent Representative of Germany to the International Organisations in Rome)

Welcoming address by José Graziano da Silva, Director-General (FAO)

Key Note by Christian Schmidt, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture

Premiere of the joint BMEL-FAO film on selected projects of the Bilateral Trust Fund with FAO

Moderated reporting (interview format) on the achieved results of BTF-projects

Panellists:

Prof. Judith Kimiywe, PhD, Nutritionist, Researcher and Consultant, Department of Food, Nutrition and Dietetics at Kenyatta University; Kenya

Martin Frick, Director of Climate, Energy and Tenure Division at FAO

Marcela Villarreal, Director for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development at FAO

Michael Hamp, Representative IFAD (Dairy Industry Development Project/Afghanistan)

Closing remarks by Ambassador Dr. Hinrich Thölken

Since 2002, the BMEL provides FAO with seed money to develop projects with innovative concepts and strategies and to create a favorable environment for global food security and nutrition that can be adopted and disseminated by other donors.

So far, more than 100 projects in about 50 countries have been funded, focusing on Afghanistan, Sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia.

Which milestones have been reached by the BTF during the past 15 years?

- Policy frameworks for the implementation of the Right to Food (RtF) and access to land and other natural resources (VGGT).
- Strategies for food security and nutrition education in rural and urban areas, with a particular focus on the important role of women.
- Sustainable agricultural production and strategies of the agricultural sector to adapt/mitigate climate change.
- Bioeconomy and bioenergy development focusing on food security.



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