

# Agricultural Public Development Banks Platform

## *Factsheet*

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# Agricultural PDB Platform for Green and Inclusive Food System

## Background:

IFAD is leading the cluster of agricultural Public Development Banks (**about 139 agricultural PDBs in 96 countries**), which is part of the Public Development Banks Coalition (about **520 PDBs**) coordinated by the Finance In Common general secretariat hosted by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) in Paris. The coalition is also part of the UN Food System Summit.

In 2021, the cluster decided to establish an Agri-PDB Platform for Green and Inclusive Food Systems. This platform aims to support Agri-PDBs in assessing the quality of their portfolios and their impact on climate change, while ensuring that all projects are carbon-neutral and environmentally sustainable. Additionally, the platform seeks to enhance peer-to-peer exchanges between Agri-PDBs and their key clients, such as SMEs, cooperatives, and Farmer Organizations.

**Public Development Banks (PDBs)** provide nearly two-thirds of formal global agricultural financing and are well placed to help bridge the sector's financial gap due to their size and development mandate. Specifically, the Platform will deliver services (**sharing of experience and good practices, technical assistance, and Training**) according to the agri-PDBs needs and context to help them scale up financing to deliver green and inclusive food systems.

## Why the Agri-PDB | Platform?

By 2025, the Agri-PDB | Platform aims to be:

- A space for learning and sharing about high impact development and sustainable finance practices in food systems;
- A facilitator of capacity building for improved governance, financial management, product development, result measurement and tracking;
- A credible and leading interlocutor for emerging and existing initiatives, networks, and coalitions of private investors with assets in food and agriculture;
- A broker of collaborative investments, including co-financing and cooperation among partner agri-PDBs and other financial institutions, as well as of innovative partnerships with private investors (including blended finance), aligned to national food system transformation pathways;
- An influencer of national and global policy processes, raising awareness of the required real economy policy reforms of smallholder agriculture in developing economies and sharing of good rural finance practices to unlock funding from and through agri-PDBs. This will contribute to creating attractive investment enabling environments for inclusive and sustainable food systems transformation.



## Eligibility and Engagement Principles

### Eligibility Requirements

- (1) Have an independent financial and legal status
- Financial instruments should be the entity's main (2) products and services
- (3) Funding sources extend beyond periodic budget transfers
- (4) A proactive mandate that is focused on public policy
- (5) Governments should ensure that agri-PDBs pursue public policy objectives

### KM Products

Declaration

Agri-PDBs Concept notes and Synthesis of the working group

Mapping and Typology of Agri-PDB

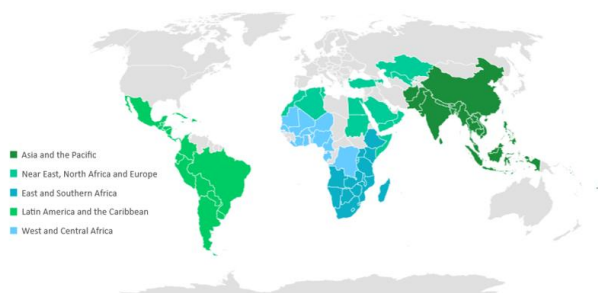
Feasibility study

Annual Report and Update on the Agri-PDB | Platform

### EU IFAD crisis response (ILSA)

The European Union finances the Programme Investing in Livelihood Resilience and Soil Health in ACP countries (ILSA)

ILSA will promote agroecology and sustainable agricultural practices to improve soil fertility, increase fertilization efficiency, and manage water sustainably.



### Platform members

- 139 PDBs in the platform from 96 countries
- 35 Agri-PDBs specialized in agriculture.
- 4 Regional PDBs
- 8 Regional associations of DFI, AADFI, ADFIAP, ADFIP, AFRACA, ALIDE, APRACA, NENARACA

### 1) PDBs Working Groups and Webinars:

- Digital solutions: how the Fintech can help the Agri-PDBs (April 2022)
- Ukraine War and its consequences on Food security, the role of Agri-PDBs (May 2022)
- Results of the mapping, typology, and business model studies (November 2022)
- Working Group on Financing Adaptation to Climate Change (February, May 2023)
- Working Group Sessions: PDB and Agroecology (December 2023, June 2024)
- PDBs Special Event: Climate Adaptation Bonds for Agriculture Resilience (September 2024)
- Webinar on Agricultural Credit Guarantee mechanisms (November 2024)
- Webinar on Nutrition-Sensitive Investments in Agriculture (January 2025)
- Working Group on Agroecology (February 2025)
- Working Group on Rural Financial Inclusion (April 2025)

### 2) Participation to the high-level events

- Pre-Food System Summit (Roma, 2021)
- The 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26, 31 October to 12 of November)
- The Nutrition4Growth Summit (Japan 2021)
- The 2022 ECOSOC Forum on Finance for Development (FfD)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Global Conference of the One Planet network's SFS Programme 2023
- Rural finance Forum, Rimini 2023 organised by the Italian Latin American Institute (IILA)
- **Finance in Common Summit** (Roma 2021, Abidjan 2022, Cartagena 2023, Cape Town 2025)
- HRBA Webinar - Advance Human Rights in Development Banking (April 2024)
- 47<sup>th</sup> ADFIAP Annual Meetings: DFI's Role In Sustainable Finance Ecosystem (May 2024)
- Inception Workshop- Greening the Pacific Financial Systems Program (May 2024)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Financing for Development (New York, December 2025)

### 3) Completing the missions

- BNDA Mali (June 2024)
- MAIIC Malawi. (July 2024)
- LBA Senegal, BNDA Mali, CDCB Benin (April 2025)

### 3) Facilitating the Peer-to-Peer exchanges between PDBs

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