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AgriConnect

From country priorities to safe market access

Connecting country-led delivery with food-safety and SPS expertise

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AgriConnect: ambition, progress and timeline

A World Bank Group initiative to expand farmers' access to services, markets and finance.

300

MILLION FARMERS BY 2030

Smallholder and family farmers with better access to services, markets and finance

200M

World Bank Group reach

100M

Partner reach

Delivered with partners including AfDB, IFAD, IDB, Google and Bayer

PROGRESS IN YEAR ONE

27.7M

farmers reached in the first year

100+

countries with operations contributing

13

countries with launched Compacts

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2026: INDICATIVE ARC



Country Compacts and Joint Implementation Plans align priorities; operations embed proven solutions; what works is scaled toward 2030.

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Six pillars, one connected model

Food safety, standards and SPS systems are built into the pillars rather than treated as a separate track.

01 AgTech

Digital public infrastructure, farmer registries, data platforms and digital services

02 Financial Ecosystem for Agriculture

Agri-finance, agri-insurance and risk-sharing

03 Aggregation Models

Producer organizations linked to buyers, finance and services

04 Physical Infrastructure

Post-harvest logistics and farmer-led sustainable irrigation

05 Public Expenditures and Reforms

Policy, regulation, standards, trade facilitation and incentives

FOOD SAFETY · STANDARDS · SPS

06 Skills, Extension and Research

Farmer and MSME capacity, including food-safety advisory and standards

FOOD SAFETY · STANDARDS · SPS

Cross-cutting priorities: gender inclusion • youth employment • climate, nature and ecosystems • fragility, conflict and violence

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How AgriConnect works: country-led priorities into delivery

Compacts and Joint Implementation Plans (JIPs) align reforms, investment and implementation around shared outcomes.

01

COUNTRY PRIORITIES

Government agenda and World Bank Group country strategy

02

COMPACT OR JIP

Priority value chains, outcomes and constraints

03

POLICY & SYSTEMS

Reforms, mandates and public institutions

04

INVESTMENT & DELIVERY

Public foundations, firms and finance

05

IMPLEMENT & LEARN

Results, adaptation and wider uptake

WHERE PARTNER EXPERTISE CONNECTS

PRIORITIZATION

Identify where SPS and food-safety constraints are material to the selected value chains.

DESIGN

Test institutional readiness, sequencing and implementation arrangements before choices are fixed.

DELIVERY & LEARNING

Support targeted problem-solving and transfer lessons from comparable settings.

Expert input adds most value while country and project decisions can still change.

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Food-safety and SPS questions emerging in country work

The questions where expert input can shape operational choices.

01 SYSTEM READINESS

Which institutional functions and capabilities are binding?

- Mandates and coordination
- Risk-based functions
- Laboratories, surveillance and inspection

02 VALUE-CHAIN CAPABILITY

What makes requirements workable for producers and firms?

- Aggregation and business capability
- Testing, traceability and certification
- Buyer and service-provider links

03 MARKET INTERFACE

Which changes matter for domestic, regional or export markets?

- Target-market requirements
- Border and cross-agency processes
- Regional alignment

04 DELIVERY ARCHITECTURE

How should the response be sequenced and implemented?

- Institutional ownership
- Public and firm-level support
- Results, feedback and adaptation

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Two illustrations: Togo and Europe and Central Asia

Illustrative, drawn from published World Bank Group documents.

TOGO COMPACT

LAUNCHED DEC 2025

- Six priority value chains: rice, maize, soybean, cassava, poultry and fish
- Food-safety standards and agricultural regulation are part of the reform agenda
- Certification, processing and producer organizations linked to value addition and market access

OPERATIONAL QUESTION

How should reform, certification and value-chain capability be sequenced into delivery?

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

EMERGING DEMAND

- Several ECA countries are engaging with AgriConnect, with food-safety, plant- and animal-health and market-access questions
- In Ukraine, EU accession raises the importance of competent authorities, food safety, traceability and official controls
- The design challenge: link these requirements with recovery and agricultural transformation

OPERATIONAL QUESTION

Where can implementation experience sharpen institutional and program choices?

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SPS and food-safety needs recur across Compacts

They appear in several parts of the agenda. The opportunity is to connect them into one workable package.

WHAT RECURS

POLICY & INSTITUTIONS

Regulation, mandates, competent authorities, coordination

SYSTEMS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Laboratories, surveillance, inspection, traceability

VALUE-CHAIN CAPABILITY

Producer organizations, SMEs, testing, certification

MARKET INTERFACE

Buyer requirements, border processes, regional alignment

CONNECT

WHAT A COHERENT PACKAGE NEEDS

01 **Common problem definition**
Shared view of the material constraint and the desired outcome

02 **Institutional ownership**
Clear roles across authorities, firms and delivery partners

03 **Sequenced interventions**
Reforms, systems and capability built in the right order

04 **Operational pathway**
A clear route through projects, advisory or implementation support

05 **Results and learning**
Feedback that enables adjustment and evidence-based scale

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Common ground with STDF's work

STDF pilots and tests SPS solutions; AgriConnect offers routes to scale through country programs.

	STDF		AGRICONNECT
SCALING	STDF Scaling Study (2025) and guidance on scaling for impact	↔	AgriConnect embeds proven solutions in World Bank Group operations and Compacts
FINANCE & INVESTMENT	STDF study on finance and investment for safe trade facilitation	↔	Compacts link reforms with public investment, private capital and risk-sharing
SHARED COUNTRIES	STDF grants approved in June 2026 include Djibouti and Colombia/Ecuador/Peru	↔	Djibouti and Ecuador have launched AgriConnect Compacts
LDC FOCUS	STDF aims to devote at least 40% of resources to LDCs	↔	Many Compact countries are LDCs or fragile states, e.g. Togo and Guinea

Many countries in STDF's pipeline are also AgriConnect countries.

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Where STDF members' expertise can connect

Engagement tied to a defined country or project decision and to each institution's mandate.

01	INTERROGATE LIVE DEMAND	Review selected Compact, JIP or project questions; identify which SPS constraints are material.	Sharper prioritization
02	STRENGTHEN OPERATIONAL DESIGN	Test institutional readiness, sequencing, implementation arrangements and feasibility.	Better project choices
03	CONNECT RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Bring applicable tools, evidence and practitioners to a defined need.	Fit-for-purpose options
04	SUPPORT DELIVERY & LEARNING	Targeted problem-solving, peer exchange and lessons from comparable settings.	Adaptation and learning

WHAT MEMBERS GAIN

- A route for tested SPS solutions to scale through country programs
- Access to Compact country teams and decision points
- Evidence from implementation to feed back into standards and capacity work
- A role as AgriConnect knowledge partners on food safety and SPS

AgriConnect brings country and project decision points and a pathway to scale. **STDF members bring** technical depth, implementation experience and practitioner networks.

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DISCUSSION

Questions for the Working Group

1. **Where does your current country or value-chain work already intersect with AgriConnect priorities?**
2. **At which decision points could early expert input most improve design or implementation?**
3. **What minimum information and counterpart would make a pipeline exchange useful?**

PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS

01 **SHARE**
AgriConnect shares a short set of live questions, the decision at stake and a country or project counterpart.

02 **CONNECT**
Interested members identify relevant experience, existing work and practitioners.

03 **SCOPE**
Selective follow-up where there is a clear fit, including possible knowledge partnerships; no countries, products or commitments preselected.

04 **TAKE STOCK**
Review progress at the July 2027 Working Group meeting.

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