

Dutch companies have started engaging in the twin transition in Nigeria; working with the local private sector (even start-ups) to digitize agriculture, especially in the dairy sector. This has led to having verifiable farmers' data and automation of milk records. Dutch company can do more working with local and international organizations with mandates on agriculture in Sub-Saharan African countries to expand the agricultural digital footprints. Existing digital platforms like the Akilimo, RiceAdvice, Herbicide Calculator, mDairy are good examples to act as an inroad.

This should start with a policy analysis to understand the goals that government have set for themselves in achieving the SDGs followed by a policy dialogue which will involve the private sector, the government, and the knowledge institutions. It will be an opportunity to identify the success achieved so far, highlight the gaps and develop an action plan to co-develop sustainable ways of filling the gaps and tracking the results. With this, the government can focus on development enabled policies, the knowledge institution developed the technologies that are ready for scale while the private sector scales the technologies.

Again, the tripartite role of the government, knowledge institutions and private sector is key here. Government makes the policy that are development-friendly and focused on ease of doing business to support the private sector to scale innovations while the knowledge institutions will focus on producing climate smart technologies.

Support the growing youth led startups in various sectors in the developing countries. These startups hold great promises.

Agriculture with a strong bias toward digital agriculture is one sector that will contribute significantly to international trade and job creation in the coming years.

Provide SMEs with capacity development to meet up with your market demand. Companies need knowledge sharing, some level of seed funding to pilot ideas and scale proven innovations.

Climate adaptation and mitigation

Work with established and African-focused knowledge institutions like the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture and the International Livestock Research Institute. These centres have proven technologies that can be taken to scale and will support the development target of the Netherlands.

The Netherlands is visible to an extent in the private sector and linkage with Government with some African countries either through dairy efforts, oil exploration but less is done with development partners who have the capacity to support the trade efforts of the country with their proven technologies on food security/food safety and water.