



Sustainable production intensification and value chain development in Africa



FOCUS COUNTRIES

Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire,
Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya,
Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, and Zambia.



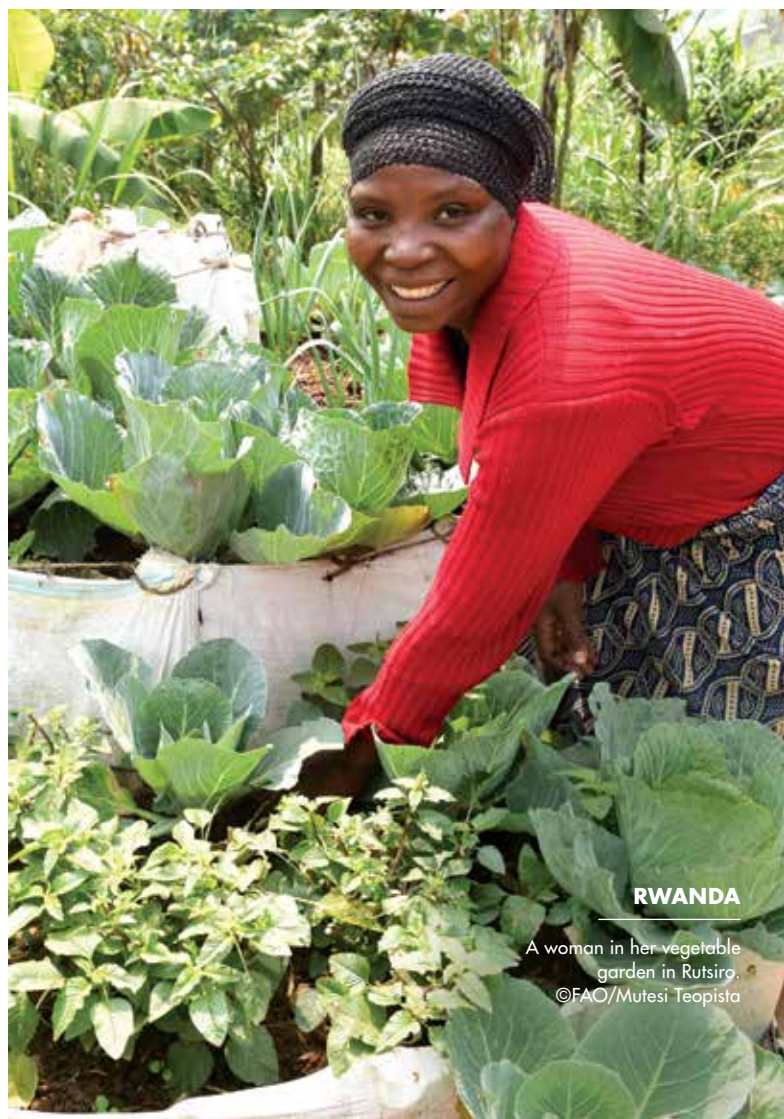
OVERALL GOAL

Foster sustainable agricultural production and transformation and build safe and efficient food systems.

ABOUT THE REGIONAL INITIATIVE

Sub-Saharan Africa is generally characterized by low production and productivity in the agriculture sector, despite rapidly growing human population which calls for closing the production gap in crops, livestock, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries. At the same time, ecosystems are under pressure, a situation which is further challenged by climate change, and need to be protected. Finally, even where sufficient production exists, it is often not sustainable due to constraints related to infrastructure, technologies, business skills and an enabling business environment.

To address these challenges, the Regional Initiative on "Sustainable Production Intensification and Value Chain Development" enhances sustainable natural resources management, agricultural productivity, diversification, access to markets, and competitiveness, in a value chain context. Furthermore, special consideration is given to gender, youth, and governance in the design of the activities.



RWANDA

A woman in her vegetable
garden in Rutsiro.
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CHAD

Women making dumplings from cassava paste in Kaga.
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Regional Initiative promotes integrated country programme approaches to addressing the multi-faceted sustainable development challenge in a holistic manner, in line with the “Sustainable Food and Agriculture” approach championed by FAO. Major activities focus on the following areas:

- Create and promote integrated innovative practices and use of technologies that increase production and productivity.
- Promote better handling, processing, distribution, and access to markets in order to reduce losses and enhance food quality and safety.
- Enhance household income and create decent employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for women and youth.

The Regional Initiative is implemented in line with continental and global policy frameworks and guidelines such as the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and Malabo Implementation Strategy and Roadmap, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals. To achieve even more in this area, FAO is working with partners, including the Regional Economic Communities, the Global Environment Fund (GEF), the Green Climate Fund (GCF), European Union (EU) and other bilateral donors, the Africa Rice Center (Africa Rice), the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), CGIAR

Research Institutes, the Songhai Centre, and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

IN PRACTICE

To achieve sustainable production intensification and sound value chains, the initiative focuses its efforts on:

- Supporting member countries to achieve sustainable natural resources management including fisheries, forestry and animal genetic resources and ecosystem services and biodiversity.
- Fostering sharing of knowledge and best practices on innovative and sustainable production systems and inclusive value chain development among countries such as Cameroon, Chad, DR Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, and Rwanda.
- Developing and promoting adoption of integrated innovative practices and the use of technologies that increase production and productivity.
- Engaging family farmers, targeting women and the youth to foster opportunities for job creation in countries such as Cameroon, Chad, Mali, Rwanda, and Zambia.
- Supporting policy processes to create an enabling environment for agriculture production, value chain and trade such as in Mozambique, and Zambia.

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