

Agriculture Policy of a global champion - reading materials

Dialogue 1. International trade : A future proof agri-food trade policy

As part of its role to facilitate stakeholder's engagement with Dutch policy processes, the Netherlands Food Partnership (NFP) hosts a consultative dialogue around the new international policy directions of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (MinLNV). This is part of a series of three independent and informal network dialogues under the name "Agricultural policy of a global champion".

The first dialogue is about the Dutch role within international trade for the development of robust local food markets in LMICs, which are supportive of the inclusiveness and sustainability of the food system. The following resources help to identify contextual information and interesting interventions that show what has been done in practice.

Key resources for our dialogue

Dutch policies and related documents

1. **Brochure: 'The Netherlands promotes trade for sustainable development'** (2023). The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations, the WTO and other organisations in Geneva, provides an [overview](#) of the Netherlands activities to promote world trade for sustainable development.
2. **More results from combining development cooperation and trade activities** (2022). The Ministry for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation [outlines its plans](#) to link Dutch business to development cooperation, trade and investment.
3. **Global food security policy of the Netherlands: a step-by-step plan** (2023). The Dutch government presented a letter to parliament with [a step-by-step plan](#) for global food security.
4. **Manifesto calling for a Dutch agricultural policy that works for farmers worldwide** (2023). It was signed by 70+ co signatories, and confirmed by participants of NFP who hosted an [online discussion event](#).

The EU and Dutch agricultural policy

5. **Netherlands – CAP Strategic Plan** (2023). An [overview](#) of the Dutch strategy to implement the EU's common agricultural policy (CAP) nationally. Its aim is to support farmers that contribute to the transition to sustainable agriculture.

Regional EU link to food systems

6. **The EU Pathway Towards Sustainable Food Systems Transformation** (2023). The European Commission provides a [summary](#) of EUs strategies towards the transition to sustainable and resilient food systems. It also includes international cooperation activities.
7. **Agriculture and the Green Deal**. The European Commission indicates about the EU's [sustainable and inclusive growth strategy](#), and provides the [adopted package of measures](#) for a sustainable use of key natural resources.
8. **Agriculture and international trade** (2022). A study commissioned by the Coalition Against Hunger, by Gérard Choplin and Karin Ulmer, which examines the link between international and regional trade and food systems. Reading available in [NL/ FR](#).

International trade negotiations

9. **Sanitary and Phytosanitary Declaration Work Programme: Responding to Modern SPS Challenges** (2023). Example of a key process in preparation of the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference in February 2024 in the UAE. See the [draft report](#) submitted for adoption to the Ministerial Conference. See also [here](#).

Examples of relevant programmes and interventions

10. **Trademark Africa, KNCCI Unveil Online Platform Targeting Women Traders** (2023). This [news](#) informs about the launching of an integrated information platform to support women in trade across East Africa.
11. **Collaborating for opportunities in emerging markets** (2023). Combi tracks. [Programmatic approach](#) to foster (sub) sector development in a 'combination country' as joint endeavour of Dutch companies, government and (local) partners.
12. **Importing of cheap poultry products - a key obstacle for African poultry sector development?** (2022). In this [recorded webinar](#) hosted by NFP and WUR, poultry sector and trade experts discussed solutions for some dilemmas around poultry sector development, imports and the increasing consumer demand of these products.
13. **Boosting trade facilitation in West Africa** (2022). This [article](#) introduces the UNCTAD project is underway to enable countries to better implement the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement across the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).
14. **Geneva Trade Platform**: a hub, designed to bring people, ideas, and resources together to address global challenges through better informed, better supported and more inclusive trade policy. See overview of [activities](#).
15. **Safer Spices: Food Safety and Market Access for Peppercorn** (2020). This [article](#) resumes a project in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos aimed to enhance regional productivity and

competitiveness in peppercorn by improving small-holder farmers' compliance with international food safety standards in Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao PDR. Other similar stories can be identified [here](#).

Varied sources of information

16. [International Food Policy Research Institute](#) online platform on **Trade**.
17. **Knowledge Platform for Inclusive & Sustainable Food Markets** ([CGIAR](#)).
18. **As global hunger remains intractable, food price volatility accelerates** (2023). The [article](#) examines the causes of the food price crisis, its volatility and the repercussions to hunger and food insecurity. It also explains attempts from the United States, the G20 and from international cooperation to approach these challenges.
19. **Transforming sectors: how to improve direction and practice**. The Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation offers a [publication](#) with insights for food systems transformation and to engage in processes of knowledge co-creation in sector programmes.
20. African civil society organisations and people's movements **Statement to the 5th AU-EU Agriculture Ministerial Conference** (2023) includes [several references](#) to the role of trade and calls for policy coherence in the AU-EU Partnership's efforts in food and agriculture.
21. **MERCOSUR's Exports Recover from the Pandemic's Effects, Rising 18.2% in 2022** (2023). This [article](#) summarises a report from the the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) about MERCOSURs growth in economic activity, the challenges to be overcome from the COVID-19 pandemic and new strategies to enhance integration, focusing on the opportunities posed by e-commerce.
22. **Back to the roots of the Dutch food system: from more to better** (2020). Diverse stakeholders present their [food vision](#) for the Netherlands and the changes to get there.
23. [OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises](#).

Note: this list is by no means exhaustive. Organisations and experts in our network are kindly invited to send key references to NFP, for sharing with other participants in this meeting. events@nlfoodpartnership.com