

## **Agribusiness and sustainable development**

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Agriculture has featured prominently in Tanzania's policy framework. Yet, the World Bank (2014) recently described the country as one of Africa's sleeping agricultural giants. A major challenge is to identify the mechanisms and supporting innovation systems that can contribute to formalizing and upgrading agribusiness value chains. There is also an increasing consensus regarding the need to do this while overcoming existing gender inequalities in participation and access to inputs and services. In appreciation of the importance of – but also untapped potential of – agribusiness to Tanzania's economy and the low level of research capacity in this area, the University of Dar es Salaam Business School (UDBS) has in collaboration with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) agreed to establish a new postgraduate research training program in Engendering Agribusiness Entrepreneurship: ENGAGE. In the short run, this program will contribute to the development of highly qualified Tanzanian researchers by mainly focusing on training PhD candidates. In the longer run, this strengthened national research capacity can contribute to supporting the country in achieving broad-based and inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction. Over the next five years, the program will train a total of 3 PhD candidates through joint PhD course teaching and supervision, contribute to 5 joint UDBS-SLU publications, support short term staff exchanges, organize 3 thematic workshops,, conduct three researches and design and organize one PhD level course.

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