

Extension and Advisory Services in Benin

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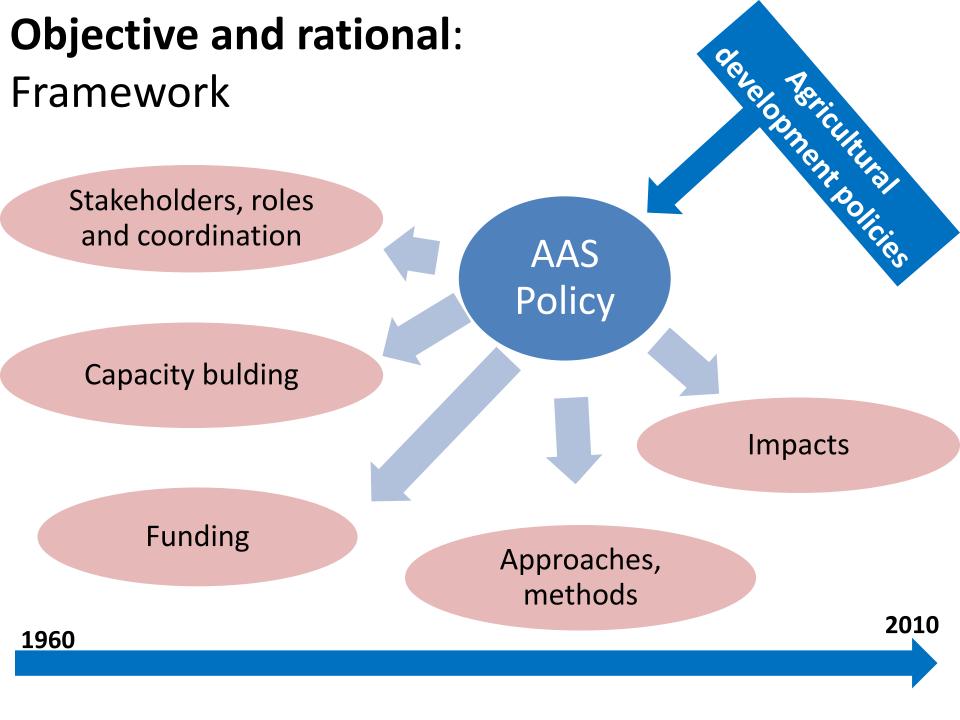
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Outline

- Objective and rational
- Policies and approaches
- Key learning and perspectives

Objective and rational

- Based on case study of agricultural advisory services in Benin commissioned by the <u>Technical</u> <u>Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation</u> in 2011
- Aims at presenting the <u>evolution</u> and <u>perspectives</u> of the agricultural advisory services
- Feed current debate and provide evidence for policy making



Objective and rational: Benin





Policies and approaches: pathway

- Limitation of public agric.
 services to extension
- -Liberalisation of extension
- National Agric Ext. System

1985...

Training and Visits system (TVS):

Harmonisation of AE

1975

1960

Integrated agricultural development projects: **CARDER**

Commodity development approach:

Intervention societies

Diagnostic and planning conducted at village level

TVS with Village level participatory approach

Demand-driven extension Cost sharing

1996

1991

1998...

Management Advice to farm family:

CARDER + NGOs + FO

- Technical adviceManagement
- advice xtension organisations

Public extension organisations organised extension, input and credit supply, marketing, experimentation, etc.

Policies and approaches:

reference documents



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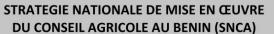
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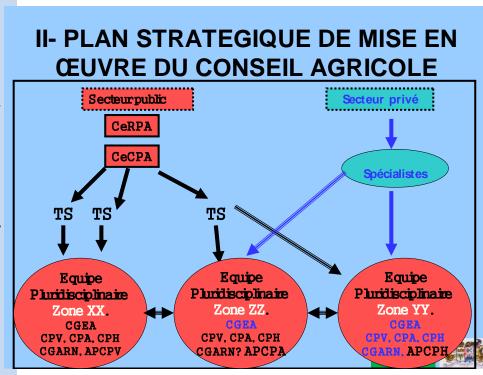


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Policies and approaches: From TV to MAFF

- Definition of AAS key principles and orientations
- Developing approaches with technical support of development agencies
- Identification of the types of AAS to provide to farmers
- Definition of the role of stakeholders

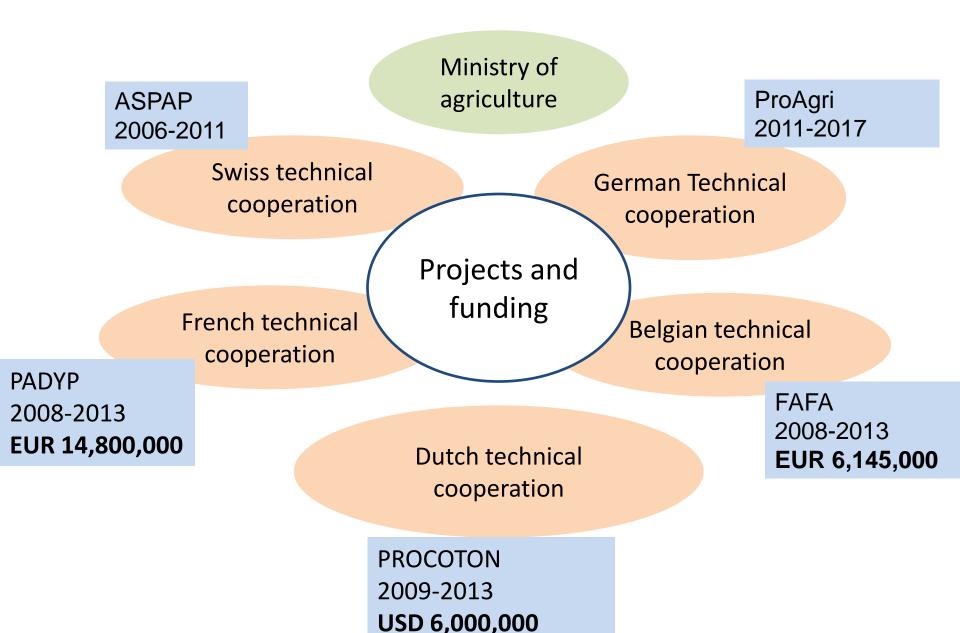
Strategy for National Agricultural Advisory Services



Policies and approaches: guiding principles

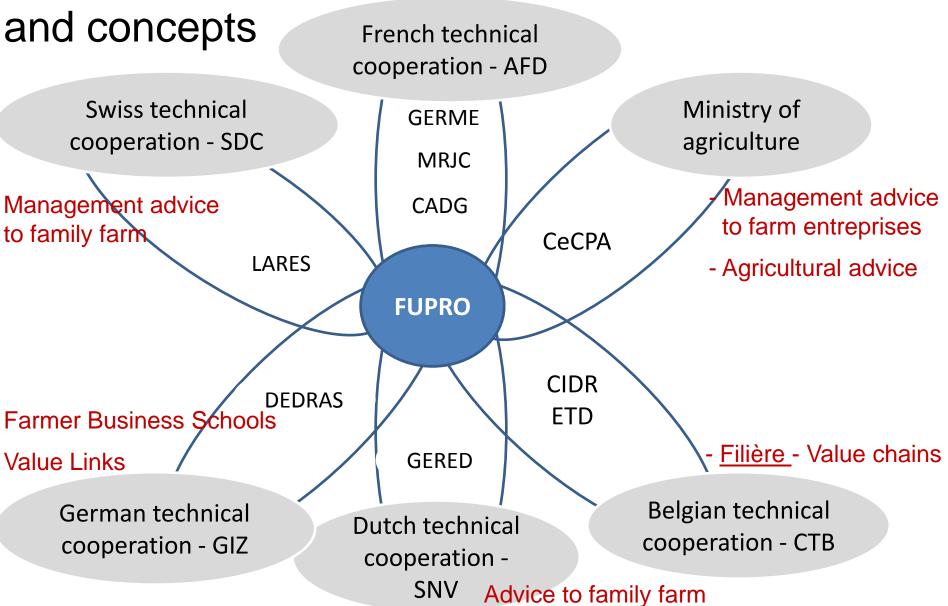
AAS principles **FAAP** in Benin **Principles Subsidiarity** Planned subsidiarity Cost sharing Cost sharing with end-users Empowerment of end-users Gender considerations at all levels **Analysis of** Contracting Evidence based approaches to AAS AAS system Integration of AAS with research, private sector, training, capacity building & Complementarity education programmes Pluralism in the delivery of AAS Mutual trust Explicit incorporation of sustainability criteria Free adherence Systematic utilisation of improved management information systems

Policies and approaches: projects and funding



Policies and approaches: actors

- Advice to family farm
- Management advice to farmer organisation



Policies and approaches: Capacity building

From training and visits to advice for family farms in Benin: Break or continuity?

The advice to family farms is increasingly considered as a promising alternative in West Africa where the Training and Visits System has been the cornerstone of the extension systems since the 1980s. This paper presents a comparative analysis between the Training and Visits and the advice for family farms based on the Benin experience. With regard to its principles and approach, advice for family farms has many similarities with the Training and Visits which is widely accepted as a directing system. Future criticisms against the advice for family farm enterprises in developing countries may be similar to those of the Training and Visits.

Knowing agric. techniques is not enough to do extension job: <u>Social</u>, <u>communication and process management skills are also required</u>

Local stakeholders are <u>not enough well prepared</u> for shifting from one approach to another

Moumouni I, Nouatin GS, Baco MN, 2011. Du système formation et visites au conseil à l'exploitation agricole familiale au Bénin : rupture ou continuité ? Cahiers Agricultures, 20 : 376-81.

Licence pro en conseil



Experience of FA Parakou

Experience of the UW-FSA



Experience of AFD:

Introducing extension modules in school curricula

Policies and approaches: Capacity building

Experience of CTB:

Training public extension staff





Experience of GIZ:

Training and follow-up of independant consultant

Key learnings et perspectives

- Successive policy reforms reinforced the process of privatization which did not give full satisfaction
- Lack of information makes it difficult to capture the <u>impact</u> of advisory services
- Policy framework for agricultural advisory services exists, but
- Projects are working almost <u>independently</u> and implement different views of extension
- Project-driven extension poses question of governance in terms of coordination & regulation

Key learnings et perspectives

- Move from extension projects to development projects:
 Value chain, innovation
- Need for capacity development, especially for <u>policy</u> <u>making and extension research</u>, <u>ICT use</u>, <u>networking</u> and <u>impact assessment</u>
- Starting collaboration between agricultural faculties/ schools and development workers
- Launching of Benin Forum for Agric Advisory Services
- Networking at different levels: in Africa through RESCAR-AOC, AFAAS and ExtensionAfrica, worldwide through GFRAS

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