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This project will train a new group of agricultural research leaders in Francophone West and Central Africa. In fact, sustaining a 3-percent annual growth rate in TFP over several decades would require SSA countries to match rates achieved by some of the best-performing developing countries, such as Brazil and China, that have historically invested much more heavily than SSA in agricultural research and rural services.

Developing Capacity for Agricultural Research for Development in Sub

Policy reforms strengthen incentives for farmers Policy reforms that have improved economic incentives for farmers appear to have contributed to higher agricultural productivity in some SSA countries. In recent years, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria has expanded access to antiretroviral AIDS therapies in Africa, and some of this productivity loss may have been recovered. Educational achievement of farmers is also low but has slowly improved over time.

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We ask four questions: i who are the key actors involved in SII in African agriculture and what motivates their involvement; ii how is the notion of social impact defined and operationalised; iii through what practices and narratives is African agriculture specifically constructed as a site for investment; and iv what are the political-economic implications of the resulting assemblage of actors, metrics and motivations especially in terms of what and where is rendered investable? All countries have examples of both traditional and research-based agricultural practices that can be deemed climate-smart, but they are not mainstreamed and still receive limited support. There is a clear need for greater policy coherence to avoid conflicts and create synergies.

Impact of Rural and Agricultural Finance in Sub

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General contact details of provider. The second element is to capture part of this productivity growth to help finance a set of investments, programs and policies that in the short to medium term will secure the assets and access to services of those smallholders facing severe resource and productivity constraints, while over the longer term provide them or their children with a path out of low-productivity farming. With stronger economic incentives and freer markets, farmers tend to invest more in agriculture and allocate resources more efficiently.

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Many of the new technologies adopted by farmers in SSA came from research conducted by the 15 international agricultural research centers that make up the CGIAR Consortium formerly, the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research.

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