

Feasibility of Establishing the Innovation for Development Fund

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CEPA is currently doing a piece of work for the DFID-funded Research Into Use (RIU) programme, looking at the feasibility of establishing the Innovation for Development (I4D) fund. I4D would be a new intervention aimed at stimulating private sector participation in the process of transferring the outputs of agricultural research to farmers and farm businesses in Africa.

Building on DFID's Renewable Natural Resources Research Strategy (RNRRS), the fund would provide concessionary investment financing, business planning grants and technical assistance to African SME agribusinesses and entrepreneurs to help take research outputs (new input technologies and practices) to market. CEPA is carrying out a desk-based analysis of the rationale for the intervention and the existing SME agribusiness funding landscape, and is undertaking field visits to five Sub-Saharan African countries in order to market test I4D, establish an initial hypothesis about its optimal design, and to inform RIU's overall judgment about its economic feasibility.

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