

Forum: The United Nations Economic and Social Council

Issue: Promoting agriculture and agro-industries to achieve the SDG's

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Introduction

The Sustainable Development goals (SDG's) are targets for future international development. It says that we have to fight against hunger, against poverty, but also for good quality of education. Hundreds of millions of people work in the agricultural sector and many of those people live in poor conditions. When there will be promotion of agriculture and agro-industries, there is a great chance that those people get more opportunities. Why? In LEDC's raw materials go out and then the country imports processed products, fruits goes out and fruit juice comes in. A lot money is lost in this process when there would be more industrialization in the areas around the farmers, that can process the products, the money stays in the country and the country will develop, because there will no money be wasted. 80% of the jobs is Africa are in agriculture, so when that develops, the lives of hundreds of millions will develop.

Definition of key-terms

Agriculture: Agriculture is the cultivation and breeding of animals, plants and fungi for food, fiber, **biofuel**, medicinal plants and other products used to sustain and enhance human life.

Agro-industries:

The largescale production, processing, and packaging of food using modern equipment and methods.

SDG's: The sustainable development goals are 17 goals with 169 smaller targets. The targets are there to solve the biggest global problems, but hey are not binding. The SDG's are the successors of the Millennium goals.

LEDC's: Least Developed Countries, countries who are still developing. Not very rich countries.

MEDC's: Most Developed Countries, countries who are developed. Rich countries.

Background information

SDG's: What are the goals?

Goal 1: No poverty

Goal 2: Zero Hunger

Goal 3: Good health and well-being

Goal 4: Quality of education

Goal 5: Gender equality

Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation

Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy

Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth

Goal 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure

Goal 10: Reduces Inequality's

Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities

Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production

Goal 13: Climate action

Goal 14: Life below water

Goal 15: Life on land

Goal 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions

Goal 17: Partnerships for the goals

Background: In Africa more than 80% of the (working) population works in agriculture, those people have often small farms and are very poor, governments can't often help them and they are being threatened by large-scale processors. But there should be invested in these people and their farms to give what they need, better machinery and more money for their products. Something they are not getting right now. The other problem is that LEDC's lose a lot of money when they don't have a/ not a lot of agro-industry. When a country does not have agro-industries the products need to leave the country and be imported back in as a processed product, so leather goes and shoes come in. When this happens countries will not make profit and do not have the opportunity to invest in the country to achieve the SDG's

Major parties involved

All the LEDC's with a large agricultural sector

FOA: UN Food and agricultural organization

Possible solutions

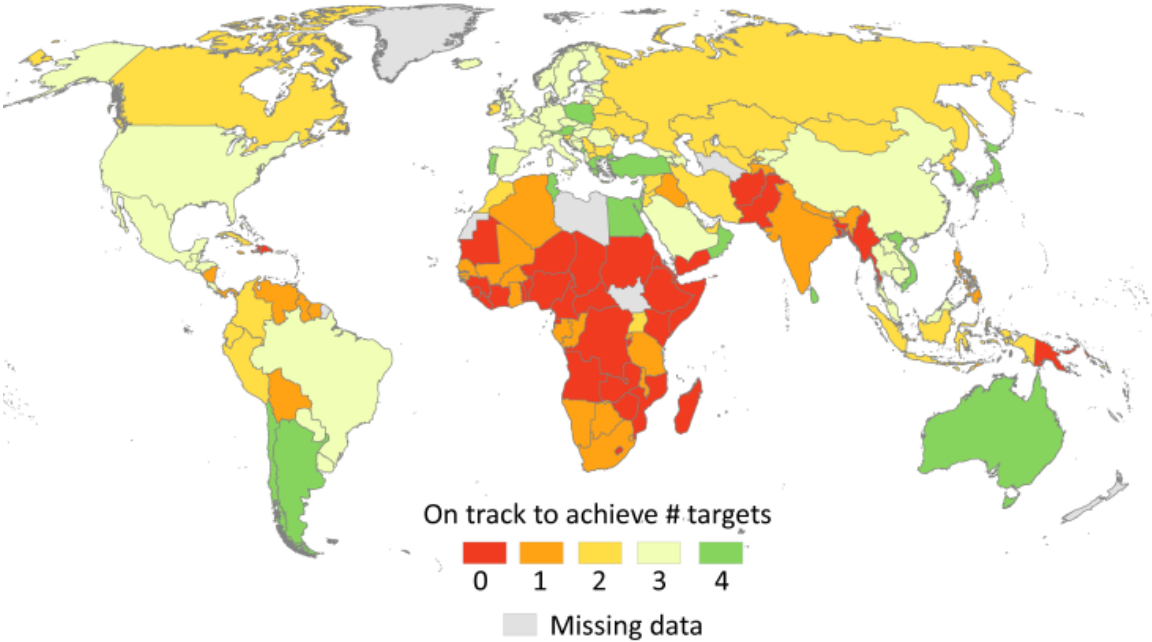
To solve this problem there should be world wide knowledge about it, the farmers should know their rights and countries have to work together to achieve something. And there should also be invested in the agriculture and agro-industries in LEDC's, that can be done by the government, a UN body/ fund or other organizations.

Appendix

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The SDG's



How close in achieving the SDG's

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