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Smallholders in agriculture

With rising land productivity

- Less poverty
- More employment, on and off farm
- Household, local and country food security
- Rising demand, higher growth

With stagnant land productivity

- Persistent high poverty
- Under-employment, rural to urban migration
- Food insecurity, rising food imports
- Weak economic growth

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Structural transformation 1980-2014

% SHARE OF AGRICULTURE LABOUR FORCE

LOG OF GDP PER CAPITA (CONSTANT 2005 US$)

South Asia

Sub-Saharan Africa

East Asia

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Governance of policies for agriculture and rural development

- Support to representative peasant organisations
- Regular consultations on public policies
- Representation on sectoral public bodies
- Technical consultations with sectoral bodies (water, roads, extension services, inputs)
- Participation in monitoring of policy implementation
## Smallholder farmer organisations: advocacy, information-sharing, group-actions, learning

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Credit to agriculture: working with peasant organisations

- High risks
- Dispersed clients
- Long production cycles
- Little to no collateral

- Peasant organisations as intermediaries between clients and credit institution
- Credit selection criteria
- Establishing a risk fund managed by peasant organisations
- Group collateral
- Use of partial bank guarantee funds (international, national, local)
Cooperation with UNCTAD on follow-up to 2015 Commodities and Development report

- Strengthening of cooperation with peasant organisations
- Exchange and learning opportunities for leaders of peasant organisations
- User-friendly version of 2015 report
- Support to regional and international exchanges between peasant organisations and United Nations and related institutions