

21st Arab-German Business Forum
**The role of AOAD in Building partnership for
agricultural development and food security
within Arab region**

An overview of food security status in the Arab region:

- (AOAD) pays special attention to food security situations in the Arab region
- AOAD is working closely with member states and other development partners to achieve the sustainable development goals 2030. To pursue those efforts of achieving food security in the Arab region.
- **Food availability**
 - agriculture production doesn't match the demand in the region and imports of agricultural products have always exceeded or equated exports.
 - Because of low productivity in region compared with world average .

- **Food accessibility with Arab region**

- That the value of the food gap of the main food commodities decreased from about (34.923) billion dollars in 2015 to about (34.587) billion dollars in 2016.
- Arab inter-Arab food imports constitute 89.3% of the total inter-Arab agricultural trade for 2016,

Food utilization and food safety

- The percentage of lost and wasted food in the supply chain in the Arab estimated at 38% of the total food available for consumption. Vegetables, fruits and grains have the largest losses 56% and 19%

Food sustainability

The volume of investments targeted at the agricultural sector in the Arab world is relatively small compared to that of other economic sectors. Therefore, pumping large capital from oil producing countries to countries rich in agricultural resources and improving agricultural investment policies in countries receiving investment will enable the full exploitation of Arab agricultural resources. Enhances Arab food security routes.

investment climate and business environment:

- the Arab region has been facing for a while a number of challenges that undermine its ability to attract capital flows in general and foreign direct investments in particular. inward investments to Arab countries seem to be concentrated in a limited number of countries(Saudi Arabia and the UAE).
- inflows to the region shows a declining trend in the recent years with increasing outflows of investment.
- additional strategic investments, is needed to raise the productivity.
- Lowering the cost of doing business and providing better access to international markets may be one solution.
- AOAD is working with the member states to promote the investment climate and business environment.

Role of AOAD in facilitation Agriculture development in Arab region

- ❖ AOAD is mandated to develop the agribusiness in the Arab region through advancement of agricultural technologies, resources and environment conservation, capacity building , agricultural policies development and harmonization and enhance agricultural trade
- AOAD has rich experience in implementing partnership in agriculture over period of five decades with accumulation of knowledge in various domains of agricultural development.
AOAD as facilitator has been engaged in partnership with different stakeholder groups in Arab region, including government, private sector, civil society and farmers' organizations. Aligning them through sharing partnership agenda, including high-level goals and key partnership structures to deliver impact with specific goals to drive ongoing collaboration among member states and action plans.
- AOAD considers partnership as a core business model in its strategic and action plans to deliver its facilitation services and for identifying leverage milestones to drive progress.