



Innovation Dialogue on the future of Africa's rural areas

Mechanization of African agriculture

Does it create or destroy jobs?

Invitation to a discussion on the structural change of agriculture in Africa

20. Februar 2019 | 15:00 Uhr in the BMZ

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Africa needs jobs – productive employment for the many millions of young people who seek their first job every year, many of them in rural areas. The agricultural sector offers huge potential for productive employment. Aren't agricultural machinery and new technologies destroying exactly these jobs?

We know from our own surveys that millions of young people in Africa see a career perspective in agribusiness - if productivity and thus income-generating technologies are available. By contrast, the option of a life in the city is already a present alternative for half of the young people in rural areas.

A study by the "Malabo Montpellier Panel" describes the state of mechanization of agriculture in Africa. The panel provides recommendations for institutional reforms, innovative sector policies and cooperation with the private sector. The study testifies to considerable increases in productivity by agricultural machinery and shows: Mechanization can certainly lead to more employment. How and under what conditions does this work in smallholder African agriculture? What possibilities does an inter-company use offer? We want to discuss this with people who know their way around:

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