



Building an Enabling Environment for Seed Sector Growth

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Purpose

The purpose is to offer guidelines for establishing an enabling environment conducive to the further development of a strong seed sector that can deliver high quality seed to all farmers.

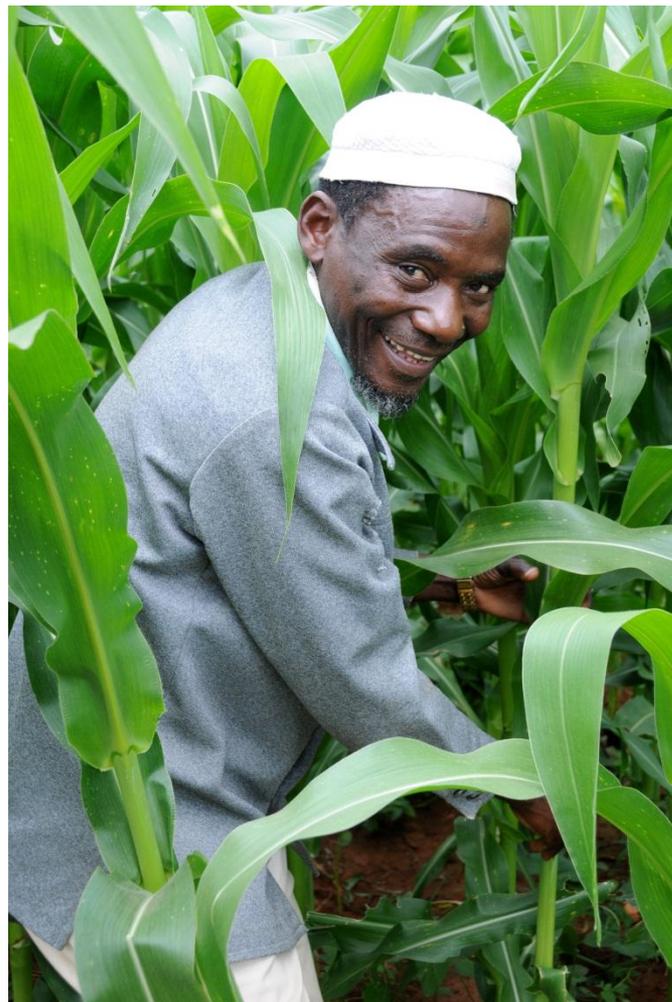


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Key Elements

“Rather than advancing government control and supervision, policies should instead focus on offering initial support to the private sector while enabling it to adapt to the market and develop independently through a transparent, rules-based legal and regulatory system.”

Principles necessary to develop a seed industry:

1. The regulatory framework should create an adequate legal environment for private seed sector growth
2. Governments must move from control to support for market development through effective public private partnership
3. Overcome constraints to regional harmonization through increased coordination and support for implementation

Principle 1: The regulatory framework should create an adequate legal environment for private seed sector growth

- **Establish a forward- looking seed law**
- **Reduce start-up restrictive conditions**
- **Improve variety release systems**
- **Remove restrictions on seed certification**
- **Establish a plant variety protection law**



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Principle 2: Governments must move from control to support for market development through effective public- private partnerships

- **Establish a representative national seed advisory body**
- **Develop public-private seed service units**
- **Build private sector capacity for certification**
- **Improve foundation seed access**
- **Promote smallholder seed access programs**



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Principle 3: Overcome constraints to regional harmonization through increased coordination and support for implementation

- **Support the implementation of regional variety release systems**
- **Support domestic capacity for regional seed certification schemes**
- **Improve seed import/export procedures**



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Conclusions

- **Seed industry faces a number of particularly challenging constraints in starting and expanding operations**
- **Government can facilitate the improvement of seed sector through regulatory reform**
- **Public-private partnerships are essential for seed industry growth**
- **Regional seed policy harmonization has opened up new markets and farmer access to improved varieties**

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