IMPACT HARVEST FORUM
INVESTING IN INCLUSIVE BUSINESSES

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Call to Action

Individual and collective tangible actions to support the growth of inclusive businesses.
### Building capacities of inclusive businesses

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- Funding for incubators/accelerators is often programmatic and short term

### Access to finance for growth-stage IBs

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### Recognising & incentivising IBs

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#### Actions/Solutions

1. Incubators can play a bigger role as ecosystem enablers not just implementers. Development and government agencies can leverage this.
2. Create partnerships where incubators have agency and sway at the design phase and co-create realistic projects that meet needs on the ground.

1. Patient capital to innovative Agtechs
2. Institutionalising blended finance frameworks
3. Concessional finance and risk mitigation to agri-focussed financing intermediaries

1. Blended finance: Guarantees, low-cost loans
2. Tax incentives: for allocating part of portfolio to impact, for infrastructure
3. Non-financial incentives: training, coaching, technology & innovation, more market access opportunities, networking, matchmaking, branding, effective use of farmer groups/support organisations on the ground.

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Break out group instructions:

**Step 1:** Go around the room and pick the group you want to participate in.

**Step 2:** Listen to the input of the expert.

**Step 3:** Take a few minutes to quietly reflect and write down your inputs, then stick them to the board.

**Step 4:** Discuss with your group the proposed ideas.

**Step 5:** Use stickers to vote for 3 ideas. (optional)

**Step 6:** Discuss potential collaboration with others.

**Step 7:** Take your inspiring ideas and pin them to the tree trunk!

**Pick 1 of the 3 Groups** (we will have 2 of each):

1. Building capacities of IBs
2. Access to finance for growth-stage IBs
3. Recognising and incentivising IBs

What are the different post-its for?

- Make sure to put your first name and organisation on each post-it you write
- Use the post-its to note done individual and collective action
- Leaves: Individual action
- Flowers/ fruits: Collective action
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Enhance the Impact!

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Closing Remarks

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