



for

Agrifood Systems

Module 4

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ValueLinks for Agrifood Systems

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Business models and the Agrifood system

Every enterprise has a business model, either implicitly or explicitly.

The AFS as a whole can be divided into specific types of AFS actors with similar business models.

Definition: A business model is...

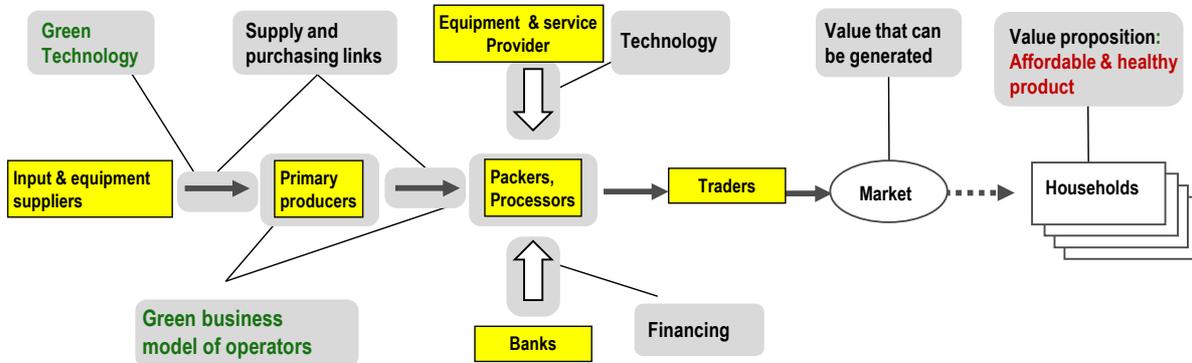
... a specific combination of product/markets, internal operations & technology, supply and marketing links that an enterprise uses to succeed and grow (Wikipedia: "the rationale of how an individual firm creates, captures and delivers value")



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Food value chains consist of different business models



Business model canvas

Key Partners Key suppliers? Other partners? Which key resources do we acquire from partners? Which key activities do partners perform?	Key Activities ... that are required by value propositions, relationships, distribution channels, revenue streams	Value Propositions What value do we deliver? Which of our customer's problems are we helping to solve? What bundles of products and services are offered? Which customer needs are we satisfying?	Customer Relationships What types of relationships with each customer? Are they integrated with the business model? How costly are they?	Customer Segments For whom are we creating value? Who are the most important customers?
	Key Resources What key resources do value propositions, relationships, distribution channels, revenue streams require?		Channels ... through which customers are reached? Are channels integrated? Which ones work best, are most cost-efficient?	
Cost Structure Which key resources are most expensive? What are the most important costs inherent in the business model? Which key activities are most expensive?			Revenue Streams For what value are customers willing to pay? For what do they currently pay? How much does each revenue stream contribute to overall revenues?	



How can we use the business model canvas approach?

- Help **improving existing business models**
- Generate **new business ideas** to create jobs and market access
- **Introduce technical innovations** based on a holistic economic assessment
- **Support the replication** of improved business models
- Ensure that **financially attractive solutions suggested** for VC development (such as linkages, service provision, financing) are
- For communication with financial partners to **raise funds**



Business models for agrifood systems transformation

... always build on a **technical and organizational innovation**
to reduce losses, emissions & pollution, protect biodiversity, save resources

(e.g. water saved, soils protected)

to provide affordable, healthy & nutritious food

For success **Economic viability** of such innovations must be secured

Conventional business models turned green & climate smart

e.g. increased energy efficient production, rainwater harvesting

Start-up (new) business models

e.g. urban gardening, protein from insect production, indoor vegetable production, recyclable packaging, carbon sequestration, resource-efficient equipment

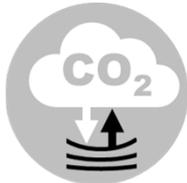
Service business models for the green economy

Life cycle analysis (LCA) and footprint calculation, nutrition advice, technical consulting

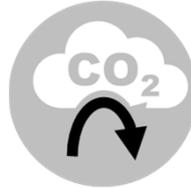


Climate change and business strategies in a nutshell

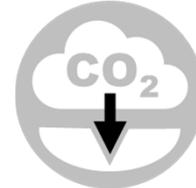
**Build resilience
by adaptation**



**Reduce your
emissions**



**Capture & store
emissions**



Business model: Commercial products or services



**Business model: Data on emissions reduced or
captured in core business**



Conditions, limits and risks

- **Business model development and financial analysis are always prone to error**
– even if all required standard tools have been deployed properly.
- **The decision to invest and the risk are taken over by entrepreneurs**
– not by analysts.
- **Business outsiders often do not have access to the requisite data.**
- Unless enterprises, professional organizations and companies request collaboration with development agencies and a **trusting partnership** is created, external agencies cannot go for supporting business models.
- **Analysts should not spread business secrets** that individual enterprises need to stay competitive.
- There are **limits to replicating interesting business models** because of limited market demand and decreasing product prices in end markets.



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Analysis of business models

Step 1 Business model canvas

Structured and descriptive analysis of value proposition incl. some financial and technical parameters and main criteria (technology, cost, prices, marketing etc.) to judge whether the business model may seem viable in general

Step 2 Profitability analysis before financing

- Analysis of the key parameters of the business model (e.g. production factors needs & use)
- Cash flow analysis break-even estimate, productivities of production factors; Net Present Value, Internal rate of return, benchmarking

Step 3 Financial viability of the investment

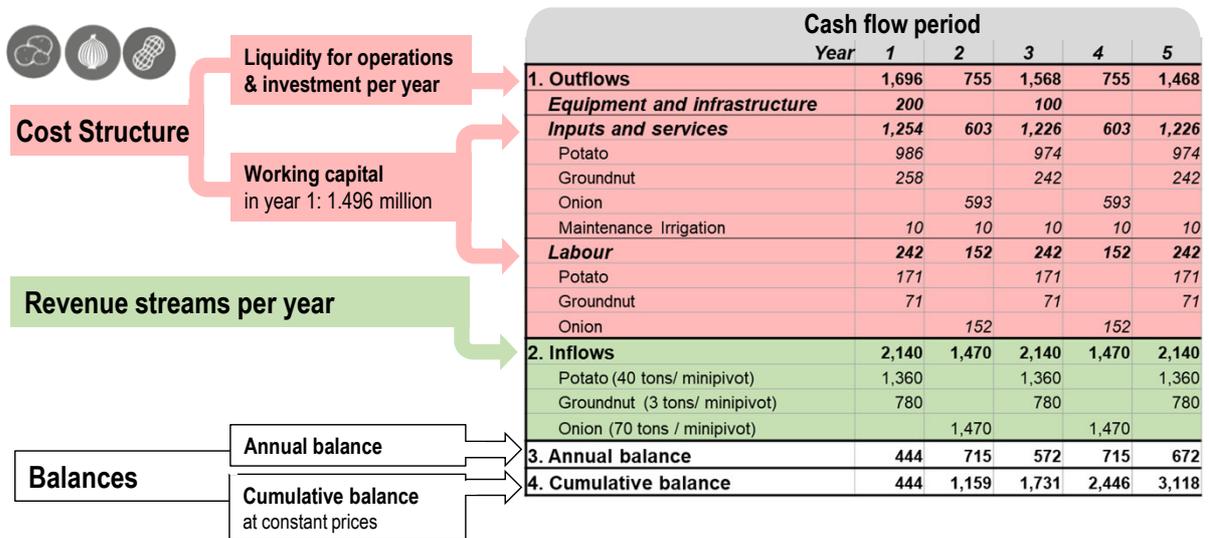
- Cash flow round 2 incl. disbursements, reimbursements and effective cost of external capital;
- Responsibility of the entrepreneur him-/herself potentially with support from financial institutions or incubators, 2nd round NPV, IRR, benchmarking



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Cash flow to analyse business models' profitability over time



Case from Algeria All in constant thousands DZD; 161 DZD = 1 EUR



Assessing profitability and competitiveness of investments

Payback period (PBP)

- How long does it take to recover the investment and related costs.
- Is the year in which the cumulative cash flow becomes positive.
- Does not consider benefits and costs after PBP

Short PBP is good particularly for start-up investments.

Net Present Value (NPV)

- Measures the absolute return on investment
- Can be compared with other investment options
- Chosen discount rate might be disputable. Changing it might reverse the order of projects compared in terms of NPV

NPV is greater than 0 the investment is acceptable.

Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

- The IRR is the discount rate at which NPV is 0.
- IRR measures the efficiency of an investment.
- The investment is viable if IRR is greater than the discount rate used to calculate NPV.

IRR higher than discount rate used for NPV is ...what bankers are looking for.



Comparing transformative investments & business models (1)

	 Cashew rehabilitation & food crops	 Drip irrigation & crop rotation	 Aquaculture with Tilapia
Advantages	Food crops buffer foregone cashew revenue (yr 1 to 3) Technique rejuvenates trees less expensive than replanting → Soil & water protected → GHG captured	Rotational food crops provide more income than monoculture Better water infiltration Groundnut fixes nitrogen	Creates jobs Provides protein More income as integrated with crop production
Land size used	1 hectare	1 hectare	1 hectare (50 ponds @200sqm)
Investment's economic life	22 years	5 years	15 years
Cashflow period	22 years	22 years	22 years
Cycles in comparison	1 cycle	4.5 cycles	1.5 cycles



Comparing transformative investments & business models (2)

	 Cashew rehabilitation & food crops 3 yrs.	 Drip irrigation & crop rotation	 Aquaculture with Tilapia; 50 ponds
Investment capital in year 1	76 €	1,242 €	17,058 €
Working capital in year 1	561 €	9,292 €	7,356 €
Annual balance negative	None	None	Year 1
Cumulative balance	10,229 €	84,665 €	131,876 €
Payback Period (PBP)	1 year	1 year	3 years
Net Present Value (NPV) @0.05 discount rate	5,775 €	50,427 €	73,584 €
Internal Rate of Return (IRR)	Infinite*	Infinite*	73%

Over 22 years

*infinite means that the IRR cannot be calculated if the annual balance in year 1 is positive



Assessing investment's risks & sensitivity: Switching Value (SV)

 Parameter	Initial parameter value	Parameter value at which NPV = 0	Switching Value
↓ Yield (kg Fish / pond)	100	63	-37%
↓ Sales price (MWK/kg)	2,750	1,744	-37%
↑ Investment cost (MWK)	320,000	1,416,000	343%
↑ Labour cost (MWK)	38,000	138,600	265%
↑ Input & service cost (MWK)	100,000	201,000	101%

Tool: Cash flow
Process: You decrease yield / sales price until NPV = 0
 You increase cost parameters until NPV = 0

Percentage change of cost / revenue parameters at which NPV = 0

NPV = 0
 you leave the zone of profit

...every further decrease of revenue parameters respectively increase of cost parameters worsens the situation.

The smaller the span of SV, the more risky the investment may be.

Hedge against risk

or

Abandon investment



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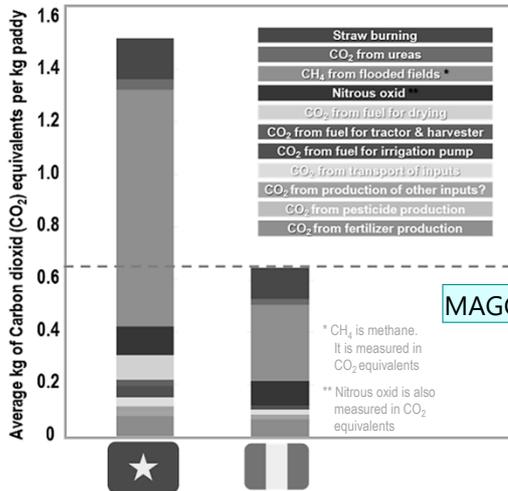
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Climate-smart(er) rice from Nigeria



Compared to rice from Vietnam, rice in Nigeria is produced with 50% less GHG

Difference mainly due to multiple drainage or rainfed rice production at low methane emissions in Nigeria

Further mitigation options

- Produce briquets from rice
- with solar powered briquet presses
- Straw for feed

→ Lower emissions and less impact for climate change

→ Generating employment and incomes for Nigerians

Source: CARI. 2021. Screening LCA of the rice and cashew value

A cooperative climate-smart business model from Vietnam



<p>Key Partners</p> <p>09 cooperative members, particularly minority women with traditional farming methods; 50 mango farmers applying GAP practices Local extension workers for FFS training on VietGAP; Experts from Fruit Research Institute; GIZ</p>	<p>Key Activities</p> <p>Production & sales of fresh fruit Production and sales of dried fruits, avoiding food losses</p> <p>Key Resources</p> <p>Personnel Factory and storage Solar drying dome Employing unskilled labour</p>	<p>Value Proposition</p> <p>Sales of fresh fruit (mango, longan, ...) High quality, food safety-certified, solar-dried fruit (banana, ginger, longan, mango) with environmentally-friendly packaging</p>	<p>Customer Relationships</p> <p>Informal linkages with local collectors, no linkages with exporters Promote brand identity, repeat sales and formal contracts</p> <p>Channels</p> <p>Direct sales to local collectors. Online marketing via Facebook/social media, conferences, trade fairs</p>	<p>Customer Segments</p> <p>90% local market, 10% Chinese market Specialty shops, high value urban markets, tourist markets in Vietnam.</p>
<p>Cost Structure</p> <p>Investment in storage facilities and short-term capital for trading fresh fruit Investment in factory building and solar drying dome, cost of packaging material, food hygiene and safety certification cost</p>		<p>Revenue Streams</p> <p>Margins from seasonal sales of fresh fruit Year-round sales of high value, processed and certified green products</p>		



MAGC30 Methane emissions are influenced by the water regime and local climate conditions.

About 85% of rice in Vietnam is irrigated, and 83% of these rice fields is characterised by continuous flooding and single drainage, which contribute to higher CH₄ emissions.

Matthess, Annemarie GIZ CM; 26.06.2023

Cocoa biomass waste to wealth: cooperative business model, Côte d'Ivoire



Côte d'Ivoire Cocoa:
Over 10 million tons
biomass wasted per year

Manual pod breaking &
fermentation / drying at
MSME level

Source: Based on Green Innovation Centre and
Agri-Business Facility for Africa, 2023. Design
basis for Processor Business School (PBS),
Côte d'Ivoire

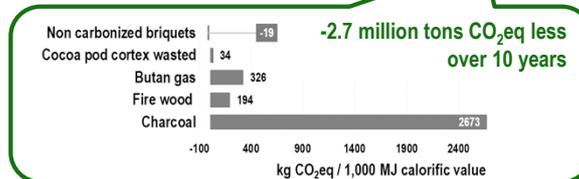
[Biomasses - Energy Content when Used as Fuel
\(engineeringtoolbox.com\)](#)

[Video on the model. ABF](#)



Cash flow analysis enlarged

	Bean sales only cooperative sells 560 mt p.a. for 300 members @ Coop 10 years	Briquets from 2,661 tons p.a. dried pod residues @ Coop 10 years	Mushrooms dried from pod residues @ 300 MSME 10 years
Cumulative cost inputs, labor, services, investments	170,730 €	273,845 €	2,304,000 €
Cumulative revenue	512,195 €	2,697,629 €	8,505,000 €
Cumulative balance	341,465 €	2,423,784 €	6,201,000 €
Pay-Back Period	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1
Employment	1 full time / year	6 full time / year	106 full time eq / year
Providing		142,813 GJ Renewable energy	240,000 kg Protein



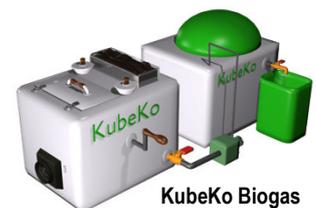
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Climate smart processor business models

- Processing close to primary production
→ Shorter transport distance, less transport volume
- Green energy / energy saving processing technology
- ↑ Water efficiency ← water storage & recycling
- Ecological packaging material
- Processing of by-products
- No harmful / poisonous / polluting substances
- Re-location of processing industries (e.g. flood-safe)

- Less losses and waste by recycling
- More and better food
- Benefit from environmental standards & labels



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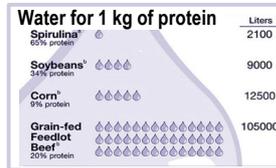
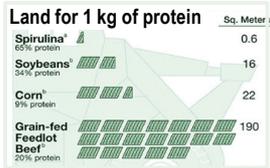


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Business models for better nutrition, Chad

Women groups in Chad process *Spirulina microalgae*



SpirulinaSource.com: Why Spirulina?

Fortified flour production for child nutrition in Chad

- Maize flour + beans, peanuts, minerals and vitamins
- Produced by 4 SME's under joint trademark MANISA
- Targeting private households via retailers

