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**Input Industry**
• Primary Production
• Food Level Processing
• Second Level Processing
• Distribution and marketing

• Training will focus on the 18 priority value chains identified in the ADB’s Feed Africa Strategy for Agriculture Transformation 2016-2025.

• Facilitating access to finance through risk sharing mechanisms and by building the capacity of financial institutions to design innovative products for the youth.

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**Where we want to be**

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(i) policy dialogue on issues such as skills development, land tenure with respect to youth, employment services, etc.; and (ii) changing the "mindset/attitude" of agriculture as a viable and profitable business.

Agribusiness Incubation
(i) training the agripreneurs along the agricultural value chain; (ii) training on business development skills such as marketing, financial management, business plan development, etc.; and (iii) mentorship, job attachment, and agribusiness incubation.

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Re-aligning incentives for commercial banks and other financial institutions to reduce lending risks for the financing institutions (Fis) and building the capacities of both Fis and agripreneurs through a variety of instruments such as Risk Sharing Facilities and Start-up Seed Grant funds.

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