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The Bilateral Cooperation Program of BMLEH as model for strengthening capabilities – example DAUA

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Bilateral Cooperation Program (BKP)



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Core objectives:

- Strengthening **partnerships**, deepening bilateral **dialogue** and mutual **understanding** between BMLEH, partner ministries, and key sector stakeholders
 - Facilitating reliable, rule-based frameworks
 - Enabling market-oriented development of agri-food sectors
 - Establishing high-performing, resource-conscious, and entrepreneurial agriculture
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- Respond flexibly to political developments
 - Developed and managed in joint close coordination (same eye level)



BKP – Projects in the World



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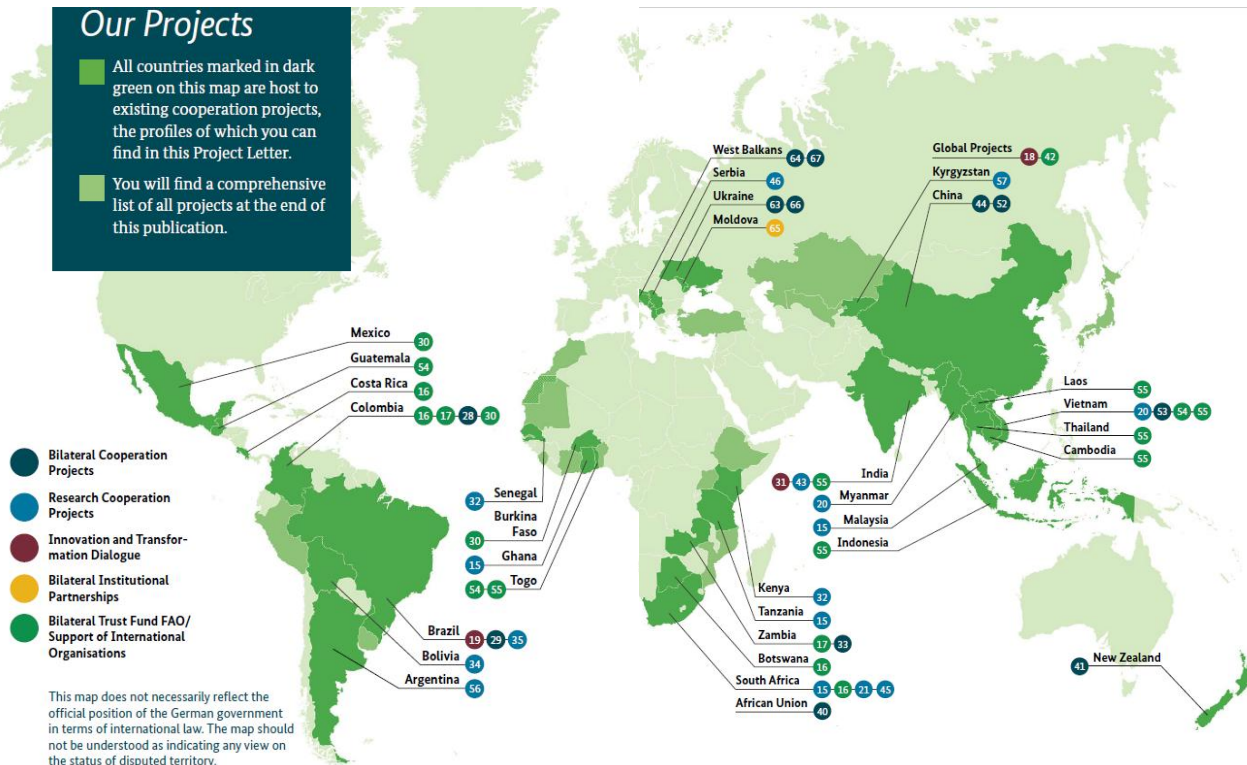
Currently more than 30 projects worldwide (map from 2024)

3 project formats:

- Agricultural Policy and Technical Dialogues
- Demonstration, Training & Education Projects
- Association Cooperation Projects

Our Projects

- All countries marked in dark green on this map are host to existing cooperation projects, the profiles of which you can find in this Project Letter.
- You will find a comprehensive list of all projects at the end of this publication.



An Alliance for the Climate: Dialogue on climate and agriculture between New Zealand and Germany (Agri-DENZ)



Avoidance of food losses and waste in primary production



Instruments and methods for measuring GHG emissions and soil carbon



Farm-level climate change mitigation strategies (with specific focus Africa)



Climate change mitigation in dairy production systems



Farm-level GHG accounting tools





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Objectives

Scientific findings, advisory products, disseminated / utilized at regional level



Stakeholders continued to develop technical/ methodological skills, applying these in their work

Project Objective:

Through the DAUA Project, **framework conditions are being created** to further develop sustainable and climate resilient production systems.

People reached and informed about findings

Policy initiatives incorporated knowledge provided by DAUA

Result level (extract):

- The results and knowledge gained from the topics addressed in the project are **available, communicated, and considered in decision-making processes.**
- The **exchange** on the topics addressed in the project is **strengthened** through articulation within regional networks (PROCISUR, IICA, among others). The knowledge generated is **disseminated**.

Scientific exchange strengthened



MEANS OF WORK

*Connecting people to make a difference
Exchange, joint learning, establishing contacts and networks*



Yearly study tours
with URY
representatives



Implementation of
conferences, panels
in presence



Implementation of
virtual workshops,
webinars



Contracting of STE
(studies,
presentations, etc.)



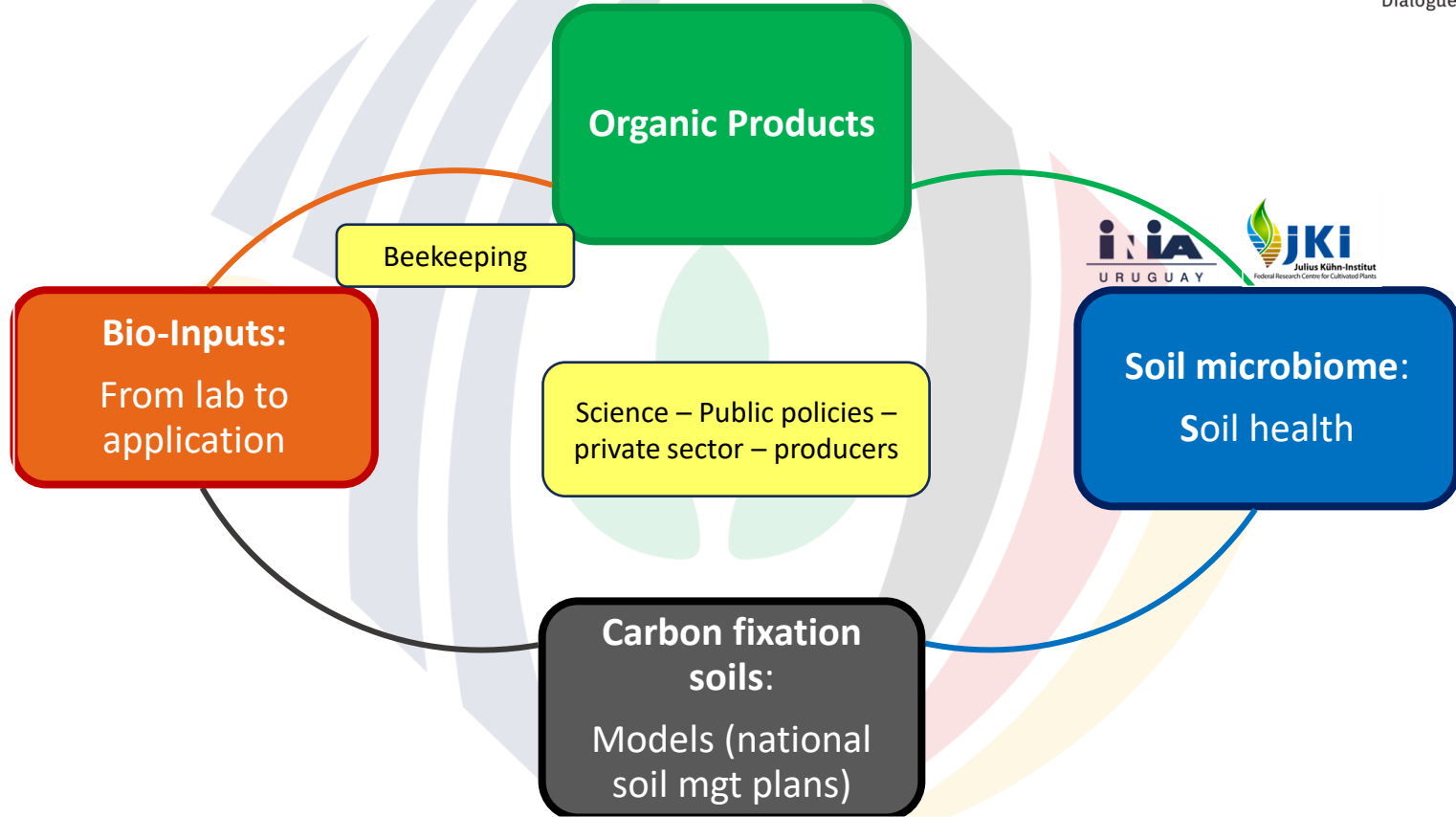
Travel
costs/perdiems for
experts, staff, etc.



Communication
material



THEMATIC FIELDS OF WORK





Example 1

Identification of a Model for Carbon Fixation in Soils (MGAP)



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MGAP objective:

Linking national law of Soil Management and Use Plans (soil conservation and monitoring aspects) with soil organic carbon modelling/calculation

DAUA contribution:

- Structuring of needs and selection process of the model (matrix)
- Supporting science informed policy by facilitating national interinstitutional (INIA, university), regional, international exchange and CapDev
- In-Presence workshops with 2 Scientists, responsible for German soil monitoring and modelling (Thünen Institute), webinar
- Study Tour to the Soil Carbon for Climate Conference, Berlin 2025 (BMLEH-4per1000) & visits to German institutes and producers' fields. Create visibility/promotion.
- Cooperation BKP-AgriDENZ-New Zealand – meetings/webinars



Example 2

National Bio-Inputs Plan (MGAP), 2025 approved



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La elaboración del Plan Nacional de Bioinsumos fue resultado de un amplio y extenso proceso participativo, iniciado en noviembre de 2022 con la conformación de un Grupo de Trabajo en Bioinsumos dentro del MGAP, que contó con representantes de todas las unidades del Ministerio. Posteriormente, en abril de 2024, se formalizó la creación de la Comisión de Bioinsumos (COMBIO), integrada por técnicos y directores de las diferentes Direcciones y Oficinas del MGAP vinculadas, de alguna manera, a la producción y utilización de bioinsumos. La COMBIO trabajó activamente en coordinación con actores clave del sector productivo y gubernamental, representantes académicos y científicos, así como con instituciones internacionales como la Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura (FAO), el Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID) y el Diálogo Agropecuario Uruguayo Alemán (DAUA).

DAUA contribution:

- Study of German/EU situation
- In-Presence workshops & panels with German science (Julius Kühn Institute) and company in URY
- Study Tour to GER 2024
- Facilitation of presentations in nat. & regional panels
- Provision of tailored information
- Supporting implementation of PNB / visibility
 - demonstration fields,
 - company network,
 - PROCISUR working group,
 - IICA Hemispheric Platform on Bioinputs

Thank you for your interest

Questions are welcome



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Example 1:

Carbon fixation soils:
Models (national soil mgt plans)



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de Ganadería,
Agricultura y Pesca

Legal background: Soil Management and Use Plans

- Soil Conservation Program is led by the Natural Resources Department of the MGAP
 - in accordance with regulation for normative compliance of best management practices to address a rational use of soil and water
- Soil Management and Use Plans (SMUP) are mandatory, based on a public law and respective declarations
- Obligatory for farmers with 50ha and more

A simplified chronology for SMUP policy adoption follows

- **1997** - The mandatory declaration of SMUP on the areas dedicated to irrigated crops took place (Art 4 of Law 16 878; Código de Agua, 1997).
- **2003** - Expansion on agricultural land dedicated to grains crop and detection of diminished SOC
- **2013** -mandatory presentation of SMUP for extensive grain crops areas above 50 hectares (123 acres)
- **2018** over 96% of the Uruguayan cropland presented and implemented SMUPs, a figure that has remained stable up to the present.

Project goals

Project goal: Intensify the mutual exchange of experiences and cooperation between New Zealand and Germany to develop solutions for the global climate impact of/on agricultural production systems.



1: Strengthening the scientific exchange between research institutions



2: Establishing a (science-) policy dialogue on priority sub-topics



3: Fostering exchange with third countries (particularly in the Global South)

