

Belgium to transform agriculture sector

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The Belgium government has pledged more support to the Ugandan agricultural sector, a subdivision of the economy that employs most Ugandans.

Erwin De Wandel, the Belgium deputy Head of Mission, said Uganda has a big potential in the said area and, as such, the European state will help in attainment of that potential.

"Although health and education are the priority sectors in our bilateral cooperation programme with the Ugandan government, the majority of the Belgian NGO's active in Uganda, as well as the Belgian-Ugandan academic development cooperation, target Uganda agriculture," said Wandel who also doubles as the Belgium head of cooperation in Uganda.

Wandel was speaking at the 25th anniversary of International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Uganda in Namulonge, Wakiso District early in the week.

Dr Ambrose Agona, the director general of National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO), said apart from IITA offering training to some of the institute's scientists, their collaborations have helped save money and food varieties.

