



HM Government

# £160 million investment in the Agri-Tech sector

## An opportunity for you to participate

An important theme of the [UK Strategy for agricultural technologies](#) is the gap in translating high quality agricultural research into practical applications. To address this, the government will invest £160 million to strengthen existing and develop innovative new collaborations between public and private sector organisations.

You have an opportunity to shape the collaborative research that will be taken forward under this initiative, by identifying those areas that offer the greatest potential for business engagement, to maximise translation of research into better productivity and wider growth opportunities.

### What are we investing in?

1. £60 million to establish an Agri-Tech Catalyst to support the development of innovative solutions to agri-tech challenges. Based on the successful [TSB/MRC Biomedical Catalyst](#) and complementing the [Sustainable Agriculture and Food Innovation Platform \(SAF-IP\)](#), the Agri-Tech Catalyst will support ideas with the potential to provide significant benefit to UK or global agriculture and economic impact .
  - An additional £10 million within the Catalyst will support the transfer of technology and new products to developing countries.
2. £90 million over 5 years to establish a small number of Centres for Agricultural Innovation, building on the UK's world class research base to translate knowledge into practical applications and support advances in sustainable intensification.
  - As the sector has already identified that the UK could be a world leader in data and informatics, this includes up to £10 million to support a Centre for Agricultural informatics and Metrics of Sustainability.

## Registering your interest

Register your interest in participating in these investment opportunities. Once registered, we shall invite you to networking events in the Autumn when dates become available.

We'd welcome your views on the themes or areas that you would prioritise for the centres. These should be topics in which industry will be prepared to co-invest.

Please provide the following details:

- name and contact details of organisation
- type of organisation: research, industry, investment, other (please specify)
- ideas for themes which should be considered for the centres and explanation of the UK opportunity [max 200 words]
- existing partnerships or collaborations where relevant [max 100 words]

Please respond by **30 August 2013** to [agritechstrategy@bis.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:agritechstrategy@bis.gsi.gov.uk).

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