# Cameroon’s sustained engagement opens a potential policy partnership

**Agricultural extension and policy engagement**

Scope • National; engagement between CAMFAAS and MINADER
Partners • CAMFAAS, CAADP-XP4 and the Ministry of Agriculture (MINADER)

### The starting situation

Agricultural extension expertise needed a route into national policy processes, and CAMFAAS needed to build visibility and working relationships with the Ministry of Agriculture.

### How partners contributed

Through CAADP-XP4, CAMFAAS regularly involved Ministry officials in programme activities and shared evidence of its work with Ministry leadership. This sustained engagement strengthened institutional relationships and made CAMFAAS’s extension expertise more visible.

### What changed

Around 2020, the Director of Extension initiated a high-level meeting, chaired by the Secretary General, to explore how CAMFAAS could support the Ministry in developing and implementing agricultural policies. This represented a shift from participation in programme activities toward potential involvement in national policy processes.

The proposed partnership later stalled after the departure and loss of key officials who had championed the initiative. CAMFAAS remains committed to renewing dialogue with the Ministry.

### Evidence and source

The documented result is an opening for policy engagement, not a formal partnership or completed policy contribution. The case identifies the meeting and the subsequent pause.

Source record • SS20 Infographics

### Sustainability and lessons

The experience shows the value of consistent engagement and evidence-sharing, and the vulnerability of relationships that depend on individual champions. Renewed dialogue, formal agreements and institutional mechanisms can help sustain collaboration through leadership changes and convert visibility into a durable policy role.