



# Agriculture Investment Plans 2021 - 2022

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# How does it Work?

## As Discover Suriname we basically do 4 things:

1. We support an entrepreneur to become a better and modern AgriTech/Agribusiness entrepreneur, via training, coaching & eLearning.
2. We help a farmer define an investment plan for a farm or plantation (in a word document).
3. We turn that investment plan into a bankable business opportunity (a sharable pdf).
4. We promote that business opportunity to investors and entrepreneurs in our database.

# Key Terms

## **What is an investment plan?**

- The investment plan, or investment budget, provides insight into the minimum amount of money you need to be able to start or to realize your (new) plans (before you have customers). This includes both fixed assets and current assets. Fixed assets are assets that will remain in the company for more than a year, such as computers, machinery, inventory, etc. Current assets are assets that will remain in a company for less than one year, such as inventories or liquid assets (the cash in hand or on the bank account where you can make direct payments). This last part in particular is often overlooked, which means that you run the risk that you will soon have a shortage of money after starting up or investing in fixed assets.

## **What is a business opportunity?**

- A business opportunity is a business opportunity to invest in a company, to provide a loan, to sell the company, to buy a (part of a) product, service or license, often in the role of investor.

## **What is an investor?**

- An investor is a person who allocates capital to an effort, with the expectation of a future financial return (profit) or to gain an advantage (interest). Through this allocated capital, the investor usually buys certain types of real estate or a percentage of shares of a company, or provides a (subordinated) loan. An investor is not a buyer (buyer) of goods, nor is he an entrepreneur.

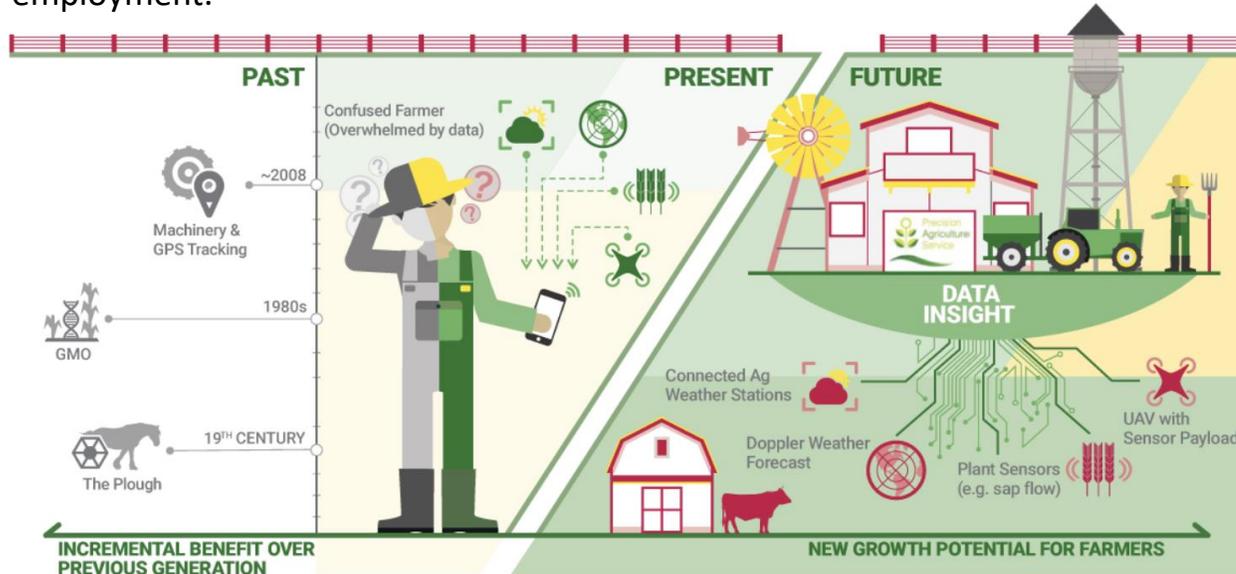
## **What is an entrepreneur?**

- An entrepreneur is a person whose goal is to earn an income by running or maintaining a business with a certain combination of labour, capital and knowledge. The entrepreneur does not always lead his company, is the goal achieved or the company makes a profit. Entrepreneurs sometimes want to make an appointment with an investor because of an investment plan.

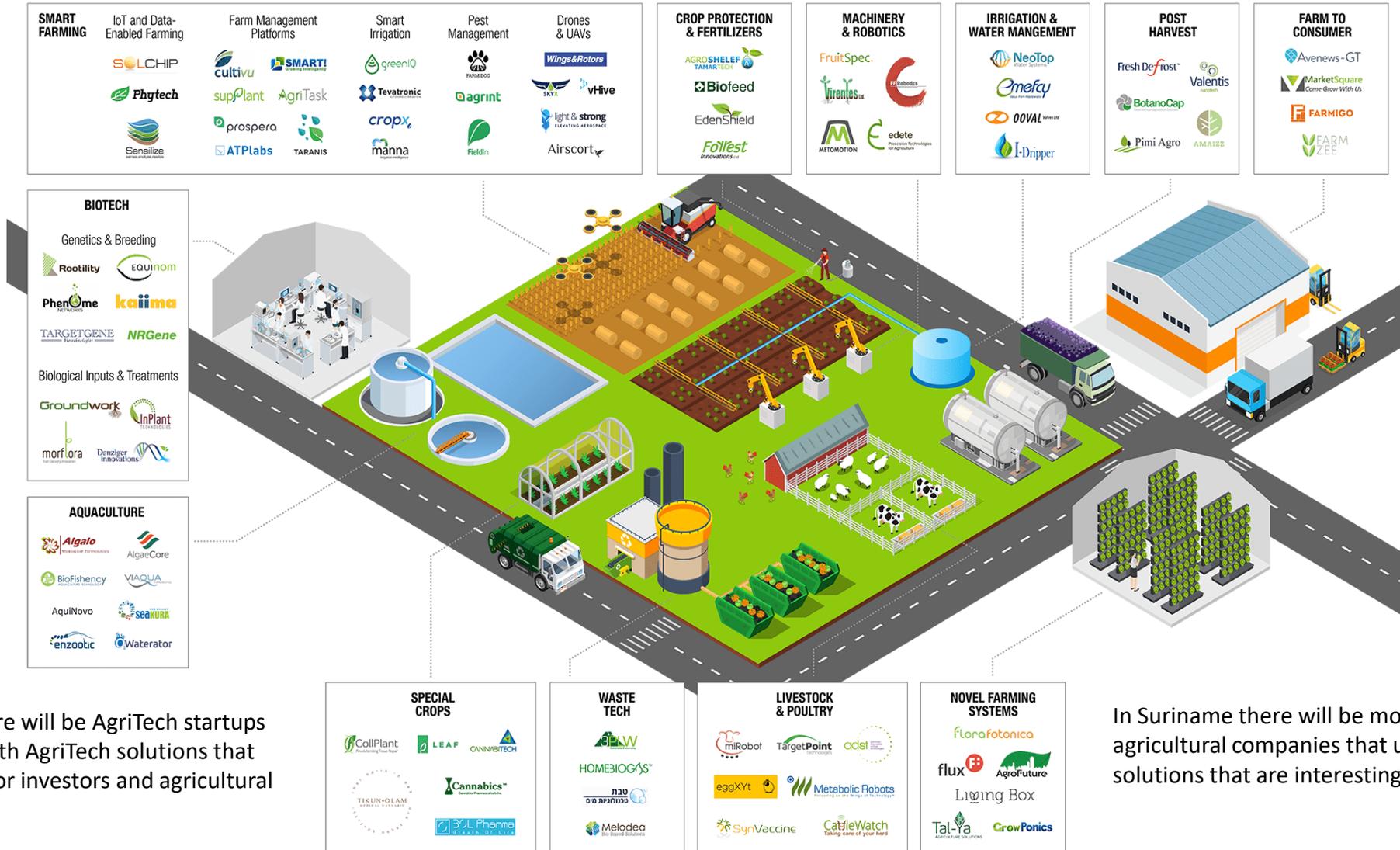


### AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT PLANS WITH AGRITECH

AGRITECH is the application of IOT, ICT and AI in agriculture to produce more modern, effective and efficient)On the Discover Suriname website, 10 AgriTech / agriculture investment plans will be published for each district, with an emphasis on agritech, development of local entrepreneurship and employment.



# AGRITECH SOLUTIONS/STARUPS AROUND THE AGRITECH FARMS



In Suriname there will be AgriTech startups that come up with AgriTech solutions that are interesting for investors and agricultural companies.

In Suriname there will be modern AgriTech agricultural companies that use AgriTech solutions that are interesting for investors.

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# 1. Overview of Suriname

District	Capital	# Inhabitants	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Agricultural companies > USD 1 million turnover
1. Brokopondo	Brokopondo	15000	7400	?
2. Commewijne	Nieuw-Amsterdam	31000	2400	?
3. Coronie	Totness	3400	3900	?
4. Marowijne	Albina	18000	4600	?
5. Nickerie	Nieuw-Nickerie	34000	5400	?
6. Para	Onverwacht	25000	5400	?
7. Paramaribo	Paramaribo	241000	182	?
8. Saramacca	Groningen	17000	3600	?
9. Sipaliwini	<Paramaribo>	37000	131000	?
10. Wanica	Lelydorp	118000	443	?

100 hectare = 1 km<sup>2</sup>

Suriname = 164000 km<sup>2</sup> (GDP 4 billion USD), the Netherlands = 41500 km<sup>2</sup> (GDP 912 billion USD, 6% agriculture), Singapore = 728 km<sup>2</sup> (GDP 340 billion USD), Israel = 22100 km<sup>2</sup> (GDP 402 billion USD, 3% agriculture).

*The agricultural complex (Agriculture GDP part) of Suriname should easily be able to reach 10 billion with a total of 10,000 agricultural companies, large and small, of which a few thousand small companies already exist, but can be much more professional.*

## 2.a Incubator & Accelerator Blueprint per District

Discover Suriname to publish an optional and modular agricultural plan per district on the website [www.discover-suriname.com](http://www.discover-suriname.com) with 10 investment opportunities per district.

The website contains as much information as possible about or links to permits, import/export requirements, contacts at home and abroad.

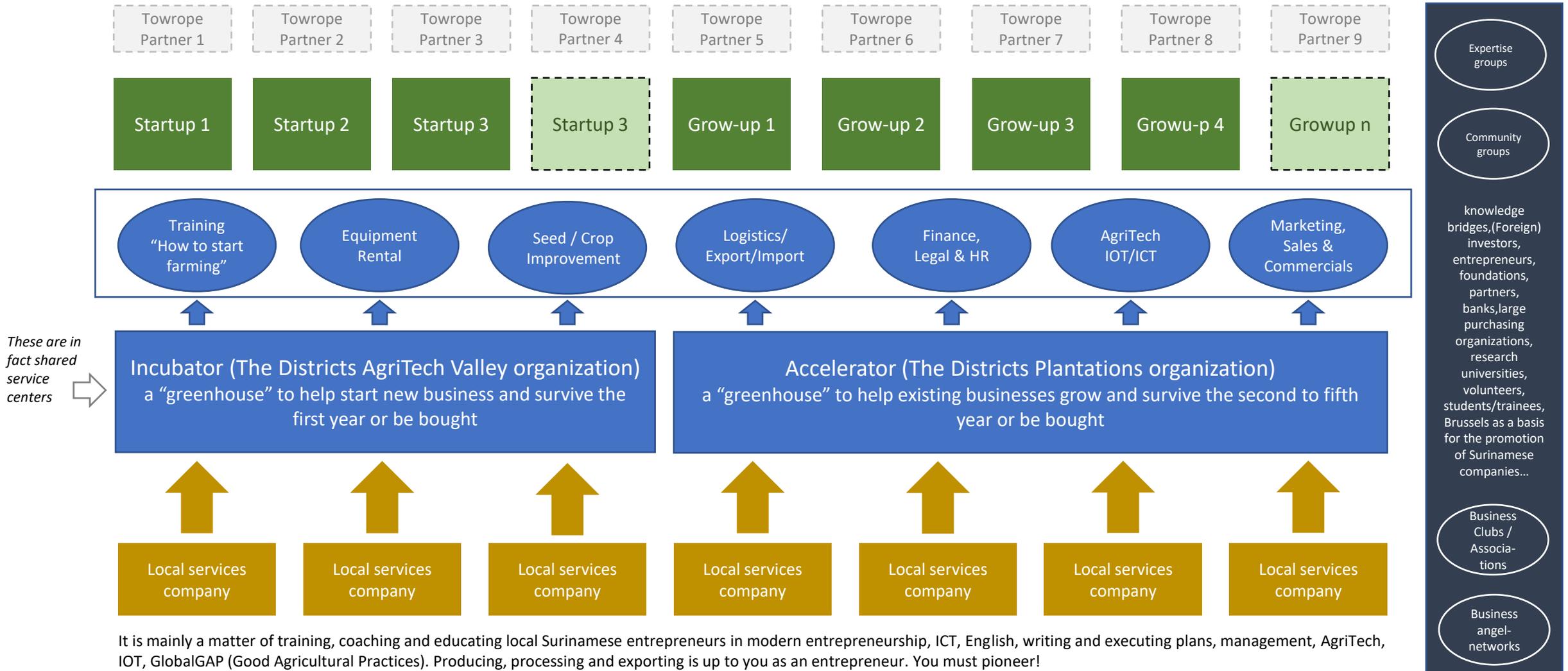
Support activities are also started in each district (incubator & accelerator) that make it easier for local Suriname entrepreneurs to start an agricultural business or to make their existing agricultural business more professional and larger.:

- Training company – (online) basic training farmer, livestock farmer, fisherman: “How To Start & Run a modern AgriTech Farm” + certificate (3 x 10 teaching modules of 1 hour), we provide an example business plan for 10 crops and types of animals > 1 million USD turnover with financial elaboration.
- Seed breeding company – Each district will build knowledge about seed breeding and crop improvement
- Exhibition & Trade Mission Company – Each district will be given an exhibition space to interest buyers and investors and fact-finding missions will be organized
- Processing Company – Providing Processing Services
- Logistics & Export Company – Offering logistics & export services, including refrigeration/freeze
- Resource rental company – Entrepreneurs can rent greenhouses, equipment and tools here
- Import organization - An import organization is being set up in 10 countries with Surinamese who live locally
- Financial services company – Entrepreneurs get help in accounting, bank account, credit card
- AgriTech/ICTdienstbedrijf – Entrepreneurs receive support in making and managing websites and sensors in greenhouses.
- Expertise center company – Stimulate per crop or type of animal that an expertise center is set up of entrepreneurs and students/researchers with extra knowledge.

These activities are organized into two organizations per district: The AgriTech Valley organization (as incubator) and the Plantations organization (as accelerator) Where there are local companies that can provide these services, they are put forward. Where local service companies are lacking, we encourage them to start up.

Outgrowers/growers can choose to remain independent and grow themselves, or to merge with other outgrowers or to become a supplier to a buyer / local processing company.

# 2.b Incubator & Accelerator Blueprint per District



It is mainly a matter of training, coaching and educating local Surinamese entrepreneurs in modern entrepreneurship, ICT, English, writing and executing plans, management, AgriTech, IOT, GlobalGAP (Good Agricultural Practices). Producing, processing and exporting is up to you as an entrepreneur. You must pioneer!

# 3. Brokopondo Agriculture Investment Plans

- Key Contacts for development of the District: DC Brokopondo (Ludwig Mendelzoon)
- Brokopondo AgriTech Valley & Brokopondo Plantations
- Brokopondo Agricultural Plan to be published on Discover Suriname website with many local key contacts and key contacts of potential (foreign) Towrope partners & prospects/clients.
- Setting up the organization “Brokopondo AgriTech Valley” & Setting up the organization “Brokopondo Plantations”
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- *Per farm: Identify entrepreneur, x ha, basic team and Towrope partners, complete business plan, start phase 1 start-up locally (Investment: 100,000 euro).*
- Investors are offered the opportunity to invest in phase 1 - starting up a viable local company (100,000 euro), phase 2 - scaling up local production and sales (200,000), phase 3 - realizing regional exports (500,000 euro) and phase 4 - realizing international exports (1,000,000 euro). Each phase is bankable: 5% of the shares for 100,000 euro or subordinated loan, to be repaid after 3 years with 5% interest, if the company makes a profit.

## 4. Commewijne Agriculture Investment Plans

- Key Contacts for development of the District: DC Commewijne (Mohamedshafiek Radjab)
- Commewijne AgriTech Valley & Commewijne Plantations
- Commewijne Agricultural Plan to be published on Discover Suriname website with many local key contacts and key contacts of potential (foreign) Towrope partners & prospects/clients.
- Setting up the organization “Commewijne AgriTech Valley” & Setting up the organization “Commewijne Plantations”
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# 5. Coronie Agriculture Investment Plans

- Key Contacts for development of the District: DC Coronie (Maikel Winter), John Wolff
- Coronie AgriTech Valley & Coronie Plantations
- Coronie Agricultural Plan to be published on Discover Suriname website with many local key contacts and key contacts of potential (foreign) Towrope partners & prospects/clients.
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## 6. Marowijne Agriculture Investment Plans

- Key Contacts for development of the District: DC Marowijne (Clyde Hunswijk, Olivia Dominie)
- Marowijne AgriTech Valley & Marowijne Plantations
- Marowijne Agricultural Plan to be published on Discover Suriname website with many local key contacts and key contacts of potential (foreign) Towrope partners & prospects/clients.
- Setting up the organization “Marowijne AgriTech Valley” & Setting up the organization “Marowijne Plantations”
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# 7. Nickerie Agriculture Investment Plans

- Key Contacts for development of the District: DC Nickerie (Senrita Gobardhan)
- Nickerie Agricultural Plan to be published on Discover Suriname website with many local key contacts and key contacts of potential (foreign) Towrope partners & prospects/clients.
- Setting up the organization “Nickerie AgriTech Valley” & Setting up the organization “Nickerie Plantations”
- **Cheese farm - Identify entrepreneur, 3 ha, basic team and Towrope partners, complete business plan, start phase 1 start-up locally (Investment: 100,000 euro).**
- **Winery – idem**
- **Coffee farm – idem**
- **Rice farm – idem**
- **Orange (Cirtus) farm – Including greenhouse blood orange experiments**
- **Banana farm – idem**
- **Fish farm – idem**
- **Cocoa farm – idem**
- **Manja farm – ditto**
- **Peanut farm – idem**
- We are going to set up 10 small-scale self-supporting farms step by step, often with a pancake farm or the like, a playground / petting zoo and eventually houses for employees and lodges for tourists. We will first discuss this plan in terms of focus with many local people from Nickerie.
- Each farm will plant and grow many different things and may have a main product and by-products or derivatives. Each farm will realize its own income from the sale of vegetables, fruit, fish and its own catering industry. Later exports regionally and internationally.
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## 8. Para Agriculture Investment Plans

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- Para AgriTech Valley & Para Plantations
- Para Agricultural Plan to be published on Discover Suriname website with many local key contacts and key contacts of potential (foreign) Towrope partners & prospects/clients.
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# 9. Paramaribo Agriculture Investment Plans

- Key Contacts for development of the District: DC's Paramaribo (Fulgence Javinda, Ricardo Bhola)
- Paramaribo AgriTech Valley & Paramaribo Plantations
- Paramaribo Agricultural Plan to be published on Discover Suriname website with many local key contacts and key contacts of potential (foreign) Towrope partners & prospects/clients.
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# 10. Saramacca Agriculture Investment Plans

- Key Contacts for development of the District: DC Saramacca (Warsha Bansie-Durga)
- Saramacca AgriTech Valley & Saramacca Plantations
- Saramacca Agricultural Plan to be published on Discover Suriname website with many local key contacts and key contacts of potential (foreign) Towrope partners & prospects/clients.
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# 11. Sipaliwini Agriculture Investment Plans

- Key Contacts for development of the District: DC Sipaliwini (Merilu Monique Sapa, Josta Lewis, August Bado, Ndepe Frits Dinge, Walter Bonjaski, Erwin Linga, Ose Jabini)
- Sipaliwini AgriTech Valley & Sipaliwini Plantations
- Sipaliwini Agricultural Plan to be published on Discover Suriname website with many local key contacts and key contacts of potential (foreign) Towrope partners & prospects/clients.
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- The Sipaliwini plan will be split into 7 sub plans.
- Investors are offered the opportunity to invest in phase 1 - starting up a viable local company (100,000 euro), phase 2 - scaling up local production and sales (200,000), phase 3 - realizing regional exports (500,000 euro) and phase 4 - realizing international exports (1,000,000 euro). Each phase is bankable: 5% of the shares for 100,000 euro or subordinated loan, to be repaid after 3 years with 5% interest, if the company makes a profit.

# 12. Wanica Agriculture Investment Plans

- Key Contacts for development of the District: DC's Wanica (Shafiek Goelaman, Suraksha Sital-Hirasingh)
- Wanica AgriTech Valley & Wanica Plantations
- Wanica Agricultural Plan to be published on Discover Suriname website with many local key contacts and key contacts of potential (foreign) Towrope partners & prospects/clients.
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# District Commissioners (2021)

<b>Districts</b>	<b>District Commissioners</b>	<b>Phone numbers</b>
Paramaribo Noord -Oost	Ricardo Bhola	476184/473111
Paramaribo Zuid- West	Fulgence Javinde	493951/493959
Wanica Noord-West	Suraksha Sital-Hirasingh	330254
Wanica Zuid- Oost	Shafiek Goelaman	0366939/0366929
Commewijne	Mohamedshafiek Radjab	0322380 / 0322254
Nickerie	Senrita Gobardhan	0231712/ 0231448
Para	Marlene Joden	0352109 / 0352090
Coronie	Maikel Winter	0231448 / 0231712
Saramacca	Warsha Bansie-Durga	0327146 / 0327192
Marowijne Noord-Oost	Clyde Hunswijk	0341831 / 0341825
Marowijne Zuid-West	Olivia Dominie	
Brokopondo	Ludwig Mendelzoon	325212
<i>Sipalawini :</i>		
Ressort Coeroeni	Merilu Monique Sapa	
Ressort Kabalebo	Josta Lewis	
Ressort Tapanahony	August Bado	
Ressort Boven- Suriname	Ndepe Frits Dingé	475091/476713
Ressort Boven- Coppename	Walter Bonjaski	
Ressort Matawai	Erwin Linga	
Ressort Pamaaka	Ose Jabini	

# Feedback and Suggestions?

Any feedback and suggestions are welcome.

Only together we can make Suriname successful and more beautiful.

For instance, in becoming the granary of Caricom.

If you have a proposal for a farm, agritech startup or plantation in your district, known a person who could be the entrepreneur for that business, or know a person who should be a key contact for a district for certain topics, please contact us.

Mail your feedback and suggestions to:

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