

# Kick-off meeting

Partner  
University of Göttingen (UGOE)

ATMA4FS



University of Pretoria  
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# Brief Partner Institution Profile

- ▶ Georg-August University Göttingen founded in 1737
- ▶ Strong research tradition and subject diversity in 13 faculties
- ▶ Göttingen Campus: network of university and extra-university research institutions (Göttingen Academy of Science, GPC, GAC, five MPIs)
- ▶ Interdisciplinary and international research in collaborative research centres, junior research groups and infrastructure facilities
- ▶ 12,438 staff (471 professors), 31,654 students (13% internationals)
- ▶ Over 180 Bachelor and Master study programs, expanding range of international MSCs, structured PhD programs in graduate schools
- ▶ Active cooperation agreements with research institutions in ~120 countries



# Project Team

- ▶ Prof. Dr. Bernhard Brümmer - *Project co-ordinator*
  - ▶ **Expertise** - international agricultural trade, price volatility and transmission analyses, market analysis, efficiency and productivity analyses
- ▶ Dr. Simone Pfeiffer
  - ▶ **Expertise** - international project management and alumni work, ATMA4FS administration
- ▶ Dela-Dem Doe Fiankor - *Research Assistant*
  - ▶ **Expertise** - international agricultural trade, food safety standards, structural gravity models



# Our ToDos and contributions

## Macro-level analysis

- ▶ The effect of agreements that govern regional/international trade on
  - ▶ NTMs and CoO requirements in the different trade agreements on market access in EU-Africa trade
  - ▶ Interegional and EU-Africa trade on market prices (in particular price transmission to local markets and price volatility)
- ▶ Estimation methods
  - ▶ VECMs, structural gravity models, marketing margin analyses, structural equation models

# Our expectations from ATMA4FS

- ▶ Deeper understanding of NTMs in intraregional and international agricultural trade
  - ▶ Heterogeneity between products (value chain organisation, product and process characteristics)
  - ▶ Heterogeneity between countries (governance, producer and processor structure)
- ▶ Improved micro-foundation of macro approaches
- ▶ Implications and recommendations for
  - ▶ Value chain actors
  - ▶ Policymakers at various levels

# Challenges & questions

- ▶ Organisation of collaboration in detail
  - ▶ Intensive exchange required - how to set this up and ensure a vibrant discussion atmosphere
  - ▶ Stakeholder involvement - finding a balance between specific business interests and the (decisive) perspective from society at large
  - ▶ Joint papers required - Initiative? Sequencing?
- ▶ Data
  - ▶ Availability
  - ▶ Sources
  - ▶ Time dimensions
  - ▶ Quality