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The AU Food Platform will ensure connectivity and competitiveness in food research and innovation within AU by linking faculties, departments, national centers, interdisciplinary centers, expert groups and future fora acting within the food area. The Platform is open to all researchers, who focus on or have interest in, food research in AU.

The platform and *Forskningsbåndet* will maintain close contact through the chair of the platform and a coordinator in *Forskningsbåndet*, to ensure due attention from the University Leadership to the issues the platform wishes to bring up, and to facilitate that the University Leadership can call on the platform to carry out specific investigations, develop ideas and proposals and support processes.

The platform will:

1. Position AU as a recognized and important international leader in food research and innovation.
 - a. Position and promote the platform both internally and externally to AU
 - b. Strengthen the dialogue and relationships to all stakeholders
2. Provide underpinning knowledge to reassure stakeholders of AU's dedication to focused and interdisciplinary research and innovation in the area of food as aligned to the societal challenges.
 - a. Coordinate a knowledge base on food research in AU; including SWOT and capability mapping
 - b. Identify areas of strategic interest to AU within food
3. Communicate, connect, facilitate and coordinate food research initiatives and opportunities across AU to increase synergy, impact, investment and growth.
 - a. Initiate food research and innovation initiatives to deliver on the AU strategy
 - b. Link activities on food research and innovation to strengthen relationships internally in AU
 - c. Prepare a proposal for and facilitate the establishment of an Interdisciplinary Center on Food, Nutrition and Health
 - d. Set participation and leadership of key initiatives and help to attract and secure talent to AU
4. Strengthen AU's ability to deliver on public service and cooperate with the food industry (in partnership with DCA) based on research capabilities and opportunities in AU.
5. Propose, develop and provide new education activities (Bachelor, Master and PhD), based on research capabilities and opportunities in AU.