



**6th
National
Agribusiness
Summit**

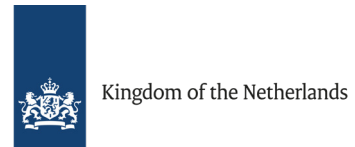


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FROM POLICY TO PROSPERITY:
**Fixing Kenya's Agribusiness Ecosystem for Investment,
Innovation and Inclusive Growth**

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Statement from Chief Executive Officer Agriculture Sector Network (ASNET)

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of the Agriculture Sector Network (ASNET), to welcome you to the 6th National Agribusiness Summit, taking place from 9th-11th September 2026 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi.

This year's Summit comes at an important moment for Kenya's agriculture and food systems. Agriculture remains central to our economy, livelihoods, food security, employment and trade. Yet the sector continues to face structural challenges that limit its ability to realise its full potential. These include limited access to affordable finance, inadequate value addition, technology adoption gaps, fragmented markets, regulatory and policy constraints, high production and logistics costs, climate-related risks and insufficient investment in processing and agro-industrialisation.

Our theme, "From Policy to Prosperity: Fixing Kenya's Agribusiness Ecosystem for Investment, Innovation and Inclusive Growth," therefore speaks directly to the transformation that ASNET seeks to champion. We must move beyond policy formulation to implementation. We must move beyond discussions to measurable action, investment and enterprise development.

ASNET's strategic direction is anchored on strategic partnerships, innovation, advocacy and empowerment of actors across the agricultural value chain. Our ambition is to ensure that the private sector is not merely consulted in agricultural transformation, but is an active partner in designing, financing and implementing solutions.

The Summit provides an important platform for government, ASNET membership, farmers, cooperatives, financial institutions, development partners, researchers, technology providers and investors to engage around practical solutions. Our objective is to identify the policy, regulatory, investment and market interventions required to make agriculture more competitive, profitable and inclusive.

A particularly important dimension of this year's Summit is our partnership with Foodtec Africa and Dairytech Africa. The concurrent expos add a vital practical dimension to our policy discussions. Food processing, dairy technologies, machinery, packaging, cold-chain systems, automation, digital solutions and other innovations are essential if Kenya is to move from exporting raw commodities towards greater value addition and industrialisation.

The expos provide a marketplace where ideas can become investments, technologies can meet enterprises, manufacturers can connect with processors, and investors can identify opportunities. They create the essential link between policy and practice, innovation and adoption, and investment and enterprise growth.

ASNET therefore views our collaboration with Foodtec Africa and Dairytech Africa as a strategic partnership rather than simply an event arrangement. We believe that

the future of Kenyan agriculture will depend increasingly on strong partnerships that connect policy makers with innovators, producers with markets, and businesses with technology and finance.

I invite all stakeholders to use this Summit and the accompanying expos not simply as platforms for dialogue, but as opportunities to forge partnerships, conclude business relationships, identify investments, transfer technologies and make commitments that can be implemented beyond these three days.

The journey from policy to prosperity requires collective action. Let us use this Summit to turn Kenya's enormous agricultural potential into productive enterprises, competitive value chains, decent jobs, profitable businesses and inclusive prosperity.

Welcome to the 6th National Agribusiness Summit and the Foodtec Africa and Dairytech Africa Expos 2026.

Let us move from conversation to collaboration, and from policy to prosperity.



AGATHA THUO
Chief Executive Officer

Statement from the Chairman

Agriculture Sector Network (ASNET)

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 6th National Agribusiness Summit and to the 3rd Foodtec Africa and Dairytech Africa Expos 2026.

Over the years, the National Agriculture Summit has evolved in response to the changing needs and aspirations of Kenya's agricultural sector. This evolution reflects an important reality: agriculture is no longer simply about production. It is about enterprise, investment, technology, processing, trade, innovation, employment and sustainable food systems.

The transition to the National Agribusiness Summit represents ASNET's determination to place the business of agriculture at the centre of Kenya's economic transformation. Our theme this year, **"From Policy to Prosperity: Fixing Kenya's Agribusiness Ecosystem for Investment, Innovation and Inclusive Growth,"** captures this ambition.

Kenya has many of the ingredients required for a globally competitive agribusiness sector—productive farmers, entrepreneurs, research institutions, innovative businesses, strong value chains, a vibrant private sector and access to regional and international markets. However, these assets must be connected through an enabling policy environment, appropriate technologies, investment, infrastructure and strong market systems.

ASNET was established from the recognition that agricultural transformation requires a strong, coordinated and credible private-sector voice. Our experience has demonstrated that meaningful transformation cannot be achieved by government or the private sector acting alone. It requires structured public-private dialogue and partnerships that convert shared challenges into shared solutions.

This is why partnerships are at the heart of ASNET's work and why the collaboration between the National Agribusiness Summit and **Foodtec Africa and Dairytech Africa** is particularly significant.

The expos bring technology and enterprise directly into the conversation. They showcase machinery, processing technologies, packaging solutions, dairy innovations, automation, equipment

and other practical solutions capable of improving productivity, quality, efficiency and competitiveness. They offer businesses an opportunity to see, test, source and invest in technologies that can transform their operations.

This partnership is therefore much more than an exhibition arrangement. It represents the very principle behind this year's theme: **moving from policy to prosperity requires us to connect policy with investment, investment with technology, and technology with productive enterprises.**

We encourage farmers, processors, manufacturers, investors, financial institutions, cooperatives, researchers, government agencies and other value-chain actors to make full use of this integrated platform. Let us identify technologies that can be adopted, investments that can be mobilised, markets that can be developed and partnerships that can be sustained.

As ASNET continues to pursue its vision of being an influential voice of the private sector for agricultural transformation and sustainability, we remain committed to building broad coalitions across the agricultural ecosystem. We particularly recognise the importance of partnerships with technology providers, industry associations, development partners, investors and exhibition platforms such as Foodtec Africa and Dairytech Africa.

The prosperity we seek will not come from policy documents alone. It will come when good policies create confidence for investment; when investment creates enterprises; when enterprises adopt innovation; when innovation improves productivity and competitiveness; and when competitive enterprises create jobs, incomes and opportunities.

I therefore invite all participants to approach this Summit with a spirit of partnership, openness and action.

Together, let us build an agribusiness ecosystem where policy enables investment, innovation drives competitiveness, technology creates value, and inclusive growth delivers prosperity for Kenyans.

I warmly welcome you to the 6th National Agribusiness Summit and the Foodtec Africa and Dairytech Africa Expos 2026.



DR. BIMAL KANTARIA, OGW, EBS
Chairman



MESSAGE FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

Kenya's agricultural transformation must now move decisively from policy to implementation, from production to value addition, and from innovation to investment.

The 6th National Agribusiness Summit provides an important platform for Government, the private sector, farmers, investors, researchers, development partners and other stakeholders to come together and address the opportunities and challenges shaping Kenya's agribusiness ecosystem.

Our focus must, however, extend beyond dialogue. The true measure of our collective efforts is the impact they create on the ground.

Innovation must meet investment. Production must meet processing. And every conversation must eventually meet the farmer.

We must build an agricultural sector where farmers can access reliable markets and better prices; where young people and women can establish and grow viable agribusiness enterprises; where investors operate within a predictable and enabling regulatory environment; and where processors have access to adequate, quality and competitively priced raw materials.

Government remains committed to creating an enabling environment for private-sector participation, investment, value addition, technology adoption and stronger market linkages across agricultural value chains. Achieving this will require stronger collaboration between the National Government, County Governments, the private sector, academia, development partners and farming communities.

The Summit therefore comes at an important time as Kenya seeks to strengthen the competitiveness and resilience of its agri-food systems. We must embrace innovation, climate-smart technologies, digital solutions and new financing models while strengthening the institutions, infrastructure, standards and policies that allow businesses and farmers to thrive.

Our ambition must be clear: to transform agriculture from a largely production-oriented sector into a competitive, investment-ready and value-driven agribusiness ecosystem that creates jobs, increases farmer incomes, strengthens food security and expands Kenya's position in regional and global markets. The conversations and partnerships emerging from this Summit must translate into practical action, measurable results and lasting impact.

Let us move forward together—turning ideas into investments, investments into enterprises, enterprises into jobs and stronger value chains, and ultimately ensuring that prosperity reaches the farmer.

I wish all participants fruitful deliberations and a successful 6th National Agribusiness Summit 2026.

HON. MUTAHI KAGWE, EGH



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Cabinet Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
Development



About Us

ASNET is not just an organization—it is the pulse of Kenya's agricultural transformation. As the umbrella body of the agriculture sector in Kenya, ASNET brings together the full power of the ecosystem including business associations, corporates, MSMEs, financial institutions, academia, research bodies, NGOs, and cooperatives into one unified, influential voice. Born from a strategic partnership between KEPSA, KNCCI, KAM, and the United Nations SDG Partnership Platform, ASNET stands at the intersection of policy, innovation, and enterprise.

At its core, ASNET is driven by a bold ambition: **to shape a resilient, competitive, and sustainable agricultural sector that works for everyone.**

With a clear vision to be the leading voice of the private sector in advancing agricultural transformation, ASNET goes beyond convening—it **connects, influences, and drives action.** Through high-impact advocacy, strategic partnerships, and forward-thinking innovation, ASNET ensures that the private sector is not just heard, but actively shaping policies and solutions that matter.

Its mission comes alive through:

- Championing policies that unlock growth and investment
- Strengthening collaboration across value chains
- Empowering farmers and agribusinesses to scale and compete
- Driving sustainable and climate-smart agricultural practices

ASNET is where ideas meet action, where partnerships create impact, and where the future of agriculture is being built—today.

ASNET: Uniting voices. Driving transformation. Powering agriculture.

Vision

To be the influential voice of the private sector advancing agricultural transformation and sustainability.

Mission

Enabling sustainable growth and development of agriculture through strategic partnerships, innovation, advocacy and empowerment of actors across the agricultural value chain

Our Objectives

- Enhance sector-wide coordination of the often fragmented agriculture sector
- Lead in policy advocacy for competitive and enabling business environment
- Capacity building of associations/BMOs in the sector
- Forge greater collaboration & partnership with the national & county governments, development partners, sector associations, international and regional institutions
- Support the generation and maintenance of relevant research data.

The Future We Are Building A Competitive, Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural Sector

- Stronger private sector voice
- Increased investment
- Climate-resilient food systems
- Thriving agribusinesses
- Improved livelihoods
- Sustainable agricultural transformation

From Promise to Action:

ADVANCING AGRIBUSINESS THROUGH DIALOGUE AND INNOVATION



9th - 11th Sept 2026 | KICC, Nairobi

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
7:30 – 8:30 am	Registration	ASNET Secretariat
9:00 am	EXPO tour by the Chief Guest and other delegates	
9:20 am	Welcoming remarks	Moderator
09:10 – 11:00 am	Official Opening Ceremony	Prayer & National Anthem
	Welcome Remarks from ASNET	Ms. Agatha Thuo Chief Executive Officer
	Remarks from Radeecal Communications	Mr. Sanyal Desai Chief Executive Officer
	Opening Keynote: National Agribusiness Investments, Policy & Institutional Alignment	Ms. Carole Kariuki Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)
	Remarks from KDB	Dr. William Kimutai Maritim Managing Director
	Remarks from AGRA	Dr. Yifru Bekele, Head of State Capability
	Remarks from The Embassy of the Netherlands	Ms. Rose Makenzi Policy Advisor – Water and Food Security
	Remarks from Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany	Maren Kneller Head of Development Cooperation
	Remarks from ASNET Chairman	Dr. Bimal Kantaria, EBS OGW, Chairman
	Remarks from Council of Governors	Ms. Mary Mwiti Chief Executive officer
	Remarks from State Department for Trade	Ms. Regina Akoth Ombam Principal Secretary for Trade
	Official Address from the Chief Guest	Hon. Mutahi Kagwe, EGH Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock Development
11:00 – 11:30 am	Tea Break & Exhibition Tour	
11:30 – 12:10 pm	High-Level Policy Dialogue: Policy and Partnerships: Strengthening National-County-Private Sector Collaboration to Improve Ease of Doing Business Moderator: Mr. Antony Mwangi Founder & CEO, Visible Industries Ltd	1. Ms. Regina Ombam, Principal Secretary State Department for Trade 2. Dr. Gibson Kimutai, PS Advisor on Digital transformation, State Department of Agriculture 3. Ms. Mary Mwiti - Chief Executive, Council of Governors (COG) 4. Dr. Bimal Kantaria - Chairman, ASNET 5. Edward Agaba - Country Programs Lead, AGRA
12:10 – 13:00 pm	A roadmap to achieving country goals through Kenya's National Agri-food Systems Investment Plan (NASIP 2026–2030) and the AU's Kampala CAADP Declaration (2026–2035). – Clarifying roles for government and private sector Moderator: Paul Gamba Agricultural and Rural Development Policy Expert	1. Agatha Thuo - Chief Executive Officer, ASNET 2. James Wanjohi - Agriculture Secretary, State Department for Agriculture 3. Dr Jedidah Wanjagi - Public Financial Management Specialist, Expertise Global 4. Dr. Sophia Baumert - Program Manager, GIZ Kenya
13:00 – 14:00 pm	Networking Lunch & Expo Visit	

14:00 – 14:20 pm	Keynote: Food and Feed Safety Control Coordination Act, 2026 and the One Health Approach	Mr. Leonard Kimtai, Kenya National Public Health Institute
14:20 – 15:20 pm	Panel Role of the Private Sector in Food and Feed Safety Moderator: Dr. Wilson Songa Director, ASNET	1. Ms. Paloma Fernandes – Chief Executive Officer, Cereal Millers Association 2. Dr. Wilfred Kamau – Secretary General, AKEFEMA 3. Godfrey Nyangori – MESPT 4. PS Attn Agriculture Secretary, State Department of Agriculture 5. State Department of Livestock 6. Kituto Kitele - Kenya Dairy Board
15:20 – 16:20 pm	Fireside Chat: From Policy to Prosperity: Building Kenya's Competitive Agribusiness Ecosystem Moderator: Jane Musindi Chair, ASNET TAG	1. Agatha Thuo - Chief Executive Officer, ASNET 2. Hosea Machuki – Chief Executive Officer, FPEAK 3. Dr. Lilian Wanjiru – Fertilizer Association of Kenya 4. Kennedy Okech - Senior Advisor, GIZ Kenya
16:20 – 16:30	Day One Reflections & Key Action Points	Rapporteur

DAY 2: Thursday, September 10th, 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
07:00 – 08:30 am	Registration	ASNET Secretariat
08:30 – 08:50 am	Keynote: Climate Action: Shifting Focus Towards Regenerative Agriculture, Carbon Markets and Green Finance Opportunities	Mr. Geoffrey Rono Leverage Pathway Lead, Power For Food Partnership - Kenya, SNV
09:20 – 10:10 am	Circular Bio-economy and Off-grid Farming Systems: Transforming vulnerable agricultural systems into resilient, self-sustaining, and zero-waste models. Moderator: Jane Musindi Chair, ASNET TAG	1. Rikki Agudah - Power For food project lead, SoCAA 2. Ms. Mary Nyale – Country Director, Farm Africa 3. Prof. Miriam Kinyua – Eldoret University 4. NK Bhatnagar – Chief Executive Officer, Everest Instruments
10:10 – 11:00 am	Bridging the Early Action Gap: From Early Warning to Early Action Moderator: Prof. Miriam Kinyua Eldoret University	1. Ms. Caroline Amukono - Assistant Director, Agrometeorological Services, Kenya Meteorological Department 2. Ms. Yael Hartmann - Senior Director of Global Government Relations and Policy, One Acre Fund 3. Stephanus Kruger - Chairman, Cereal Growers Association 4. Hon. Leonard Bor – CECM Agriculture, Nakuru County
11:00 – 11:30 am	Tea Break	
	Session A – Finance & Investment	Session B – Digital Agriculture
11:30 – 13:00 pm	Bridging Funding Gaps and De-risking Value Chains: Blended Finance, Risk-sharing Models, Green Bonds and Impact Investing to smoothen agribusiness MSME access to capital. Enhancing the donor landscape in blended finance Moderator: Geoffrey Nyamao Country Manager, Kenya & GSL Lead, ACELI Africa Panel: 1. Khalif Abey - Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Camel Association 2. Peter Gitika – National Coordinator, KEFAAS 3. Jotham Wadongo – Director of Programmes, Expertise Global	Digital extension and supply chain transparency: Adoption of Precision Farming, Blockchain and Data-Driven Value Chains using Artificial Intelligence, drones, IoT, and automated systems for crop monitoring and smart irrigation. Moderator: Dr. Josephine Songa Executive Director Kaizen Topmark Enterprises 1. Almut Van Casteren - COO, eProd Solutions Limited 2. Betty Cheroigin - Director Kenya Agricultural Digital Information Centre (KADIC) 3. Srilam Bharatam, - Founder and CEO, Kuza Biashara 4. Peter Gikonyo- Chairman, Kenya Coffee Producers Association

13:00 – 14:00 pm	Networking Lunch & Expo Visit	
	Session A	Session B
14:00 – 14:30 pm	Key note presentation; Productive Alliance in Agriculture World Bank Group	Unlocking Farm-Level Profitability in East Africa's Dairy Sector: Critical Success Factors for Sustainable Dairy Farming Michael vandenBerg Project Manager - Dairy Development, Tetra Pak East Africa
14.30 – 16.00 pm	Fireside Chat: Financing Africa’s Agrifood Systems – What Will It Take? Moderator: Prof. Maina Mwangi, Kenyatta University 1. Bernard Wabuge – Farmer, Trans Nzoia County 2. Pamela Gakii Riungu, M.A. - Founder, Managing Director, Ecoagriven 3. 4. Agatha Thuo – Chief Executive Officer, ASNET 5. Tim Njagi - Partial Equilibrium Specialist, African Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ANAPRI	
16:00 pm	Day Two Wrap-up	

DAY 3: Friday, September 11th, 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
07:00 – 08:30 am	Registration	ASNET Secretariat
08:30 – 09:30 am	Climate Smart Dairy Production: Reducing Cost of Production through Sustainable Feed, Fodder and Climate Technologies. Moderator: Zipporah Maina Business Development Lead, Sustainable Cold Chain, African Center for Technology Studies (ACTS)	1. Dr. Ignatius Gathigi Kahiu -Livestock Agribusiness & ASAL Resources Expert. 2. Mr. Silas Maosa, the Head of Business at Perfometer. 3. Kiptoo Bett - Kenya Dairy Board 4. Dr. Patrick Ketieme, - Director General, KALRO
9.30 – 9.50 am	Keynote: Food Sovereignty and Localized Food Systems: Exploring National approaches to transition towards local production, regional markets, and short supply chains to strengthen local economies and reduce dependency on global imports.	Lucy Kioko Regional Director, East & Southern Africa, MEDA
09:50 – 10:50 am	Capacity Without Throughput: The Paradox of Kenyan Agro-processing Inefficiencies and Pivoting Towards Integrated Supply Chains Moderator: Charles Muigai Chief Executive Officer, Mazaopesa Ltd	1. Nicholas Kahiga – Kilimo Agropuro 2. Winnie Wandimi - Wimssy Dairy Ltd 3. Cherotich Rutto - Founder & CEO, Tawi Fresh 4. Davine Minayo - Founder, Rejesha Agrihub
10:50 – 11:10 am	Tea Break	
11.10 – 12.10 pm	Panel: Beyond Production: Building Professional Cooperatives as the Anchor for Kenya's Agribusiness SMLEs. Moderator: Patrick Kagathi Program Manager - IDH	1. Cees van Rij – Director, AgriGRADE 2. Commissioner David Obonyo - Commissioner for Co-operatives Development 3. Mr. Kenneth Gitonga – CEO, Meru Central Dairy Cooperative Union
	Lightning Talk: Youth Agri-food Agenda: removing barriers that prevent young people from entering, surviving and growing in agrifood enterprises. Moderator: Rose Wangithi East Africa Coordinator CAYACC	1. Millicent Okumu - Founder, Agriflex Ltd.com 2. Arthur Muiruri – Chairman KASA, 3. Kamau Njoroge – Chief Executive Officer, WingFarm Organization 4. Aisha Lang'at – Sulma Whole Foods 5. Lila Mwaniki - Agricultural Policy Advisor , GIZ Kenya
13:00 – 14:00m	Networking Lunch	

2ND NATIONAL AGRIBUSINESS AWARDS GALA

Time	Arrival of Guests & Networking
14.15 – 14.30 pm	Welcome Remarks – ASNET CEO
14.30 – 14:35 pm	Presentation of the Nairobi Agribusiness Action Agenda 2026
14:35 – 15:00 pm	Sarah Ockman Manager Upstream and Advisory World Bank Group
	Remarks by GIZ Kenya
	Dr. Bimal Kantaria ASNET Chairman
15:00 – 15:20 pm	Remarks by Ministry of Agriculture
15:30 – 15:45 pm	Chief Guest Address Hon. Musalia Mudavadi Prime Cabinet Secretary
15:45 – 15:55 pm	Presentation of the National Agribusiness Awards
15:55 – 16:20 pm	Vote of Thanks & Official Close

The National Agribusiness Excellence Award 2026



The National Agribusiness Excellence Award is a premier recognition initiative established to celebrate outstanding performance, innovation, and impact across Kenya’s agribusiness value chains. Organized in collaboration with KUZA, the award seeks to honor individuals, enterprises, and institutions that have demonstrated exceptional leadership, creativity, and commitment in driving agricultural transformation, sustainability, and inclusive growth.

As the grand finale of the 6th National Agribusiness Summit, the awards spotlight the champions who are redefining Kenya’s agri-food systems—those turning challenges into opportunities and ideas into scalable impact. Through this recognition, ASNET and KUZA aim to inspire continuous improvement, competitiveness, and investment in agriculture as a key driver of Kenya’s economic growth and food security.

Award categories cover diverse thematic areas including innovation in agri-finance, youth and women empowerment, climate-smart agriculture, value addition, and trade facilitation, among others. Each award reflects the shared vision of building a vibrant, market-driven, and sustainable agribusiness sector that delivers prosperity for farmers, enterprises, and communities alike.

The National Agribusiness Excellence Award embodies the spirit of progress and partnership—celebrating those who lead the way in transforming agriculture into a business of opportunity, innovation, and impact.



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GIZ Global Programme Sustainable Agricultural Systems and Policies (AgSys), Kenya

The global programme Sustainable Agricultural Systems and Policies (AgSys) is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented through the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, in partnership with the Kenya Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development. The programme supports nine cooperating countries in transforming their agricultural and food systems through various interventions related to transformative policies and implementation, innovation scaling and institutionalization, agency and empowerment, sustainable agri-sector financing, and up to global level exchanges and learning. AgSys in Kenya aims to strengthen transformation processes including policy advisory towards sustainable agricultural systems at national and county level, and upwards contributing to transnational exchange.

The global programme module objective is “Transformation processes towards sustainable agricultural systems are strengthened in Kenya” and works in five fields of activity (Outputs):

1. Promoting reform approaches through transformative agricultural policy. These approaches need to be cross-cutting and as such connect agricultural policy with other areas such as food and nutrition security, climate action and biodiversity conservation.
2. Scaling successful practices to provide support in consolidating and institutionalizing tried-and-tested approaches and innovations.
3. Including input from civil society by involving non-state actors, above all women and young people, in the reform agendas.
4. Harmonizing financial contributions with the aim of transforming the national funding landscape and opening access to additional funding and contributions to support the reform agendas.
5. Linking national and global agendas to strengthen national reform processes and enrich the debate on the transformation of agricultural and food systems.



Kenya Youth in Agrifood Systems Coalition

The Kenya Youth in Agrifood Systems Coalition (KYASC) is the collective voice and action platform for young people shaping Kenya's agrifood transformation. As a national umbrella platform for youth across the agrifood system, KYASC brings together young farmers, pastoralists, fisherfolk, agripreneurs, processors, traders, innovators, researchers, students, professionals, youth organisations, and youth-led enterprises into one coordinated and influential platform for collective action, leadership, and transformation.

Born from the Kenya Youth in Agrifood Systems Summit 2026 and the regional youth in agrifood systems dialogues that preceded it, KYASC builds on a shared recognition that young people are already active across Kenya's agrifood systems, but their impact is often constrained by fragmented representation, limited access to productive resources, weak market linkages, inadequate opportunities, and limited influence in decision-making.

At its core, KYASC is driven by a bold ambition of building a strong, organised and influential youth constituency that can shape policies, unlock investment, create sustainable enterprises and decent work, strengthen markets, drive innovation and lead the transition towards resilient, sustainable and inclusive agrifood systems.

With a clear focus on youth leadership, enterprise, investment, and private-sector partnerships, KYASC goes beyond convening young people. It connects youth to opportunities, strengthens their collective voice, builds bridges with government and the private sector, and turns youth priorities into practical action.

The Coalition seeks to ensure that young people are not only represented in conversations about agriculture but are actively shaping policy, influencing investment decisions, participating across agrifood value chains and markets, driving innovation, and contributing to the governance and transformation of Kenya's agrifood systems.



Kingdom of the Netherlands

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Kenya and the Netherlands enjoy strong bilateral ties that serve the interest of both countries. Kenya is the largest economy in Eastern Africa. Its vibrant and diversified private sector, rooted in a relatively stable business climate, has led to consistent GDP growth. The Netherlands is a top-5 export destination for Kenyan goods and the largest market in the EU. Development efforts are key to enhance agriculture and food security. Highlighted here are two programs funded by the embassy: the Think and Do Tank and the RANGE program.

Think and Do Tank Program

The Resilience Think and Do Tank (RTDT) is a three-year initiative working to convene, and catalyse agri-food investment across eight arid and semi-arid lands (ASAL) counties by generating credible investment evidence, strengthening the institutions that govern investment decisions, and brokering linkages between viable agri-food opportunities and the private capital required to realise them.



The program led by Millennium Water Alliance (MWA) Kenya works with agribusinesses turning local raw materials and underused resources into commercial, export-ready products. Together, they highlight Kenya's growing capacity to combine local sourcing, technical know-how, and cooperative farmer networks into investable, scalable agribusiness models. The following enterprises are already generating income and impact for smallholders and pastoralist households while building toward larger commercial scale.

Multi Seed

Multi Seed is a KEPHIS-certified potato seed merchant producing certified seed at the Breeder, Pre-Basic, Basic, and Certified (C1/C2) stages. Working from Rooted Apical Cuttings the enterprise multiplies disease-free, high-yield planting material and supplies it through the 1,574-member Lanyyak Cooperative network across Narok County and clients from other counties in Kenya, helping close the country's chronic shortage of certified potato seeds. Website: mutinda15.github.io/DEV



Hafrey Limited

Hafrey Limited operates an intensive beef feedlot in Northern Kenya's Isiolo County, sourcing grass-fed Boran cattle from a network of over 1,000 pastoralist suppliers across the region's Arid and Semi-Arid Lands. Cattle are fattened and finished on a 350-acre far over a structured 90-to-105-day cycle using a Total Mixed Ration system, before being supplied as traceable, quality-graded beef to formal offtakers including Sultan Meat Packers, Farmers Choice, and Quality Meat Packers, as well as retail butchers in Isiolo, Meru, and Nanyuki. Website: www.hafrey.co.ke



Ziada Solutions

Ziada Solutions turns banana stalk waste, ordinarily burned or left to rot, into a portfolio of high-value products: banana fibre hair extensions, handwoven baskets, carpets and mats, banana flour, and liquid fertilizer sold back to farmers. Through a decentralised Farmer-Producer Organisation model, mobile decorticator machines are stationed directly at farmer group sites belonging to the 750-member Taita Taveta Banana Cooperative (TATABA), and the enterprise already supplies confirmed export orders to the United States alongside domestic retail and hospitality buyers. Website: www.ziadasolutions.com



Resilient Approaches in Natural Rangeland Ecosystems (RANGE) Program

Resilient Approaches in Natural Rangeland Ecosystems (RANGE) is a 5-year program aimed at strengthening the resilience of the ASAL communities that contribute to sustainable economic and social development in a well-managed landscape. The project focuses on the livestock sector as the most immediate driver of improved resilience, while also building support for alternative livelihoods and appropriate agro-pastoralism approaches. RANGE employs the Resilience Framework and the Market Systems Development Approach in the implementation and engages private firms, NGOs, and government agencies to identify market system key constraints and weaknesses, such as missing services, accessibility, quality of inputs, and economies of scale.



Holland Greentech Kenya

Holland Greentech Kenya Ltd is a horticultural solutions company supporting farmers, agribusinesses and development partners to build productive, profitable, sustainable and climate-resilient farming systems. HGT combines high-quality horticultural inputs with technical expertise, farmer training, irrigation and water-management solutions, integrated crop protection, protected cultivation, project implementation and value-chain development. Through partnerships with government, NGOs, private-sector companies, research institutions and development organisations, HGT implements practical agricultural projects that strengthen farmer capacity, improve resource efficiency, increase productivity and connect farmers to markets. Through the RANGE program, HGT Kenya is advancing climate-smart horticulture and farmer livelihoods across the arid and semi-arid counties of Samburu and Isiolo.

Website: www.hollandgreentech.com/kenya-home



GENCO Livestock & Fresh Meat Export Ltd

Genco Livestock & Fresh Meat Export Ltd is a Kenyan livestock aggregation and fresh meat export company strengthening livestock value chains by connecting pastoralist producers in ASAL counties to premium and high-value domestic, regional and international markets. Through the RANGE program, Genco is working with pastoralist farmers to improve livestock production and quality through farmer registration, animal health services, feed and fodder development, and improved livestock management, while building reliable aggregation and market linkages. Website: www.gencolivestock.com





Connecting Farmer Organizations to Markets and Finance

For farmer organizations and agri-SMEs, professionalizing and gaining access to markets and finance rarely comes from one place — it takes assessment, capacity-building, market linkages and finance working together, turning farmer organizations into reliable, bankable business entities. AgriGRADE is a public-private partnership that makes this possible, developed by SCOPEinsight, Oikocredit, IDH and Agriterra with catalytic support from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

At the 6th National Agribusiness Summit, the focus is on moving from fragmented production to a competitive, market-led agricultural sector. AgriGRADE delivers a practical, shared framework for that shift - connecting the tools, data and services of organizations already supporting farmer organizations and agri-SMEs into one tailored pathway:

- ASSESS a cooperative's business performance and growth potential
- ADVISE on management, financial literacy and organizational sustainability
- ACT on practical business plans that strengthen commercial capabilities, and
- ACCELERATE market linkages, access to finance and peer-to-peer learning

The model is value chain agnostic and designed to scale, allowing additional partners and local service providers to connect and contribute their own expertise.

In Kenya, AgriGRADE currently supports 28 farmer organizations linked to Meru Central Dairy Cooperative Union. Building on this experience, AgriGRADE is engaging government, private-sector and development partners to expand across value chains and regions in Kenya.

Website: www.agrigrade.org

Contact: info@agrigrade.org

AgriGRADE - A shared Infrastructure, Built to Scale

Investing In African Sustainable Food Systems

Across sub-Saharan Africa, smallholder farmers, leaders, and a multitude of organizations and companies are working on better food systems. These systems will be **environmentally sustainable**, diverse, and inclusive enough to face the challenges of the present and future, while leveraging everything that makes African farming unique. Building them is a complex task for tens of millions of smallholder farmers and thousands of African - made and -led institutions. It will take the right seeds, a broad embrace of sustainable practices, inclusive markets, strategic collaboration, and very smart policies. Fortunately, these efforts are converging through AGRA, an African institution drawing up blueprints for agriculture in rapid transformation through a sustainable food systems lens – and partnering to make the plans a reality.

Who We Are

AGRA, a proudly African -led organization, dedicated to transforming agriculture to improve the lives of smallholder farmers across the continent. Since 2006, AGRA has collaborated with governments, NGOs, research institutions, civil society, and private -sector businesses to empower smallholder farmers to boost their incomes, achieve food security, and enjoy better livelihoods by addressing the binding constraints in seed systems, markets and trade, landscape systems and in the enabling environment. AGRA's Strategic Framework 2022 -2030 (AGRA 3.0) outlines a long -term commitment to sustainable agricultural transformation, aligning with global and continental priorities to eradicate hunger, end poverty, and enhance climate resilience.



VISION:

To contribute to a food system-inspired inclusive agricultural transformation across Africa, to reduce hunger, improve nutrition, and adapt to climate change



MISSION:

To catalyze the growth of sustainable food systems across Africa by influencing and leveraging partners to build a robust enabling environment where private sector thrives and smallholder farmers are empowered to produce sufficient, healthy food

In pursuing sustainable farming practices, our **Climate Adaptation, Sustainable Agriculture and Resilience** business line is dedicated to resilient farming systems. We aspire to empower farmers supporting farmers in building to achieve improved yields and derive sustained profits from their agricultural endeavors. By promoting and implementing climate adaptive, resilient and productive farming systems, we contribute to agricultural communities' long-term viability and prosperity.

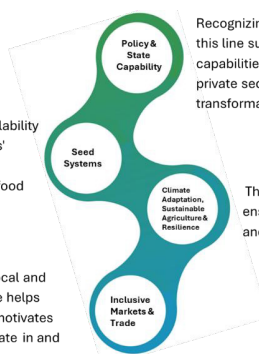
As the thought leader in the continent, AGRA strives to lead the continent in forward-looking approaches and innovations by generating and disseminating compelling evidence and effective tools to improve decision-making AGRA works with leaders within national and subnational government institutions. AGRA's approach is deliberately inclusive and designed to result in better natural resources management and enhanced ecosystem services support greater resilience and climate change adaptation and mitigation at the farm and landscape level through coordinated and collective action.

AGRA's strategic priorities

AGRA focuses on four key strategic priority areas / thematic areas designed to support smallholder farmers and catalyze sustainable growth. These strategic priority areas are central to AGRA's mission of empowering smallholder farmers, increasing their productivity, and advancing food security across Africa.

By continuing to improve seed availability and quality, AGRA addresses seeds' foundational role in boosting crop productivity, farmer incomes, and food security.

Focused on developing inclusive local and regional agri-food markets, this line helps create a robust market "pull" that motivates farmers and businesses to participate in and reinvest in the agricultural economy.



Recognizing the necessity of government leadership, this line supports creating policies and state capabilities that foster an environment where the private sector can thrive, accelerating agricultural transformation.

This line builds resilient farming practices, ensuring farmers achieve consistent yields and profit sustainably from their hard work.

AGRA – At a Glance



AGRA was founded in 2006 to respond to the Call for a Uniquely African Green Revolution by the late Koffi Annan



We empower and build the resilience of small hold holder farmers



We support development of inclusive markets and finance to strengthen agricultural systems



We strengthen state capability to sustain agricultural transformation



We offer our partners credibility, catalytic power, connections, cross sectoral capabilities and commitment



Today, AGRA is a proud African-led institution that is going beyond the Green Revolution to focusing on catalyzing sustainable food systems and inclusive agricultural transformation



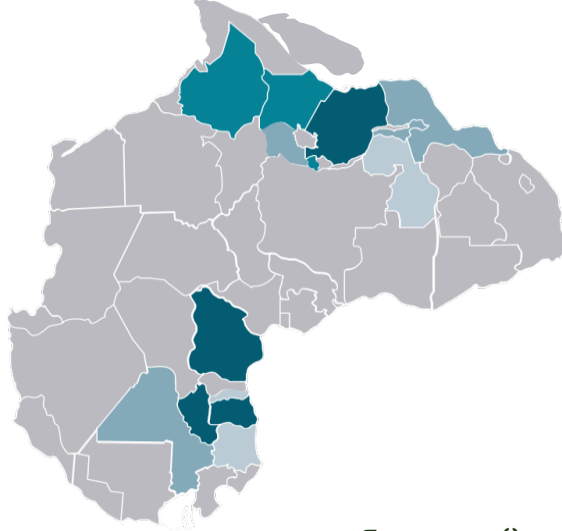
Headquartered in Nairobi Kenya, with a continental footprint and an in-country presence in 11 countries



With a budget of approximately USD100M annually, AGRA's current funding partners include Gates Foundation, MasterCard Foundation, Green Climate Fund (GCF), the Rockefeller foundation, FCDO, BMZ/KfW, IKEA foundation



Between 2017 and 2021, AGRA reached 11 million farmers directly and 26 million farmers reached through policy, state capability and partnerships work. Of these, 60% adopted post-harvest practices directly



Re-catalyzing sector momentum by promoting agricultural markets and trade, to significantly increase agricultural contribution to national growth



Propel sector expansion by providing bespoke support across all agricultural systems



Highly targeted growth in seed, sustainable farming, and agricultural markets and trade given expected challenges with government and donor commitment



Influence without presence in new countries through a remote delivery model to catalyze a food system inspired inclusive agricultural transformation



AGRA will continue work in its 12 countries of operation and initially scale to four countries to include Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, Senegal and Zambia

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