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Pathways to Turn Smallholder Farmers into Sustainable Agribusiness

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The prevalence of vulnerable, low-quality jobs, rather than the relatively low unemployment rates, constitutes the main labour market challenge on the continent. #HowWillYouLead #AGRF2018

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Agriculture in Africa must cease being a struggle to survive and become the business that thrives. Privileged to be attending the 2018 Food Prize Award Ceremony in Kigali #AGRF2018 @yara @kipjohn @pthigo @AfricaNow @mhailu @TheAGRF #AGRF2018

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## Main Highlights



**The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) wins the 2018 African Food Prize**

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) has won the prestigious African Food Prize this year. The award recognises an outstanding individual or institution that is leading the effort to change the reality of farming in Africa – from a struggle to survive to a business that thrives. [Read more](#)



**Women in Agribusiness and Financial Inclusion**

How are women smallholder farmers and agribusiness owners being supported to commercialise, grow and thrive their businesses? Public and private sector leaders came together to answer this question and more on day 3 of AGRF 2018, challenging the status quo on women's roles in the agriculture sector. [Read more](#)



**Africa's Ministers Pledge to Commercialise Region's Agricultural Sector**

Over 20 government ministers of agriculture from across Africa, plus leaders of the development community and private sector, gathered to discuss how to improve the Agriculture sector to move it from subsistence to business. [Read more](#)

## VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



## WHO SAID IT?

*“Remember that if we get these things right, lives are changed. People have hope. This continent starts to be what it can and should be... This isn't just a conversation about policy... it's a worthwhile mission, and we are, at last, on our way.”*

Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, Executive Chairman, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, and Former Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

*“The flow of funding is dependent on whether the farmer is connected to such institutions as credit reference bureaus, markets and payment systems. It is only then when we complete digitising the whole system and link together all the players that we shall remove the remoteness associated with farming and make the industry attractive to financiers.”*

James Mwangi,  
CEO, Equity Bank

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## TOMORROW'S HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday 8 Sept, 2018

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**Presidential Summit**  
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**Declaration and Communiqué**  
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**Pitch AgriHack Award Ceremony**  
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