The Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) has emerged as a major platform for strengthening partnerships, unlocking investment, and catalyzing innovation to drive the continent’s agricultural transformation. The 2018 AGRF, held in Kigali, Rwanda, and hosted by H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, focused on the theme of “Africa’s Green Revolution: Breaking the Belt.”

**Key Highlights & Outcomes**

- **Closing the Belt:** The AGRF 2018闭幕式
- **New Partnerships:** New development partnerships were announced, including a coalition that includes the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to invest $50 million in women in agribusiness.
- **Investing in Women Fund:** $6.42 million in the US $50 million Investing in Women fund.
- **African Agricultural Trade Status Monitor:** A new feature of the AGRF that hosted 16 companies—drawn from a selection of the best agrifood companies in the world. Five of these start-ups were awarded grants for their innovative business ideas, and an additional 25 companies were invited to pitch their ideas.
- **Tribute to Kofi Annan:** A special tribute to the late Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, who passed away in August 2018. The AGRF honored his legacy by dedicating a special session to his work in advancing food security and international development.
- **2018 Africa Food Prize:** The $2 million Africa Food Prize was awarded to the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), recognizing its leadership in driving agricultural innovation and transformation.
- **Increase Ag Exports:** The program will seek to deliver increased ag exports.
- **New Development Partnerships:** The AGRF announced several new development partnerships, including a coalition that includes the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to invest $50 million in women in agribusiness.
- **Farmer-led Irrigation for Smallholder Farming Enterprises:** A new initiative aimed at empowering smallholder farmers to adopt modern irrigation technologies.
- **International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and Centre de recherches pour le développement international (CRDI):** These two organizations have a proven capacity to deliver more commercial opportunities to farmers by removing barriers to growth.
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**Social Media Engagement**

The AGRF 2018 had an incredible social media presence, with a main hashtag that reached 57.1 million users. The content on the AGRF Facebook page had 353.1k impressions and had 42.7k engagements. The tweets were generated by 15,900 users. The two hashtags, #AGRF2018 and #AGRF, were used by 15,930 and 13,800 users, respectively.

**Photography**

You can view all the photos from the Forum here. 

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**Agenda**

The Agenda includes sessions focused on securing a better future for Africa’s farmers, including discussions on Secure the Belt, Close the Belt, and Break the Belt.

**Innovative Solutions**

The AGRF 2018 featured an Innovation Hub that showcased innovative solutions to agriculture challenges. The Innovator of the Year was announced at the Awards Ceremony, and a number of other awards were presented to recognize excellence in agriculture.

**Partnership**

The AGRF 2018 was supported by a strong coalition of partners, including the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the African Union, the World Bank, and other leading organizations.

**Join Us**

The AGRF 2019 will be held in Kigali, Rwanda, and will be a key event for anyone interested in driving agricultural transformation in Africa. For more information, please visit afrf.org.