Dear AGRF Partner,

The AGRF drumbeats are getting louder. Accra is calling! We hope you are preparing to join us at this year’s forum, where we will leverage the digital transformation to develop sustainable food systems for Africa. We look forward to seeing you there, 3-6 September, 2019.

It is now official. Accra, Ghana will, indeed, be the host of this year’s forum. This was formalized in an hosting MoU signed by Dr Owusu Afriyie Akoto, Ghana’s Minister for Food and Agriculture, on behalf of the Government of Ghana and Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President AGRA on behalf of the AGRF partners.

We are officially kicking-off the preparations for AGRF 2019 on 16 April 2019 when the forum will be officially launched at a partners and media breakfast. The launch event will be preceded by a media field visit on 15 April 2019 to a project that showcases digitalization at work.

This new era provides real opportunity to leverage the youth of the continent. Many of today’s young people have grown up with technology in the palms of their hands. They ‘get it’ and coming up with innovations in their quest for solutions to everyday challenges is second nature to them. This is changing the perception of agriculture by young people from one of drudgery to an economically viable engagement that is cutting edge. If the continent’s agri-sector can harness the power of the tech savvy youth, the green revolution can go to new heights. Below are some examples of young people in action:

**Cowtribe**

Launched in 2016 by Peter Awin and Alima Bawah, Cowtribe is a mobile-based platform that allows farmers in Ghana to easily access animal vaccines. The startup sources and aggregates genuine and affordable vaccinations from large suppliers, and works with a network of qualified agents to reach previously marginalised farmers. READ MORE...

**e-Agribusiness**

 Founded in 2015 by Togolese entrepreneur Edeh Dona Etchri, e-Agribusiness is a digital platform that links farmers with relevant professionals and markets. The SMS-led innovation allows farmers to access extension services, weather information, farming tips and links to both international and market opportunities. READ MORE...

**BaySeddo**

A crowdsourcing innovation developed by Mamadou Sall and Thierno Souleymane, BaySeddo links Senegalese farmers who own land but have no financial resources to both local and international investors. BaySeddo aims at modernising African farming for increased productivity and profitability. READ MORE...

Through your work and that of many other partners who are trailblazing the digital revolution in African Agriculture, investments in agritech are on the rise. See this story on the Financial Times for more.

The window is still open for you to join the AGRF Partners Group and become an integral player in the achievement of the shared vision of inclusive agricultural transformation in Africa. You can also become a sponsor in different categories and help shape and drive the event in ways aligned to your organization’s strategy. In addition to this strategic engagement, sponsors get visibility and institutional benefits during and after AGRF events across the year. READ THIS PACK for more details on partnership engagements.

To sign up, please contact the AGRF Secretariat at secretariat@agrf.org. New partners are admitted throughout the year, but applications received by end of March are prioritized.

For more information, please contact us at secretariat@agrf.org.

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