AGRF 2021 SUMMIT
Pathways to recovery and resilient food systems

Join the largest dialogue on inclusive agricultural transformation in Africa

Pre-Summit
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Location
Nairobi / Virtual

Summit
September 7-10
Hosted by
Kenya

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The evidence is clearer than ever - we need to transform our food systems, and we need to do it now.

2021 is a critical year for recovery and food system transformation. This year’s AGRF Summit will explore the pathways and actions needed to accelerate this process and steer the continent towards food systems that:

- deliver sufficient and nutritious food
- do not impact the environment negatively
- create sustainable, dignified jobs, and shared prosperity for Africa.

The AGRF 2021 Summit is a defining moment in highlighting and unlocking the political, policy, and financial commitments and innovations the continent has made and that it continues to work towards achieving. It is about advancing the commitments made at the Malabo Heads of State Summit and working hard to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Food is the critical link required to tackle some of the world’s major crises, including hunger, poverty, and climate change. We must act quickly.

The AGRF Summit will provide a platform for governments and communities; including youth, women, civil society, and other stakeholders around the world to discuss their food systems and identify ways to strengthen them. It’s our opportunity to achieve global impact, guided by insight and evidence from local leaders and innovators.
Elevating the African Voice at the UN Food System Summit

Collaboration will be key to achieving transformation. That is why this year’s AGRF Summit is closely aligned with the UN Food System Summit (UNFSS) to raise global awareness and catalyse momentum towards the commitments made.

As part of the Summit’s contribution to the UNFSS, the AGRF Summit aims to elevate the single coordinated African voice to the UNFSS and identify immediate actions and steps that need to be taken to accelerate progress and recovery towards inclusive agricultural transformation.
AGRF Summit 2021 Action Tracks

The AGRF 2021 programme seeks to showcase solutions and elevate pathways to food systems transformation and recovery under four action tracks:

- Leveraging trade and competitiveness for continental economic recovery
- Advancing equitable livelihoods
- Building Resilient Food Systems
- Delivering nutritious food in an affordable and environmentally sustainable way

The Summit aims to deliver the following outcomes:

1. Articulate an African vision on inclusive agricultural transformation
2. Reflect on emerging coalitions
3. Identify priority country-level areas for support and intervention
4. Complement public commitments with commitments from other stakeholders
5. Catalyse an action agenda towards the UN Food Systems Summit
The AGRF 2021 Summit Highlights

- 5 days of high-level dialogues, events, awards, and debates
- 10 heads of states
- 30 ministers
- 1000+ partnership meetings
- Over 10,000 delegates across the globe
- US $5 billion of public and private investments facilitated for matchmaking
- 2021 summit declaration
- Africa Food Prize
Programme Highlights

The AGRF 2021 Summit will bring together a diverse range of speakers to showcase the possibilities and inspire commitment and action from all parties within the food systems. The AGRF programme is built on three key pillars: inspiration, partnership and fellowship. Attendees can come together during the plenary sessions at the start and close of each day, and choose to join individual sessions tailored to their specific interests.

High-Level Plenary Sessions
These will be 2-hour sessions where pre-eminent speakers will deep dive into the various themes and unpack issues pertinent to Africa.

Farmers Forum
The Farmers Forum will shine a spotlight on the continent’s farmers.

High-Level Youth Townhall
The session will elevate the discussion on harnessing the power of young people to transform the continent’s food system.

Story Slams and Grand Slams
A special event featuring inspiring stories from young Africans and food systems champions in the agri-food sector on their individual journeys to transforming food systems.

Deep Dive into Kenya
Designed to inspire action, these sessions will be curated to showcase Kenya’s leadership in agriculture and its domestic talent.

The Ministerial Round Table
A platform and collective moment for reflection on the progress countries are making to accelerate the implementation of the CAADP Malabo Commitments, and meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals in the context of food systems.
The Presidential Summit and The Summit Declaration

Presidents in conversation – a discussion culminating in the summit declaration, a powerful multi-sectoral statement that will capture the moment, progress, and commitments made as part of the AGRF 2021 Summit’s contribution to the UN Food System Summit.

About the Host Country - Kenya

Under the leadership of H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta, the AGRF 2021 summit will be held in a hybrid format – a virtual broadcast with an exclusive physical event in Nairobi, Kenya.

Kenya hosted the AGRF in 2016 bringing together over 1500 delegates. Under the Seize the Moment campaign, led by H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta, the AGRF 2016 proved critical in securing political, policy, and financial commitments of more than US $30 billion. Continental leaders committed to harness the surge of support for agriculture and ensure it creates jobs and drives economic growth across the continent—particularly for the 300 million young Africans coming into the job market over the next 15 years.

The AGRF 2021 Summit will provide an opportunity for Kenya to showcase its leadership and progress in achieving food security – a pillar of Kenya’s Big 4 agenda, and provide practical examples of how agriculture can accelerate progress and prosperity for countries and their citizens.