



# AGRF 2022 SUMMIT

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## About the AGRF 2022 Summit

The AGRF, Africa's premier forum for driving the food and agriculture agenda in the continent, will host its 12th annual summit under the theme **Grow, Nourish, Reward – Bold Actions for Resilient Food Systems** from September 5-9, 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda.

Together with the Government of Rwanda and the AGRF partner's group, the AGRF 2022 Summit will provide a platform to reflect on the coordinated large-scale action by leaders, institutions, investors, coalitions, and individuals to accelerate action towards translating commitments made into actionable strategies and progress on the ground.

The summit will convene leaders from governments, businesses, civil society, international organizations alongside innovators, financiers, experts, scientists, entrepreneurs, and youth. To journey along as they define game-changing solutions towards a food-secure Africa and food systems that deliver for people, planet, and prosperity.

## Grow, Nourish, Reward – Bold Actions for Resilient Food Systems

The AGRF 2022 comes at a pivotal time, a crossroad in Africa's recovery and progress towards the attainment of the commitments outlined in the Malabo Declaration, the CAADAP goals and the sustainable development goals.

In 2021, major commitments in nutrition, innovation, renewable energy, climate change, regional food trade, and investment were made towards the transformation of food systems.

Building on the Common African Position for food systems and the more than 30 national pathways for food systems transformation that exist across the continent, the Summit will showcase leadership from African countries that taking these [pathways] to the next level

Recognizing the urgent need for action; the AGRF 2022 summit will call upon leaders from the private sector, national and local governments, youth, and other organizations to put forward bold actions that can play a key role in transforming how Africa produces and consumes food.

The AGRF 2022 Summit will seek to find catalytic solutions to:

- **Grow** the coordinated and large-scale action by stakeholders across multiple sectors. We need to mobilise private and public investments to strengthen small and medium-sized businesses, youth entrepreneurship, and access to markets for smallholder farmers.
- **Nourish** innovations and cultivate country solutions that will translate the commitments made into actionable strategies and progress on the ground.
- **Reward** and recognize the champions by ensuring that they have a supportive environment and celebrate country pathways, innovations, and initiatives that are actionable and scalable in delivering food systems transformation.

The summit will also explore the accelerators needed and focus on the ongoing interventions and actions needed to mitigate and address the interlinkages between climate, fragility, nutrition, and social inclusion.





## Key summit takeaways and outcomes

The Summit aims to deliver the following outcomes:

- **An Inclusive voice:** Shape an inclusive African Voice on food systems transformation in the global context by ensuring participatory reporting and active advocacy of key summit outcomes
- **Innovations** Spotlight innovations in food systems and showcase a diversity of voices and stakeholders contributing to the transformation of Africa's food system.
- **Shared priorities:** Identify priorities and gaps in Africa's transformation and provide a platform for alignment on shared continental priorities and progress towards building food systems that deliver for people, planet, and prosperity
- **Resources:** Mobilise resources and catalyze solutions building on innovation in science, and technology with the goal to support country transformation pathways.
- **Climate Action:** Elevate the coordinated African voice on climate action by outlining the challenges and identifying country-led solutions and pathways
- **Country Leadership:** Provide a platform for countries to showcase leadership and share best practices in progressing pathways to actionable strategies

## AGRF 2022 Action Tracks

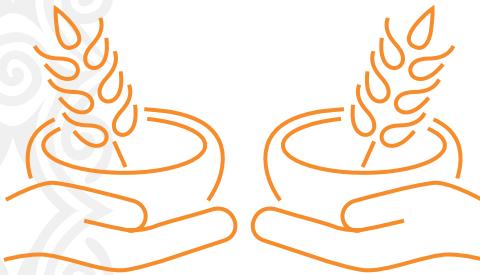
The Summit aims to deliver the following outcomes:

- **Climate Action– our people, our planet**

The global food systems are imposing increasing pressure on our planetary habitat – it requires a shift in focus towards building resilience and sustainability of the entire system. Food systems are one of the greatest drivers of climate change, but also one of the best solutions moving forward, both for mitigation and adaptation. As a result, food systems and agriculture must continue to have an ever more prominent position as the world prepares for COP27 in Egypt. The AGRF 2022 summit will provide a platform to elevate the coordinated African voice on climate action by outlining the challenges and identifying country-led solutions and pathways

- **Nutrition and Diets**

The current African food systems are failing to deliver healthy diets to all and are one of the greatest challenges for climate and environmental sustainability. Healthy diets demand a systems approach that acknowledges the central role and responsibility of food systems across the world, working together across other key systems to provide better diets for all, while also sustaining the planet for future generations. The challenge of nutrition is dependent upon finding the right formula to deliver nutritious food in an affordable and environmentally sustainable way.





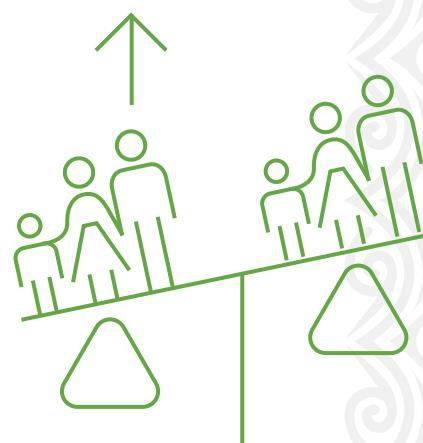
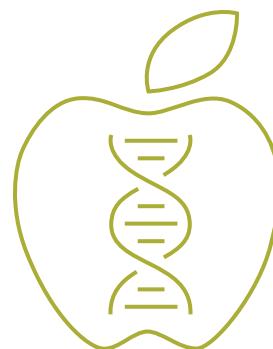
- **Innovations in Food Systems**

The pressure on our food systems will require innovation in technology, science and policies tailored to address the needs of countries at a contextual level. These innovations need to be economical, socially sustainable, and environmentally sustainable. Economic sustainability will address the quality of jobs created their value and stability. Social stability will ensure there is inclusion and coordination across different sectors and demographic segments. Environmental inclusion will enable these innovations to deliver for the people and the planet.

- **Markets and livelihoods**

Trade and competitiveness are critical stimuli for continental economic recovery and growth. Revitalising local economies, improving health and wages for farmers, and enhancing the quality of lives for millions of Africans, particularly, those most vulnerable is paramount for accelerated growth and recovery. Dismantling gender, economic, and other structural inequities in the food system are critical to ensuring that everyone can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential. This theme will explore

- The community-driven solutions and innovative policies that are dismantling these inequalities.
- The shifts required at the policy and community level towards a food system that is equitable, inclusive, and sustainable.
- The immediate actions needed to accelerate and foster inclusive growth and explore how we can create systems, mechanisms, and processes to ensure prosperity is more equitable across the board.



## The AGRF 2022 Summit Program Highlights

The AGRF 2022 Summit will bring together a diverse range of speakers to showcase the actionable strategies and how pathways previously defined are translating at the country level. The AGRF programme is built on three key pillars: ambition, action and partnership. 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 action tracks defined for each day.

### Farmers Forum

The Farmers Forum will shine a spotlight on the continent's farmers – the progress, challenges and action needed.

### High-Level Youth Townhall

The session will elevate the discussion on harnessing the power of young people to transform the continent's potential in agriculture into real action.

### Story Slams and Grand Slams

A special event featuring inspiring stories from young Africans and champions in the agri-food sector on their individual journeys.

### 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 the Africa Common position on food systems.

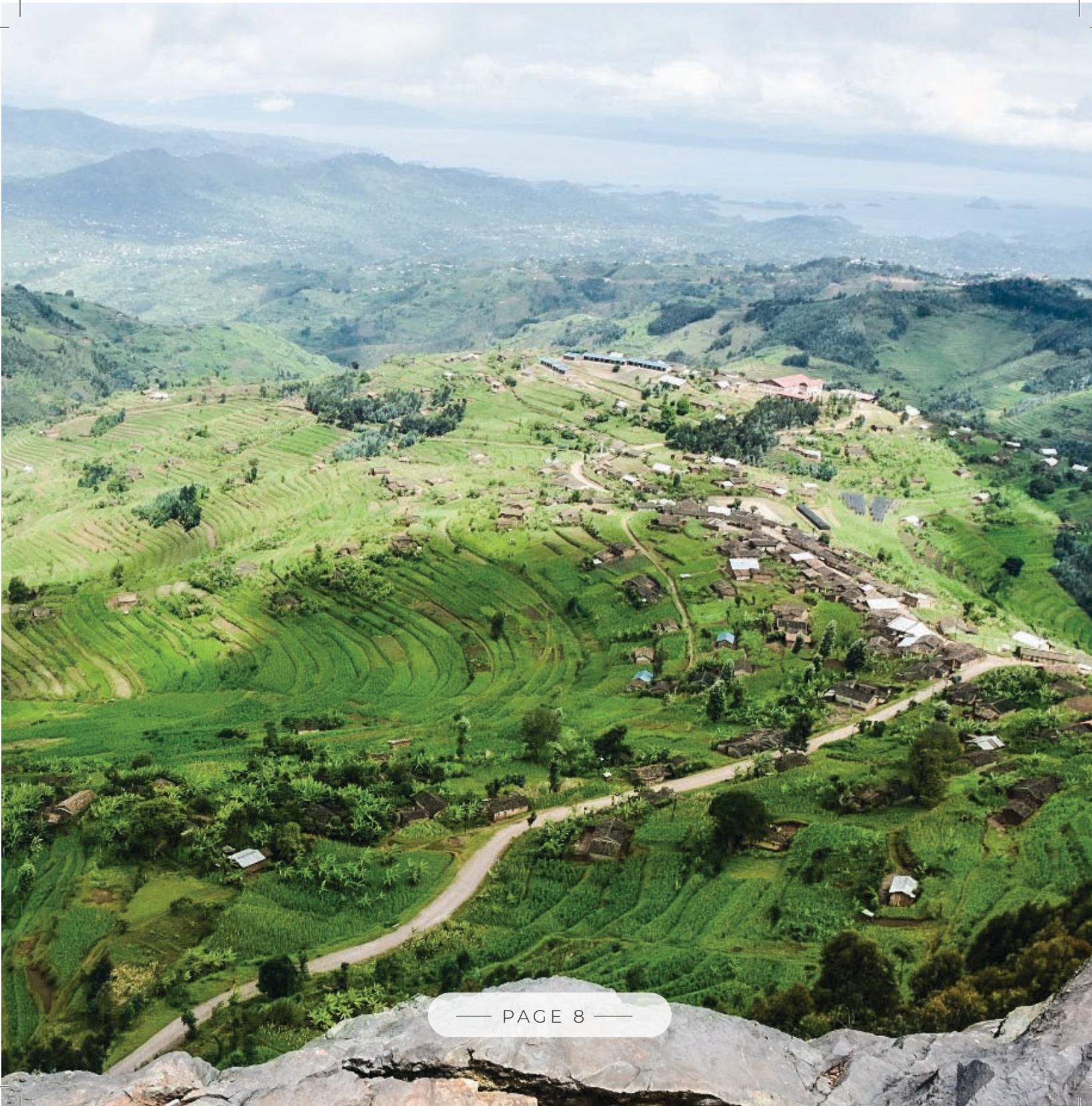




## About the host country, Rwanda

Rwanda is the long-term host country of the AGRF and hosts the AGRF annual summit every consequent year. Rwanda has developed an extensive institutional framework that supports effective coordination between different stakeholders in the development and implementation of activities and interventions in its food systems.

The government's approach centers on encouraging private sector involvement in all activities along the food value chain. Similarly, the government is encouraging Rwanda's development to be green-led, to improve resilience and climate-sensitive and smart approaches. This year the AGRF summit program will spotlight Rwanda's leadership in agriculture with sessions designed to inspire and draw knowledge from the various initiatives, innovations, and programs that Rwanda has designed towards food security.



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