



Food systems are critical for human well-being and livelihoods, but African food systems face multiple challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, conflict, migration, external crises, and shocks. These challenges are compounded by inadequate finance, equipment, technologies, infrastructure, and digital connectivity. Transforming African food systems is necessary to increase local food production and resilience to global and local challenges, address poverty, food and nutrition insecurity, and youth and women's gap and unemployment.



The Africa Food Systems Forum 2023 Summit's theme, **“Recover, Regenerate, Act: Africa's Solutions to Food Systems Transformation,”** focuses on building back better food systems and food sovereignty with youth and women at the center. The theme identifies three steps needed to achieve this transformation: Recovery, Regenerate, and Act. Recovery calls for decisive strategies and actions to rebuild

food systems after multiple crises and shocks. Regenerate emphasizes the need to regenerate natural capital resources with adaptation practices, innovation, and technology for sustainable food production in a changing climate context. Act urges urgent action to accelerate food systems transformation through better policies, practices, and investments.

KEY SUMMIT TAKEAWAYS AND OUTCOMES

AFRICA'S FOOD SYSTEMS FORUM 2023 SUMMIT AIMS TO:



Share African innovations to scale up solutions to global food systems challenges, assess progress made in transforming food systems across the continent and globally.



Review the progress on investments and commitments made through the summit and the agribusiness deal room.



Renew political commitments to advancing climate-resilient food systems for women and youth.



Launch the presidential legacy program- Tanzania's programmatic business model for piloting and scaling food system transformation.



Mobilize innovative financing instruments such as catalytic funds to support youth and women-led agribusinesses.



THE PROGRAM

The AGRF 2023 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 program is built on three key pillars: ambition, action, and partnership.

The Presidential Summit comprised of Heads of State & Government, eminent persons a plenary on Africa's leadership towards food systems transformation.

Good morning, AGRF! Each morning gets people excited about the tracks and events of the day. Hosted by selected youth coming from GoGettaz, the host country, and youth organizations.

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.

CEO Chat: An interactive parallel panel of distinguished leaders discussing key insights on shaping the future of food systems.

Future of Food Systems: Innovators showcase serving as red thread sessions and showing the path forward for Africa's food systems advancement – including availability, affordability, and accessibility.

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

The Ministerial Round Table: A platform for reflection and stocktaking on the political and financial components the continent has achieved.

Gender Caucus: Will bring together women leaders to discuss the challenges and opportunities to support women in food systems value chains

AFRICA'S FOOD SYSTEMS FORUM IMPACT

The AGRF has established itself as a powerful convener, bringing together leaders, thinkers, and implementers in African agriculture from various sectors. The AGRF summits have been successful in setting agendas and developing partnerships, keeping important issues such as Malabo Declaration commitments and related indicators from the CAADP at the forefront of heads of state and ministerial agendas.

2021, 2022 SUMMIT IN NUMBERS

19

Number of Current & Former Heads of State

12,965

Number of delegates

51

Number of Ministers

178

Countries represented

\$12.5 BN

Commitments in Food Systems

AGRF PARTNERS

