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Tanzania welcomes second agricultural corridor initiative

AGRF's focus is on projects that have taken a systemic (or value-chain) approach to agricultural economic development; projects that have involved partners from different industries within the private sector, as well as partners from the public and aid sectors. In this first issue of the AGRF Update we showcase a project that has worked, been further developed and brings together partners in a new innovative, systemic approach to mitigating the risk of investing in African agriculture.

AGRF is supporting the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzanian (SAGOT) – a public-private initiative to unlock Africa's huge agricultural potential. As Salum Shamte, Chairman of the Agricultural Council of Tanzania, says, "the agricultural potential of the Southern corridor is enormous but remains largely dormant or highly underexploited."

Tanzania is only using one per cent of theoretically irrigable land. Businesses have traditionally not invested into African agriculture because of perceived challenges to doing business in a region without adequate infrastructure or regulatory certainty.. The first initiative – the Beira corridor in Mozambique – is helping farmers cultivate 190,000 hectares of newly-irrigated land, generating new revenues of more than US\$1 billion.

Following the success in Mozambique, Tanzania's own SAGOT initiative was discussed at a meeting of the African World Economic Forum in Dar es Salaam in May 2010, where government and business leaders agreed to a joint initiative to develop an investment blueprint for the corridor by end of 2010.

SAGOT responds to a call for investment outlined in Tanzania's Kilimo Kwanza agricultural policy. Already the African Development Bank has donated US\$230m to upgrade trunk roads, including one between Dodoma and Iringa. Fertilizer company Yara intends to invest US\$20 million into a dedicated fertilizer terminal at the Dar es Salaam port.

In addition, helping smallholder farmers commercialize and gain access to international markets could create one million new jobs.

To receive a copy of the 'concept note' on the SAGOT initiative, published in May, please see: www.africacorridors.com

"Let us generate a uniquely African green revolution..."

Kofi Annan, UN Secretary-General, 2004



The African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) aims to drive transformative change through agricultural development by focusing on promoting investments and policy support for agricultural productivity to drive income growth for African farmers in an environmentally sustainable way. The momentum was high at the World Economic Forum on African in Tanzania in May and it is inspiring to see that the change is already taking place as we plan AGRF. With less than 100 days until the Forum kicks off in Ghana on the 2nd of September, we have developed this AGRF Update to continue to inform key stakeholders on the progress and news in the run up to the event.

Each issue will focus on updates on the program, speakers, sponsors and communications. A special space is allocated to profile a case study of a public private partnership or research.

I would like to thank each of our strategic partners AGRA, NEPAD, Standard Bank and Yara as well as the sponsors for their contributions to AGRF. If you have any comments to the AGRF Update, please e-mail media@agrforum.com

We look forward to continuing the dialogue and seeing you in Accra in September.

Best wishes,
Akin Adesina and Arne Cartridge

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Strategic partners

AGRF has secured strategic partnership with AGRA, NEPAD, Standard Bank and Yara, and sponsorships from Norad (Norwegian Development Agency), the Rockefeller Foundation and Sassakawa Global 2000. Additional sponsorships are in the process to be signed. We are thankful to the partners and sponsors who are making this Forum possible. In each AGRF Update we will profile a partner.

Why is AGRF important to AGRA?

"Agra is here to work with partners to trigger a uniquely African revolution that will transform African agriculture into highly productive, efficient, competitive and sustainable systems. The AGRF will be a unique opportunity for us to speak directly with stakeholders from all aspects of the green revolution, from farmers, organizations, government and private



companies. I hope that AGRF will inspire action and public-private partnerships that boost both smallholder and commercial farming in my country and continent." Namanga Ngongi, President of AGRA.

About the Alliance for the African Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

AGRA is a dynamic partnership working across the African continent to help millions of small-scale farmers and their families lift themselves out of poverty and hunger. AGRA programs develop practical solutions to significantly boost farm productivity and incomes for the poor while safeguarding the environment. AGRA advocates for policies that support its work across all key aspects of the African agricultural value chain from seeds, soil health and water to markets and agricultural education. AGRA's Board of Directors is chaired by Kofi A. Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations. For more information, please visit www.agra-alliance.org

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[USAID partners 10 Nigerian states to boost agriculture](#)

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is
Source: The Daily Independent, 10.06

The AGRF Weekly News Roundup is a global scan of news over the past week as presented in the international and trade media. It will arrive in your inbox on Mondays at noon CET. The Roundup is compiled in a user friendly format categorized according to the five pillars of the conference:

1. Investment opportunities
2. The policy environment
3. Cost of finance
4. Agricultural productivity
5. Financial return to farmers

The aim of this roundup is to give a snapshot (headline, publication, date and introduction) of the media's focus. By clicking on the headline, the link will open and you can read the full article. It is important to note that the Roundup does not represent AGRF or its sponsors point of view.

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Speakers

AGRF has 77 confirmed speakers to date (13.07.2010), including chairs and discussion leaders for the Forum. A selection of the confirmed speakers include:

- Kanayo Nwanze**, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Harriet Lamb**, Executive Director, Fairtrade
- Chris Isaac**, Director of Business Development, AgDev Co
- Salum Shamte**, Chairman, Agricultural Council of Tanzania (ACT)
- Patrick Guyver**, Managing Director, ProRustica
- Ann Tutwiler**, Co-ordinator, Global Food Security Initiative, United States Department of Agriculture
- Brian Tembo**, Managing Director, Zambian Agricultural Commodities Exchange /Zamace
- James Boateng**, Managing Director, Cadbury Ghana
- Cris Muyunda**, Senior Agricultural Advisor, ACTESA
- Chantal Naidoo**, Environmental Finance, Development Bank of South Africa
- Carlos Seré**, Director General, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
- Judith Rodin**, President, The Rockefeller Foundation
- Ndiougou Fall**, President, Network of Farmers and Agricultural Producers ' Organisations of West Africa (ROPPA)
- Per Emil Lindoe**, Investment Director, Norfund
- Keith Palmer**, Chairman, InfraCo
- Dov Pasternak**, Head Crops and Systems Diversification and Director of IPALAC, ICRISAT
- Leonard Kariuki**, National Chairman, Kenya National Federation of Agricultural Producers
- Kenneth M. Quinn**, President, World Food Prize Foundation
- Tumusiime Rhoda Peace**, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union
- Hans Adu-Dapaah**, Director/Chief Research Scientist, Crops Research Institute (CSIR)
- King David Amoah**, President, Farmers Organisations Network in Ghana (FONG)
- Seinde Arigbede**, National co-ordinator, Union of Small & Medium Scale Farmers of Nigeria (USMEFAN)
- Shenggen Fan**, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- Gebisa Ejeta**, Distinguished Professor of Agronomy and 2009 World Food Prize Laureate, Purdue University
- Toks Abimbola**, Co-Founder and Board Member, GADCO Limited
- Iggy Bassi**, Co-Founder and Board Member, GADCO Limited
- Ousmane Badiane**, Africa Director, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- Daniel Fungai Mataruka**, Executive Director, African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF)
- Rudy Rabbinge**, Chairman, CGIAR Science Council
- Njabulo Zwane**, GGM of Agricultural Development, Ilovo Sugar
- Dyborn Chibonga**, Chief Executive Officer, National Smallholder Farmers' Association of Malawi (NASFAM)
- Kwesi Atta-Krah**, Deputy Director General, Biodiversity
- Monty Patrick Jones**, Executive Director and Head of Mission, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
- Philip Kiriro**, President, East African Farmers Federation (EAFF)
- Pedro Sanchez**, Director of the Tropical Agricultural and the Rural Environment and Director of the Millennium Villages Project at the Earth Institute, Colombia University
- Florence Wambugu**, Founder and President, Africa Harvest Biotech Foundation International

Meet the speakers

Akin Adesina, Vice President Policy and Partnerships for AGRA

Where does your interest in agriculture come from:



"My interest in agriculture goes way back. My father was a farmer and was in the village until he started primary school when he was 14 years old in Lagos. He told me something early on: "Son, if you ever do anything in life that is important make sure that you make agriculture work for the poor." I know that my career was set to find out how we can help raise productivity of farming to give them opportunities to feed themselves, send their kids to school.



About the AGR Forum

The African Green Revolution Forum is a public and private sector-led Forum for Africa, bringing together key stakeholders to help drive investment into key projects to address food security. By bringing together high-profile African heads of state, ministers, farmers, private agribusiness firms, financial institutions, NGOs, civil society and scientists to an African-led forum. This leading network it is a catalyst to realizing the African Green Revolution. The forum stems from three successful African Green Revolution Conferences in Oslo, Norway. This year it will be co-chaired by Mr. Kofi A. Annan, and hosted by H. E. John Atta Mills, President of Ghana from 2-4 September 2010 in Accra, Ghana.

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