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## Kofi Annan Foundation Strengthening Agriculture In Africa

### African Agriculture

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**USPA NEWS** - The Kofi Annan Foundation brings together leaders from the private sector, civil society and the political sphere and advocates for their cooperation to strengthen African agriculture and support the continent's small-holder farmers. Africa has the potential improve global food and nutrition.

In January 2015, at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, the Kofi Annan Foundation hosted a meeting with leaders from the private sector, philanthropy and global food agencies that addressed the question of how smallholder-centered investment in African agriculture can ensure a more sustainable and robust food system that takes full account of nutritional concerns. The meeting followed earlier discussions on African agricultural transformation organized by the Kofi Annan Foundation in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in November 2013, and at the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) in September 2014.

At the 2014 African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF), the Kofi Annan Foundation and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation convened a high-level session of representatives from different sectors, recognized for their commitment to agricultural development. The meeting built on the conclusions and recommendations that emerged from the High-Level Dialogue jointly hosted with the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa in November 2013, and focused on actionable steps that can be taken to help realize the full potential of African agriculture and food systems.

Recognizing the positive transformations that have started to take place in many African countries, meeting participants emphasized that all stakeholders have a role to play in scaling individual successes across Africa. They stressed that solutions must be inclusive, particularly of smallholder farmers, and must represent the diversity of interests in the agricultural sector: rural and urban populations, small and large farms, private and public sectors, raising the tide of all of Africa.

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