

## **Uniting for Growth: Inclusive Seed Sector Development in Africa Takes Center Stage in High-Level Talk**

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To ensure all farmers across Africa have access to high-quality seeds, it is essential for all stakeholders in the seed sector to come together to voice their concerns in an attempt to address the needs, responsibilities and interests of everyone, leaving no one behind. A distinguished panel of speakers from across the continent and beyond will provide insights into how to engage all stakeholders in contributing to the development of this critical sector. This discussion is being organized by AfricaSeeds and will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM GMT alongside an international agricultural fair, the Salon de l'agriculture et des ressources animales (SARA) in Abidjan. An open invitation is sent to all, encouraging active participation in this important dialogue.

The discussions at the dialogue are inspired by Africa's development roadmap, the Agenda 2063 of the African Union, which envisions an ongoing process in which inclusive and sustainable socioeconomic growth leaves no one behind. To realize this vision, a radical transformation of the agricultural sector is imperative, aiming to bolster productivity and ensuring the continent attains food self-sufficiency and becomes a significant net food exporter.

As a leading player in the African seed sector, AfricaSeeds seeks to serve as a neutral platform for discussing ideas and exchanging views amongst stakeholders. It has embraced the Agenda 2063 vision into its comprehensive strategy for the period 2022-2031 and is using Inclusive Seed Sector Development in Support of Agricultural Transformation in Africa to help bring about a pragmatic change in Africa's agricultural landscape with the collective contribution of all actors.

The agricultural sector in Africa harbors immense potential, and the pivotal role of the seed sector cannot be understated in harnessing this potential. Achieving higher productivity in agriculture requires equitable access to high-quality seeds, especially among the vast majority of smallholder farmers as will be discussed at the dialogue.

It is hoped that insights and conclusions from the dialogue will form a strong basis for more in-depth discussions on strategies to promote and invigorate inclusive seed sector development across the African continent. This will pave the way and shape the agenda for an international conference being envisaged by AfricaSeeds in 2024. The conference will be a collaborative effort, bringing together key stakeholders and experts to delve deeper into the intricacies of inclusive seed sector development and its role in sustainable agricultural transformation in Africa.

Your active participation is highly valued and would make a significant contribution to this gathering. To join us in this important undertaking, please visit the link below and be a part of Africa's journey towards a thriving, inclusive seed sector that benefits all.

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