

# The New Agriculture & Food Security Prize



**The Africa Food Prize** is the preeminent award for recognizing an extraordinary individual or institution whose contributions to African agriculture are forging a new era of sustainable food security and economic opportunity for all Africans.

The USD 100,000 prize celebrates Africans who are taking control of Africa's agriculture agenda and changing the reality of farming in Africa from a struggle to survive to a business that thrives. It puts a bright spotlight on bold initiatives and technical innovations that can be replicated across the continent.

The Africa Food Prize began as the Yara Prize, which was established in 2005 by Yara International ASA in Norway to honor achievements in African agriculture.

The Yara Prize recognized individuals from Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, Malawi, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, and Mozambique for their success in making African farms more productive, profitable and resilient. Moving the Yara Prize to Africa in 2016 and christening it the Africa Food Prize gives the award a distinctive African home, African identity and African ownership.

## Why Recognize Agriculture

Agriculture is Africa's largest source of income and our biggest opportunity for eliminating poverty and cultivating prosperity on the continent. The Africa Food Prize is a clarion call for a generation of bold, innovative individuals and institutions to reach new heights and achieve great things for Africa.

Today, we are seeing African's leaders in the public and private sector embracing the potential of agriculture to deliver a more secure and prosperous future. But often the best minds in the sector and the practical solutions they develop go unnoticed. As a result, their work is underfunded and their contributions fail to have a significant impact.

A well-funded, widely-publicized Africa Food Prize puts a bright spotlight on achievements and innovations that can be replicated across the continent to eliminate hunger and poverty and provide a vital new source of employment and income.

The Prize itself and the cadre of winners it creates also signals to the world that smallholder agriculture is finally on the path to prosperity in Africa.



## Who Funds the Africa Food Prize

The Africa Food Prize is funded by AGRA and Yara International ASA. The winners are selected by a panel of independent and distinguished leaders in African agriculture chaired by former Nigerian President H.E Olusegun Obasanjo. Both the Committee and Chair receive no remuneration for their work. The Prize will be awarded annually at the African Green Revolution Forum, AGRF scheduled for 4th to 8th of September in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.



## Who Receives the Africa Food Prize

The Africa Food Prize Committee invites nominations for individuals or institutions who are delivering improved food security; catalyzing innovation and transformative change in Africa's agriculture sector.

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## How to Nominate

Any individual, academic or research institution, private or public organization, corporate entity, or governmental unit may submit a nomination for the Africa Food Prize.

To be eligible for the Prize, the nomination must be submitted in writing, in English or French. All nominations, and the identity of the nominator, or nominating organization, will be kept in confidence.

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