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HOW DO WE OVERCOME CONSTRAINTS AND TAKE INNOVATIONS TO SCALE?

Realizing the Potential of African Agriculture: Catalytic Innovations for Growth

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The Rockefeller Foundation gathered leaders in agriculture and in finance in a summit to discuss ways the two sectors could realize the great potential of African agriculture. The deliberations included government ministers of agriculture and of finance, business leaders, NGO heads, experts, farmers and other key players. Here are their recommendations for scaling innovations and enabling investments in agriculture that would strengthen economic growth and benefit people, including small holder farmers. These emerged from four working groups formed at the Summit. Over the coming weeks and months, The Rockefeller Foundation will synthesize these recommendations, as well as others that emerged during the Summit. They will inform the strategies of the Rockefeller Foundation and the Foundation also will share them widely to prompt meaningful action by others.



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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WORKING GROUPS

GROUP 1

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| 1. Policy Network in Africa – Ministry of Finance; Agriculture; Land (Best Practices) | Link All Stakeholders Including A Deal Market to Link Buyers and Sellers of Innovation |
| 2. Cross-cutting Research, Analysis, Data – Evidence-based Advocacy Material | 5. Global Advocacy Campaign to Create Rules /Norms for Agri-investments, Land, etc. |
| 3. Capacity-building | |
| 4. Accessible Technology Platform to | 6. Connecting Farmers to Markets (Inputs and Outputs, etc.) |

GROUP 2

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| 1. Strengthening Research / Dissemination / Training Systems | Partnerships to Fund Agriculture |
| 2. Implementation of Rules and Regulation to Facilitate Innovation and its Adoption | 4. Adapting Funding Tools to Agricultural Sector by Emphasizing Youth and Women |
| 3. Strengthening Public-Private | 5. Monitoring and Evaluation of Data Collection |

GROUP 3

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| 1. Champions of Change (Identify and Support) – Strong Political Will | Bidding, Contracts, Fast-Track Courts |
| 2. Ensure You Can Fulfill Your Promises – Partnership and Exit Strategy | 4. Incentives for Youth Entrepreneurship in Farming |
| 3. Legal Framework That Is Workable – Dispute Resolution, Community | 5. Farming Within The Primary Education Curriculum |

GROUP 4

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| 1. Mitigate Risks Associated with Agricultural Finance | 4. Positive Discrimination for Women |
| 2. Improve Information Access and Sharing | 5. Build Endogenous R&D Capacity |
| 3. Create Policy Framework Favorable for Public-Private Partnerships | |