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.
## Recommendations from Working Groups

### Group 1

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

### Group 2

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

### Group 3

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

### Group 4

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