AFRICAN GREEN FUND: KIGALI FORUM TURNS FOCUS ON SMALL FARMERS

Rwanda will this September host Africa’s most lucrative agricultural advancement revolution forum with over $30billion expected to come in investment pledges to propel the green revolution on the continent.

Rwanda as this year’s host of the annual 2018 African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF 2018) to be held from September 3-7, 2018 with a focus on investing in smallholder farmers according to the event organizers - Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the government of Rwanda. Rwanda was selected to host the Forum due, in large part, to its leadership role in agriculture, both at home and across the continent.

For example, in January 2018, at the African Union (AU) Summit, the country was recognized by the African Union Commission (AUC) as the top performing nation on the continent in the pursuit of agricultural goals and targets. Dr. Agnes Kalibata, the President of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), said that this is an opportunity for Rwanda to showcase its progress and get support in funding agriculture projects especially in the private sector.

“From that perspective AGRA would be looking to invest in system development and in aligning partnerships, we are expecting to invest over 26million in the next five years, but billions of dollars can be brought to Rwanda at the AGRF through public commitments and private investment,” Dr. Kalibata said at just concluded Transform Africa Summit. Now in its 7th edition, the AGRF is considered the world’s most important and impactful forum for African agriculture. It pulls together stakeholders in the agricultural landscape to take practical actions and share lessons that will move African agriculture forward. Read more..