



Engagements of the Executive Director of the AATI for partnership building

The African Agricultural Transformation Initiative (AATI) is born from a partnership between the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), McKinsey & Company, and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). AATI aims to foster inclusive and sustainable agricultural transformation across the African continent. Over the next five years the AATI seeks to establish new (and strengthen existing) national agencies designed to support delivery of agricultural transformation policies and programmes. The Initiative helps governments achieve their goals of reducing rural poverty, improving food security, building climate resilience, and promoting rural economic growth.

A central unit led by an Executive Director (ED) supports the initiative from Nairobi, Kenya. The ED plays a key role in the operationalization of the initiative by leading key activities including management of staff of the central unit, representing the AATI externally, leading fundraising efforts and driving expansion of the initiative to new countries. In addition to the central unit, AATI also includes a steering committee and an advisory board that provides support and guidance.

The AATI has initiated engagements with governments and partners in Ghana, Malawi, Kenya and Senegal to support the coordination of effective and sustainable implementation of agricultural and food system change. Following implementation of the first pilot programmes, the AATI intends to roll out learnings and extend support to other African countries.

The AATI is looking for continued partnership with organizations that are passionate about strengthening government capacities and driving agricultural transformation through national delivery mechanisms. Collaboration opportunities could include:

- i) Technical assistance either through embedded resources in the Delivery Unit of a specific country or for the development of tools and methodologies for the AATI,
- ii) Financial support for a Delivery Unit in a country and/or a flagship with catalytic impact on the country's agricultural transformation,
- iii) Financial support to strengthen the Delivery Units currently being established in Kenya, Senegal, Ghana and Malawi.

All Delivery Units will include a Climate Hub to strengthen the linkage between agricultural transformation and climate adaptation and resilience building.

Partnership with the AATI presents a unique opportunity to strengthen the capacity to deliver an effective agenda for inclusive and sustainable agricultural transformation on the African continent. The initiative is also a unique opportunity to collaborate with governments, private sector, and civil society to overcome key challenges, and help replicate the success of agricultural transformations achieved elsewhere.

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