



**The Farmers' Voice at the World Level**  
**La Voz de Los Agricultores al Nivel Mundial**  
**La Voix des Agriculteurs au Niveau Mondial**



**African Agriculture in the 21st Century:  
*Meeting Challenges,  
Making a Sustainable Green Revolution***

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# What is IFAP?

## The International Federation of Agricultural Producers ...

- is the only democratic organization representing **family farmers at the world level.**
- represents 120 national farmers' organizations grouped in 82 countries, reaching a network of 600 million family farmers.
- is where farmers from industrialized and developing countries exchange concerns and set common priorities.
- has been advocating farmers' interests at the international level since 1946.
- has 4 regional committees, including Africa which works closely with the four sub-regional farmers' organizations (SACAU, ROPPA, EAFFU and PROPAC)

# Challenges

1. Production Constraints
2. Land
3. Rural Financing and Profitability
4. Access to Markets
5. Environmental concerns  
(Climate change, desertification,  
and water issues)



# Recommendations

For a sustainable future, public policy makers worldwide need to re-engage with African farmers and other stakeholders to build an integrated approach to agricultural and rural development which would be:

- Farmer-driven and socially acceptable
- Environmentally friendly and sustainable
- Economically effective and affordable
- Technically feasible and transferable



# Recommendations

Measures to best support the efforts of farmers to improve African agriculture:

- Good governance
- Capacity building
- Environmental services





# Farmers' Priorities for Action

As the focal point for the Farmers' Major Group within the CSD, IFAP has released its **Farmers' Priorities for Action**.

We hope that you are able to support these proposals in which farmers seek to engage better with Governments on developing policies and budgets in order to move forward in reducing poverty and conserving natural resources.

IFAP looks forward to working with all stakeholders to exploit the full potential of agriculture for sustainable development.

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# Conclusion

The improvement of African social and economic challenges will not be achieved without **strengthening agricultural systems** and **supporting farmers**.

A **partnership between national farmers' organizations and national governments** is needed, involving farmers in the definition and implementation of agricultural and rural development strategies at the local, national, regional and international levels.





**Thank you for your attention!**

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