



Sommet International
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International Summit of
Young Farmers

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CONCEPT NOTE

INTERNATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS SUMMIT (IYFS)

THEME "YOUTH IN AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH INNOVATION"

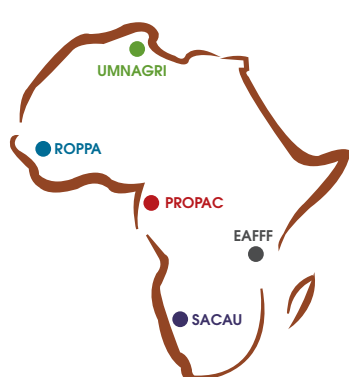
24-29th October 2022

Kigali-Rwanda



Background

PAFO was created in October 2010 by its constituent assembly under the sponsorship of the African Union. This constitutive assembly was the culmination of a process begun several years ago in collaboration with the five regional networks of farmers' organizations in Eastern Africa (EAFF), Central Africa (PROPAC), Western Africa (ROPPA), Southern Africa (SACAU) and Northern Africa (UMNAGRI).



Eastern African Farmers Federation (EAFF)

Pratèforme Régionale des Organisations Paysannes d'Afrique Centrale (PROPAC)

Reseau des organisations paysannes et de producteurs de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPA)

Southern Africa Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)

Union maghrébine et Nord-Africaine des Agriculteurs (UMNAGRI)

PAFO is registered in Rwanda as an international non-governmental organization and is certified by the Rwanda Governance Board to operate legally and establish its headquarters in Rwanda under number 001/RGB/19. PAFO is recognized as the representative body of African farmers' organizations at the highest continental level. It brings the voice of dozens of millions African farmers integrated into nearly 70 national organizations, unions, federations, cooperatives, associations, etc., present in almost 50 African countries, and united in five regional networks operating at the heart of African agriculture.



PAFO VISION

A vibrant African agriculture, prosperous and sustainable ensuring food security and sovereignty, including the socio-economic and cultural development.



PAFO OBJECTIVE

» Promote solidarity and partnership between organizations of African farmers and producers.

- » Ensure the economic and social empowerment of farmers through the representation and defense of their interests on a continental and international scale.
- » Promote solidarity and partnership between organizations of African farmers and producers.
- » Participate in capacity building of farmers' organizations in Africa, through fundraising, institutional development, information and communication, exchange of experiences and dissemination of good agricultural practices.
- » Strengthen partnerships and alliances with relevant partners to support agricultural sectors and rural development.
- » Promote and strengthen the participation of African women, youth and minority groups in agriculture.

Rationale

The international summit of young farmers started in 2014 in Bordeaux, France, during the International Year of Family Farming. The French young farmers syndicate, "Jeunes Agriculteurs (JA)" and a French Agri-agency, Afdi, initiated and were responsible for this event to allow young farmers from all over the world to meet and create alliances and partnership at an international level.

In 2019, the summit took place for the second time in France, in Paris. Once again it was organized by JA and Afdi. At the end of this last summit, a manifesto with issues and challenges shared by young farmers from every continent was presented. Among others, the manifesto declared the following:

- » The need to establish mechanisms of supporting young farmers was identified as critical so as to recognize farming as a profession like any other and also enable and facilitate representation of young farmers in negotiation spaces. Additionally, young farmers need to be supported for them to access factors of production such as land and capital (finance).
- » Strategy to face climate change and risk management policies should be set up;
- » The organization/governance of agricultural value chains need to be improved, by strengthening farmers' organizations and the position of young farmers inside these, regulation mechanisms for markets and a framework for healthy/fair trade relations and practices.

Together, young farmers from all over the world were aware of the necessity of dialogue between themselves and proposed to,

- » Create an international young farmers' network, with platform for daily and continuous exchanges;
- » Establish a World Young Farmers' Day and;

It was decided that PAFO (Pan-African Farmers Organization) would organize the 3rd summit, in Africa.

» Regularly hold the international summit of young farmers.



Goals and objectives of the summits

Main Objective

The main objective is to promote, strengthen and spread the voice of young farmers in the international arena.

In this regard, the event will have 3 parts: first, an African young farmer's forum, then a young African and European farmer's meeting about partnership between Africa and EU and finally, the international summit that will include African, Asian, American and European young farmers.

Specific objectives

Each step of the event has its own specific objectives. They are:

- » To share specific issues affecting African young farmers in order to strengthen consolidate their demands, actions and organizations;
- » To consolidate a position from African and European young farmers for the Africa-Europe partnership;

- » To consolidate international networks of young farmers.



Expected outcomes

The expected outcomes are, as the specific objectives, dedicated to each part of the event.

For the African young farmers' forum:

- » African young farmers' collective exchanges to improve their organizations' capacities and their collaborative mechanisms.
- » Develop actions to be implemented by PAFO and its members in favor of young farmers;
- » African young farmers discuss on the formation of the young pan African farmers' platform of PAFO.
- » Knowledge management event to exchange best practices among the youth.

For the African and European young farmers meeting:

- » Collective knowledge about Africa-Europe partnership issues;
- » Shared requests/demands from African and European young farmers for the partnership between Africa and Europe.

For the international young farmer summit:

- » An international manifesto of young farmers for family farming;
- » A strong international network of young farmers;
- » Plan a research for funding and supports for an international young farmers' fund.

Expected participants

For the African young farmers' forum: 30 young African farmers (6 delegates selected by each of the 5 regional networks members of PAFO on equal basis ,male and female);

For the meeting of African and European young farmers: 30 African young farmers and 20 delegates from the European young farmers' organization.

For the international summit: 30 African young farmers, 20 European young Farmers and 10 delegates representative of young farmers from other continents

Furthermore, the event is expected to be attended by members of the PAFO Board partners and other stakeholder, for a total of about 100 participants.

Global agenda

The 3 events will take place during a week, from Monday to Saturday, in Kigali, Rwanda.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
African young farmers forum:	African young farmers forum:	European and African young farmers' debate: part 1	International summit of young farmers	Visits of farms in Rwanda	International summit of young farmers
part 1	part 2				
	Arrival of European young farmers	Arrival of Asian and American young farmers			End and return at home

The expected period of the event would be in last week of 24th -29th October 2022.

Thematic

3 thematics will guide the different summits, according to the last manifesto:

- » Support measures and policies for young farmers: land tenure security; access to factors of production including land and funding for young farmers; recognition of the farming profession; facilitate representation of young farmers in negotiation spaces;
- » Resilience of young farmers to different crisis: climate change, health crisis, increasing insecurity, including risk management;
- » Place/position of young farmers in value chains, including farmers incomes and commercial relations.

Transversally innovations and particularly the use of new technologies and digitalization will be promoted in each subject.

At the end, during the international summit of young farmers, a workshop will be dedicated to the operation of the international network of young farmers.

Each exchange will contribute to improve the following sequence. The subjects of each event will be refined, according to the orientations of the steering committee and the consultation of young farmers' organizations.

Logistics

The English-French interpretation is available

For online participation: Register in advance for this meeting:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Oct 24, 2022 09:00 AM Johannesburg (GMT+2)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://bit.ly/3qxZrAl>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Contacts

All the PAFO staffs are involved in the organization and implementation of the PAFO events. They are supported and assisted by:

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For any additional information and/or request, they will direct you to the right staff for a due diligence response.

INFORMATION NOTE

We welcome you in Kigali, Rwanda to participate in the PAFO International Young Farmers Summit, from 24-29 October 2022.

We are pleased to provide you with the below information

Please read it carefully before your trip:

DESIGNATION	INFORMATION
Flights' arrangements	<p>Sponsored delegates will be provided with an economy fare return air ticket. The arrival will be planned according to the events for each participant.</p> <p>The arrival will be planned for 23rd, 24th, and 25th.</p> <p>PAFO team will contact delegates with a proposed itinerary, which they will be requested to confirm in as a short time as possible. When the ticket is issued, no change and/or cancel lat ion can be possible except at the expense of the participant.</p>
Boarding Pass	<p>Each participant should bring the original of his boarding pass and submit it to the PAFO finances officer to enable the payment of the DSA.</p>
Visa	<p>The government of Rwanda guarantees free VISAs to all African citizens while entering Rwandan territory.</p> <p>Other nationals of all countries receive a visa on arrival at Kigali International Airport and all land borders.</p> <p>Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A single-entry tourist visa costs \$50 (exclusions apply for select countries and is valid for 30 days.• A single-entry conference visa costs \$30 and is valid for 30 days.• A multiple entry business visa costs \$50 and is valid for one year.• The East African Tourist Visa (EATV) covers Rwanda, Kenya, and Uganda costs \$100 and is valid for 90 days. <p>Applicants should have a valid passport or another acceptable travel document. The document must have a validity of at least six months on the day of entry into Rwanda.</p> <p>Visas can be applied for before departure, by submitting an application online, with the option to pay online or upon arrival. Alternatively, applications can be submitted at the Rwanda Diplomatic Missions of the country of residence. Remember to bring the receipt as PAFO will reimburse the VISA application fee.</p>

DSA

In order to facilitate the meeting, you will receive an allowance of 50€ per night. Your accommodation and transport are Excluded. The lunches of the 6 days of the meeting will be provided.

This allowance will thus allow you to support your out of meetings lunches, your dinners and any personal expenses.

COVID-19 Measures

As part of Government measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the following is mandatory upon entry into Rwanda:

- a. Covid-19 testing is no longer a requirement prior to boarding the flight to Rwanda. However, regular Covid-19 testing is encourage.
- b. The Passenger Locator Form is no longer a requirement before departure.
- c. An additional Covid test is no longer required upon arrival at Kigali International Airport.
- d. Certain meeting venues and national parks require Covid-19 tests. Testing is available at health facilities and other designated sites for 5,000 RWF (or US\$5) for rapid antigen tests, and 50,000 RWF (or US\$50) for PCR tests (required for all visits to primates in Volcanoes, Nyungwe and Gishwati-Mukura National Parks).
- e. Face masks are no longer mandatory in Rwanda, but people are encouraged to wear a face mask in public indoors/closed spaces.

Refund of COVID-19 Test

PAFO will refund the expenses of the COVID tests: The ones done at home countries and the ones upon arrival for the countries that require the COVID tests.



All the original invoices are needed for reimbursement.

The Rapid test (RDT) before the departure back home will be paid by the PAFO secretariat.

Accommodation & Transport from the airport

Your Bed & Breakfast accommodation was negotiated with **Lemigo Hotel which is also the venue of the summit** (Tel: +250784040924)

Lemigo Hotel will be in charge of the transportation of participants from the airport to the hotel upon arrival.

	<p>PAFO has also negotiated the same fare of 120\$ per night for the no-sponsored participants who may contact direct ly the hotel at (+250784040924).</p>
Other transports	<p>Lemigo Hotel will ensure the transportation of participants from the Hotel to the airport at your departure.</p> <p>You don't need to pay for this shuttle, it is included in the negotiated price with PAFO.</p> <p>Please organize your departure for the airport wi th the PAFO staff at least 3 hours before each scheduled departure from Kigali international Airport .</p>
Venue	<p>The International Young Farmer's Summit will take place at Lemigo Hotel: Street KG 624 St, Kimihurura, Kigali - Rwanda.</p>
Safety	<p>Rwanda is safe and secure but we recommend that you exercise normal caution, as you would at home.</p>
Electricity	<p>The power supply in Rwanda is 220/240V AC. It is advisable to bring your transformer for 100V AC.</p> <p>In Rwanda, there are two types of plugs and sockets as shown. Please make sure you are well equipped with an adapter.</p> <div data-bbox="633 1125 753 1245">  </div> <div data-bbox="805 1125 927 1245">  </div>
Telephone and Sim cards	<p>Cell phone SIM cards are widely available in-telecommunications service centers. However, every SIM card user/buyer in Rwanda is expected by law to be registered for activation. The SIM card can be registered at the point of purchase.</p>
Money & Banking services	<p>The currency is the Rwandan Franc (RWF). Exchange rates are subject to fluctuation. Currently, 1\$ is approximately 1,040RWF & 1€ almost 1,040 RWF.</p> <p>FOREX Bureau can offer slightly better exchange rates than most banks. There are ATMs throughout Kigali that are accessible to visitors. Banking amenities are available at all commercial banks. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants, and shops.</p>

Weather	Rwanda can be visited and enjoyed any time of the year. Temperatures average around 24°C (75°F), except for in the higher mountain areas where it ranges from 10°C to 15°C (50°F to 60°F).
Plastic bags	As part of an environmental protection policy, plastic bags are not allowed in Rwanda. Passengers entering Kigali International Airport, or any other border posts with plastic bags are required to discard them and are supplied with an environmentally friendly alternative at a cost ranging from \$2-\$6.
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Safe travel and Welcome to PAFO!

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