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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AFFM	African Fertilizer Financing Mechanism
AG	General Assembly
AHA	Andreas Hermes Academy
AfDB	African development bank
AU	African Union
CGIAR	Advisory Group for International Agricultural Research
CSOs	Civil society organizations
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FFF	Forest Farm Facility
FO	Farmer organization
FO4ACP	Farmers' organizations from African, Caribbean and Pacific countries
FSS	Food Systems Summit
HE	His excellence
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
PAFO	Pan African Farmers Organization
PAAAC	Pan Africa Agribusiness Apex Chamber
PROPAC	Sub-Regional Platform of Farmers' Organizations in Central Africa
RFO	Regional farmer organization
ROPPA	Network of Farmer Organizations and Agricultural Producers of West Africa
SC	Steering committee
SME	Small and medium enterprises
UNFSS	United Nations Food Summit System

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO), is in the second year of its strategic plan (2021-2025). At the beginning of 2022, PAFO experienced changes in terms of governance. Indeed, the General Assembly (GA), of October 2021, elected Mr. Nathanael BUKA MUPUNGU, president of PROPAC, at the leadership of PAFO. However, the fact that only the presidents of the member networks or their mandated representatives can sit on the PAFO Board, and on the basis of the recommendation of the PROPAC Board, indicating that the president elect should represent the organization on the PAFO Board, the latter unanimously decided that Mr. Kolyang Palebele, the new president of PROPAC, replaces Mr. Nathanael Buka Mupungu, as president of PAFO.

The PAFO Board remains composed as follows for the remaining period;

Presidency:	PROPAC
Vice/presidency:	UMNAGRI
Treasury:	ROPPA
In charge of rural women:	EAFF
In charge of youth:	SACAU

Furthermore, following her resignation the three months interim contract of the former CEO of PAFO, Mrs. Fatma Ben Rejeb came to the end). The Board of 19th-20th January 2022 appointed Ms. Emmerance TUYISHIME, the programs officer as acting CEO. After a period of five months, the Board meeting of 30th-31st May 2022, recruited Dr. Babafemi Oyewole as the new PAFO CEO with a probation contract of six months effective from 1st July 2022.

This PAFO 2022 annual report summarizes the achievements of the Secretariat, the challenges and prospects for the activities of the secretariat, in relation to the strategic pillars of PAFO, contained in its [STRATEGIC PLAN \(2021-2025\)](#). On the foundation of “**Farming as a business and a pillar for economic, social and cultural development in Africa**”: PAFO built its 5-year strategy on four key pillars:

- **Pillar I:** Strengthening PAFO as an organization to enable it to execute the strategic plan.
- **Pillar II:** Strengthening farmers as entrepreneurs
- **Pillar III:** Managing farmers knowledge
- **Pillar IV:** Influencing laws, policies, programs, financial mechanisms, etc. to benefit farming as a business in Africa.

The strategic orientations are executed while integrating the following cross-cutting thematic;

- Ensure that women and youth are at the center of the organization and all farming-related activities, that they are integrated into all programs and receive resources, and are specifically integrated into all advocacy, both in written policy and in advocacy delegations;
- Strengthening farmer's resilience to face climate change and other crises, etc.;
- Ensure Innovation at all levels of the value chain: production, marketing, financing, etc.

II. SUCCESS; CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES SINCE JANUARY 2022

From January 2022, the PAFO secretariat team continued its functions to implement the PAFO programs and provided needed services to members.



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In terms of building a strong institution; PAFO has objectives of having Effective statutory bodies and technical team, a Strong governance system and a Good financial management.

1. PAFO Statutory meetings

In 2020, PAFO held three ordinary board meeting, two Board consultation and two CEOs consultation.

PAFO ORDINARY BOARD MEETINGS

- **The first meeting** of the PAFO Board, for the year 2022, was held on January 19 and 20, in Kigali. The meeting adopted the PAFO 2022 work plan and budget and the Board confirmed PROPAC's recommendation to have Mr. Kolyang PALEBELE as the President of PAFO. The meeting also confirmed the end of the three months interim mandate of Mr. Fatma Ben Rejeb and appointed Emmerance TUYISHIME, the program officer, as the acting CEO of PAFO.
- **The 2nd Board** meeting was held on May 30 and 31, 2022 aimed at the final selection of the CEO of PAFO. The main objectives were to recruit the new PAFO CEO and to decide on different pending issues. After the interviews with four shortlisted candidates, [Dr. Babafemi Olulopo Oyewole](#) was recruited as new CEO of PAFO, with a probation contract of six months effective from 1st July 2022. The meeting also decided on different partnerships of PAFO including the implementation of FORI program by RFOs.
- **The 3rd** was held on October 26, 2022, on the sidelines of the International Summit of Young Farmers (SIJA 2022). The board meeting was convened to discuss the report of the CEO, approve technical and financial reports, annual work plan and 2023 budget, preparations for the COP27 conference, the famer climate facility project, and the various memorandum of understanding with the African Union, African Development and AHA. During the meeting, the Director of AHA made a presentation to the Board on capacity building platform for Farmers Organizations. The Board approved the annual work plan, the 2023 budget and the memorandum of associations and instructed the PAFO Secretariat to follow-up the finalization of the MoUs and their signatures.



Besides; PAFO held two Board consultations;

- First on 25th February 2022, which decided on re-launching the call of applications for the position of PAFO CEO.
- Second one on 28th April 2022, to discuss and adopt the PAFO administrative and procedure manual.
- An extra ordinary board meeting took place on the 28th of December, 2022 with the purpose of confirmation of the appointment of the CEO; extension of the appointment of external auditors; request for PAFO to host IFAD FO4ACP Knowledge Management conference. The Board decision confirmed Dr. Babafemi Oyewole as the CEO of PAFO for the next 2 years after 6 months of trial on this position.

2. Consultations and meetings of the CEOs

At the invitation of the PAFO CEO, two meetings of Member network CEOs were held virtually, in 2022.

- The first was held on August 24, 2022, to discuss the Climate Facility for Farmers' Organizations (FOs); the preparation of COP27 and the International Young Farmers Summit; the various partnerships developed by the secretariat, the support to the secretariat and the preparations for AGRF 2022.
- The second meeting took place in September to review and discuss the preparations for the IYFS, particularly the program, resource mobilization and resource persons that would animate the event. Also, the production of the video required under the SAFE2020 project. The meeting also reviewed the progress on the preparation of the concept note with respect to the new program "Climate Facility for Farmers' Organizations - currently under negotiation and for which PAFO, the AgriCord Alliance and

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IFAD have agreed to join forces for its implementation. Finally, the meeting agreed that the network CEOs should support and assist the new PAFO CEO to settle into the work and so that he could understand the principle of subsidiarity that underlines the working relationships among the networks and their members.

focused on “Strengthening African resilience in the face of climate change”.

- [Newsletter N°10 \(December 2022\)](#): The newsletter reviews PAFO's participation in COP27 and the work of the 3rd edition of the International Young Farmers' Summit (IYFS2022)

3. Administrative and financial management March 6, 2022)

With the validation of the financial audit report for the year 2021, by the Board during the meeting at PAFO headquarters in May 2022, PAFO has carried out its financial audits for three years: consecutive: 2019/2020/2021. The Board also validated the Administrative and Financial Procedures Manual. PAFO continues its work to harmonize its system and ensure compliance with the norms and standards of its Financial and Administrative Procedures Manual.

4. Communication

In 2022, PAFO continued its efforts to consolidate its external visibility via the website and social networks, or to strengthen its internal communication with its member networks in order to ensure efficient and transparent sharing of information.

- **Web site update**

The communications officer regularly updates the [PAFO WEBSITE](#) with new content based on PAFO's activities, news, new partnerships and new documents developed by the organization.

- **Newsletters**

During 2022, PAFO published four Newsletters, in both English and French languages. The newsletters provide insight into PAFO's activities, projects, programs and partnerships.

- [Newsletter N°7 \(March 2022\)](#): The focus of the newsletter was Special PAFO's Study: “Financing agriculture value chains to empower rural women”
- [Newsletter N°8 \(June 2022\)](#): The focus of the newsletter was “Special Mid-Term Review (MTR) Focus on the FO4ACP -SAFE2020”.
- [Newsletter N°9 \(September 2022\)](#): The newsletter

Social networks (Full report attached)

- Facebook (<https://bit.ly/2BKw0oA>)
- Twitter (<https://bit.ly/2ZaLlrN>)
- LinkedIn (<https://bit.ly/3v41NYy>)
- YouTube (<https://bit.ly/31loET4>)

• **Monitoring and communication of PAFO activities**

The communication officer also ensured the communication of all activities, programs and projects implemented by PAFO and PAFO's participation in various international and regional events, either through social networks, by writing and distribution of [press releases](#), as well as supervision of the graphic layout, of all the [documents](#) published by PAFO.

The communication officer, the assistant and the finance officer, ensured the daily follow-up with the service provider for the production and design of all the communication material necessary for the International Summit of Young Farmers (IYFS2022).

The communication officer also ensured the promotion, coverage and media coverage of the summit, both on social networks, through regular and diversified posts, and with the media (press, radio and television), while collecting published articles, for the [PRESS REVIEW](#).

5. Mid-Term Review (MTR) of FO4ACP and SAFE 2020 (from March 21 to 26, 2022)

The mission took place from March 21 to 26, 2022, at PAFO headquarters in Kigali. The purpose of the MTR is to review the overall performance of the FO4ACP project, at the financial and technical levels and to provide an overview of the main activities, conclusions and recommendations, by region and by beneficiary at the mid-point of the program. The PAFO MTR was carried out by three IFAD experts, who had the opportunity to interact with PAFO governing bodies such as the President and the Board with

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whom they discussed the situation of PAFO and its medium- and long-term vision.

The main outcome from the supervision mission was the commitment of IFAD consultants to recommend to IFAD on PAFO receiving a top-up of 200000 Euros to extend the FO4ACP program till of 2024; and recommended a transfer of PAFO accounts from ROPPA to the PAFO secretariat.

6. PAFO International Young Farmers Summit (October 24-29, 2022)



PAFO organized the 3rd edition of the International Young Farmers' Summit (IYFS2022), from 24 to 29 October 2022, in Kigali-Rwanda. The week-long event held under the theme "Youth leadership in agricultural transformation through innovation". The IYFS brought together 176 people including 107 young farmers from the five continents (Africa, Europe, North America, Latin America, and Asia). A full week event was dedicated to the promotion, strengthening and spreading the voice of young farmers on international fora. The week was marked by the three main events; (i) an African Young Farmers' Forum. (ii) An Africa-Europe Young Farmers' meeting; And (iii) an International Young Farmers' Summit. Besides a field visit to the Rwandan young agri-preneur was organized, followed by the visit to Kigali Genocide memorial site and an evening cocktail. The summit also hosted the launch of the African Agribusiness Youth Strategy (AAYS), by the AUC-DARBE.

The summit program was guided by three thematic areas including;

- 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; facilitating representation of young farmers in negotiation spaces;

- The resilience of young farmers to different crises: climate change, health crisis, increasing insecurity, including risk management;
- Place/position of young farmers in value chains, including farmers' incomes and commercial relations.

Transversal innovations and particularly the use of new technologies and digitalization were promoted in each subject. Towards the end, a workshop led by young farmers was dedicated to the elaboration of the [International Manifesto of Young Farmers 2022](#).

[READ THE IYFS GLOBAL REPORT](#)

o Thematic meeting on PAFO studies



Seizing the opportunity of the African Farmers Forum, on the sidelines of International Young Farmers Summit (IYFS), PAFO organized the thematic meeting to discuss with young farmers, its members and partners on the results of the study carried out on the theme "Young African agripreneurs: success story and scaling up lessons and innovations". The thematic meeting was also an opportunity for young African farmers to provide additional recommendations on the results of the studies.

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In order to promote farming as business, PAFO strengthened the partnerships with its traditional partners and created new ones. The following are the partnerships in which PAFO is involved.

1-PARTNERSHIPS

1.1. FO4ACP

The FO4ACP program is a global support program for farmers' organizations in ACP countries; with the overall objective of increasing the incomes and improve the livelihoods, food and nutrition security, and security of smallholders and organized family farmers in the target areas of ACP countries.

Initially with a duration of five years (2019-2023), in 2022 a decision was made by Financial and technical partners in consultation with implementing partners to extend the program for one more year. This extension was made due to delayed occurred in implementation period due to COVID-19. To ensure the effectiveness of the program a top-up budget was provided in which PAFO expect to receive 200000Euro for the additional year.

In 2022, FO4ACP made it possible for the PAFO to continue its operations by supporting the staff salaried and other operations of PAFO.

Other activities implemented, includes the organisation of the International and Africa young Farmers summit 24th -29th October 2022, PAFO carried out a study "young African agriprenuers: success story and scaling up lessons and innovations". PAFO hosted the IFAD Midterm review for the programs FO4ACP and SAFE 2020 from March 21st -26th, 2022; The MTR report was presented on July 19, 2022, during an event organized by the FO4CP, and in which PAFO took part.

In addition, FO4ACP program supported the organization of the three ordinary Board meetings in 2022, and supported the elaboration of the PAFO Financial and Administrative Procedure Manual.

1.2. PAFO -AUC partnership

Even if it's not yet and official partnership, but in 2022 PAFO worked on reviving the good collaboration with the AU commission for the Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (AUC-ARBE)

The objectives are for PAFO to position itself as a principal actor

in Africa's agriculture development and a strong ally of the African Union. This will help more in imposition of African Farmers views in the African union programs and will help in creating stronger partnership with AU technical institutions like AFDB, AUDA-NEPAD, etc.

On 9th June 2022, the PAFO delegation led by the President met H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, the commissioner for AUC-ARBE. The key outcomes from the visit have been (i) the reestablishment of good collaboration between the two institutions. (ii) AUC-ARBE agreed to support PAFO in the negotiation of PAFO's partnerships with IFAD on climate change (Adaptation). (iii) AUC-ARBE agreed to support PAFO for the initiation of a partnership with the technical structures of the AU (AfDB and AUDA-NEPAD), as well as the participation of PAFO in the political moments of the AU.

Following the visit, different joint activities have been realised and these includes (i) Strengthening capacities and resilience of farmers organisation and the agribusiness apex bodies to safeguard agricultural livelihoods workshop held on 6-8 July 2022 in Lagos, Nigeria. (ii) Participation of 20 rural women representatives members of PAFO in the International Day of Rural Women on 15-16th October 2022 in Maputo-Mozambique, (iii) The Hosting by PAFO, the official launch of [AU youth in agribusiness strategy](#) on 25th October 2022 during the International Young Farmers Summit.

Besides, PAFO have been participation in different policy consultations and high-level meetings organised by the African Union and was given enough space to present the perspectives, needs and expectations of farmers.

En outre, la PAFO a participé à différentes consultations politiques et réunions de haut niveau, organisées par l'UA et a bénéficié d'un espace suffisant pour présenter les perspectives, les besoins et les attentes des paysans.

o Workshop to Review the Draft MoU between AUC and PAFO from 28-30 December 2022

Given the fact that both PAFO and the AU commission for the Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (AUC-ARBE) have decided to move together in this journey of searching for solutions for the challenges farmers are facing and that need an answer, a workshop took place in Kigali Convention Center on 28-30 December 2022. The technical teams from both sides were available starting from the PAFO secretariat

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members, the CEOs from PAFO regional farmers organisations and the delegation of AUC-ARBE. Both parties agreed on some points they need to adjust and come up with an MoU that will be of interest to both parties.

1.3. PAFO-COLEACP

Since February 2022, PAFO signed a 3 years MoU with COLEACP to work on modernization of Agricultural value chains in Africa to secure sustainable and inclusive growth, reduce poverty, and improve food security, food safety, and nutrition.

In 2022 both parties worked on promotion of farmers and SMEs led innovations by organized four online webinars which brought together farmers and different stakeholders.

1.4. SAFE-2020

The SAFE 2020, is an IFAD funded one-year program to support the emergency and recovery activities which are currently outside the scope of FO4ACP or for which the funds available under FO4ACP are not sufficient in the face of the COVID 19 impacts on the most vulnerable smallholder farmers in Africa.

SAFE 2020 program ended in 2021 but a possibility of extension has been provided by IFAD with an allocation of 60000USD Budget to IFAD. PAFO proposal has been submitted to produce a series of video-spots from 5 regions of PAFO on farmer's effort in recovering from the impact of Covid-19 and to promote the knowledge sharing.

The Board validated IFAD's proposal for the extension of the SAFE2020 program and the activity of producing a series of videos, under the theme: "Innovation by farmers to face COVID impacts". The objective is to highlight the efforts of African farmers, who continued to feed their fellow citizens during the Covid-19 crisis, by coping with the impacts of the pandemic, through innovation. The production of the five videos has been entrusted to RFOs, PAFO received all five videos from which it produced a consolidated video, depicting five farmers, from the five regions of Africa, whose innovations successfully adopted to the impacts of COVID.

[VIDEO](#)

1.5. PAFO-WFO

PAFO joined the Climakers alliance "Farmers' Agenda for Climate Change, which is part of the PAFO strategy, by signing a memorandum of understanding with the World Farmers Organization (WFO), on February 11, 2020, in Rome.

On 17 March 2022, PAFO extended its Memorandum of Understanding with WFO, to work under the Farmer-led Climate Change Agenda promoted by the Climakers Alliance. The two organizations agreed to work together to advocate and communicate on the farmers' climate change agenda.

The President and CEO of PAFO seized the opportunity of COP27 in Egypt to meet with the President and the management of WFO during which both institutions pledged to continue to strengthen their institutional cooperation and explore new areas of collaboration in the future. The CEOs of PAFO and WFO were mandated to come up with new programs that could be implemented by the two institutions.

1.6. PAFO-AGRA

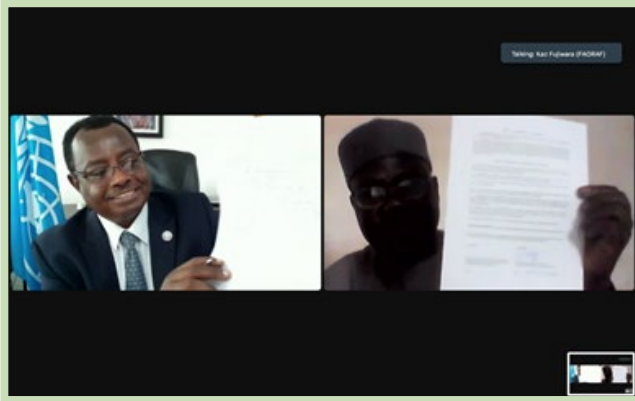
Le 8 avril 2021, a PAFO a signé un accord de partenariat avec AGRA pour travailler sur le renforcement des capacités des Organisations Paysannes en Afrique (OP) à soutenir le dialogue politique, tout en fournissant des services efficaces à leurs membres, avec un accent particulier sur les femmes et la création d'emplois pour les jeunes.

Une délégation de la PAFO a effectué une visite de courtoisie et de travail au siège d'AGRA, le 28 juin 2022, pour de rencontrer l'équipe d'AGRA afin de convenir d'une marche à suivre pour la mise en œuvre du programme. Les deux secrétariats de la PAFO et AGRA ont poursuivi leur engagement et travaillé sur un plan d'action. La mise en œuvre devrait commencer au début de 2023.

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2- NEW PARTNERSHIPS

2.1. PAFO-FAO

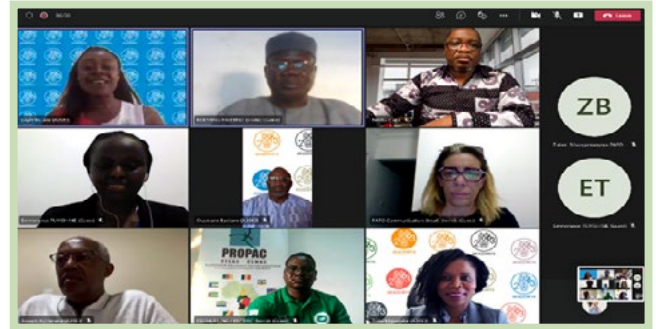


PAFO and FAO signed a five-year [partnership agreement](#) that will see farmers have a greater voice in policy processes, and farmers' organization in Africa strengthened.

The work program supporting the partnership focuses on several areas including developing the capacity of farmers' organizations across Africa to best serve their members and represent them effectively at high-level policy dialogue processes and other fora. FAO will also collaborate with PAFO to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in agriculture, sustainable agro-ecological approaches, and agriculture as an attractive business opportunity for youth. The work program also includes the initiative Yenkasa Africa.

A global action plan has been put in place and from which a 2022 operation plan has been designed; In 2022 both parties agreed to join force and work on capacity development of farmers' organizations by promoting junior farmers field schools; collection of good practices of young farmers' innovation; women to women learning exchanges on agribusiness; facilitating the involvement of PAFO members in FAO mentorship programme on female agripreneurs; promoting the inclusive rural communication services and strengthening communication capacities of family farmers organizations through Yankaza program.

2.2. PAFO-AKADEMIYA 2063



PAFO and Akademiya 2063 signed, signed five years [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU), on Friday, February 11, 2022 whereby both parties agreed to work on promoting the policy environment of the agricultural sector and strengthening capacities of farmers' organizations in Africa. Both organizations put together an action plan whereby as a kick off, Akademiya-2063 will provide a technical support to PAFO to promote famers' knowledge by putting in place a knowledge management system to facilitate PAFO in managing its member's knowledge. Both parties also agreed to work on promotion of farmers data, by putting in place a mapping system for PAFO to manage farmers' organizations data and their value chain.

Besides and in line with this partnership, PAFO and Akademiya 2063 joined hand to implement the project Digitally Enabled Resilience and Nutrition Policy Innovation sponsored by GIZ. The objective is to foster the capacity and agility of government planners and private sector operators, including smallholder farmers and their organizations, to craft adapted and impactful policies and programs to advance food system transformation and enhance resilience to future shocks. The implementation of this project is expected to start from January 2023.

2.3. AUDA-NEPAD partnership with PAFO

The collaboration between PAFO and AUDA-NEPAD has been ongoing since the creation of PAFO. Since March 2022, both parties have been in discussion to formalize the partnership. AUDA-NEPAD committed to politically support PAFO in its negotiation process for the Climate facility funds by accepting to be an observatory member of the adhoc-committee of PAFO, IFAD and Agricord. AUDA-NEPAD also committed to support FOs

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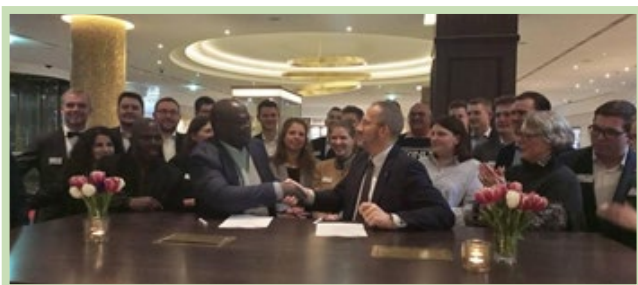
in dialogues to facilitate the access of Farmers Organizations to the climate funds at the national level.

On 28th April 2022 PAFO Board had a bilateral meeting with the former CEO of AUDA- NEPAD; Mr. Ibrahim MAYAKI. Both parties committed to strengthen the working relationship between both parties. And in this regard, a joint action plan will be put in place for fundraising.

2.4. PAFO-AHA



PAFO and Andreas Hermes Academy (AHA) signed, on December 5, 2022 a [MoU](#). The aim is to strengthen the capacity of farmer organizations (FO), in Africa under the umbrella of PAFO at the continental, regional and national levels, to best implement their mandate in times of great challenges to the agriculture sector. Therefore, this MoU aims to lay the foundation for joint cooperation between PAFO and AHA to strengthen African farmers' organizations through a peer-to-peer learning approach, mutual exchange between African Farmer Organizations, including non-African counterparts and increased individual and organizational professionalism.



AHA, and PAFO shall support the growing capacity network amongst Regional Farmers' Organizations (RFOs), and National Farmers' Organizations (NFOs), men, women, and youth. The implementation is expected to start by 2023.

3. United Nations Decade of Family Farming

PAFO participated in all the meetings of the steering committee of YenKasa Africa, as well as in the Meetings of the Editorial Committees, organized during the year 2022, to, among other things, discuss the content for the website and the FB page of YenKasa Africa awareness campaigns to support the UNDF; development of the communication capacities of farmers' organizations and rural communication services - technical support to ComDev for projects and initiatives in the field; the YenKasa Africa newsletter, website content and social media. In addition, the steering committee worked on the participatory communication plan: sharing, finalization and implementation.

PAFO also took part in the development of the new awareness campaign for the Decade of Family Farming, within the framework of YenKasa Africa. A campaign focused primarily on the national action plans of the UNDF, family farmers and their contribution to sustainable food systems. Three main areas of work have been identified namely: Participatory communications and sensitization; Communication Capacity Development and Rural Communication Services. The CEO of PAFO participated in.

PAFO also participated in the technical webinar on the theme: "Promoting inclusive rural communication services for family farming: Experiences, trends and perspectives in the Africa region"; at the YenKasa Regional Forum on "Rural Communication Services in Africa", as well as at the World Forum of Rural Communication Services.



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PILLAR 3. FARMERS' KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

In order to capitalize the farmers knowledge and to scale up, in 2022 PAFO produced different knowledge Management tools and organized different events on different thematic and, in collaboration with its partners.

1. Farmers resilience to COVID-19 impacts;



African farmers have been highly affected by the consequences of the COVID -19 due to different restrictions imposed by government to limit the spread of the pandemic. To adapt to that challenging situation, Farmers came up with different innovations which helped them to be more resilient to the challenging situation of the COVID-19 crisis aftermath.

Thanks to the IFAD support through SAFE 2020 program, PAFO with collaboration of its member's networks produced a series of videos to showcase farmers' led innovations to couple with the COVID-19 pandemic impacts.

A table below provides references to access these videos.

RFO	Video link
EAFF	https://bit.ly/3OQLzwa https://bit.ly/3UsfpbA https://bit.ly/3imVNsI https://bit.ly/3Fib7PJ https://bit.ly/3OOCuEg
PROPAC	bit.ly/3TnClby
ROPPA	bit.ly/3A6OY3Q
SACAU	bit.ly/3TzbJEI
UMNAGRI	bit.ly/3zHuPB6
PAFO consolidated video	VIDEO

2. Innovation Series

Launched in November 2020, by PAFO-COLEACP, the [Innovations Series](#) aims to present the innovations as well as the successes of African small and medium enterprises (SMEs) led by farmers. The Innovations Series, which takes place every two months, enables the sharing of best practices from entrepreneurs, farmers, agri-entrepreneurs, and SMEs to help others to seize the opportunities offered by local, regional, and export.

The series focuses on innovations across value chains to transform food systems, promote sustainable agriculture, and leverage investments. These innovations support sustainable food systems and enable entrepreneurs to develop economically, environmentally, and socially viable business models.

Since the launch of the “Innovation Series”, 11 sessions have been held online and it brought together thousands of participants, from more than 100 countries around the world. For 2022, four sessions were held:

- [8^e session \(03 February 2022\)](#): The virtual session focused on the theme: “Catalyzing young African agri-entrepreneurs’ investments”. 1145 participants from different countries registered from which 700 participated in the session.



- [9^e Session \(April 26, 2022\)](#): The virtual session focused on the theme ““Successes from women-led agribusinesses in Africa”. The participation were 247 participants out of 860 registered. A positive improvement lies in the participation of women whereby they represented 43% of the audience (102 participants), while the average participation rate of women in the previous 8 sessions was 27%.

- [10^e Session \(July 6, 2022\)](#): The virtual session focused on the theme: ““Successes in exporting to the European Union markets from SMEs and entrepreneurs”. Participants discussed the success for SME exporters in the agri-food sector; the innovations, technologies, knowledge and how to attract finances as well as

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the kind of investments needed for export-oriented. The session got 860 people registered from which (number of participants) participated in the session.

[-11th Session \(28 November 2022\)](#): The last session for the year 2022, discussed the theme: “Promoting the circular economy and reducing food loss and waste: Success stories of SMEs and entrepreneurs”. The discussion concentrated on the success factors of SMEs in the fight against food loss and waste; efficient and accessible innovations and technologies for SMEs; the types of investments needed and the incentives that can be offered to SMEs and smallholders to better support them. For the last session of 2022, 816 people registered, of which 360 took part.

PAFO-COLEACP Joint Session Innovation Series



Seizing the opportunity of IYFS and in the context of existing partnership between PAFO and COLEACP, PAFO organized a session on “Business opportunities for African young entrepreneurs in African and European market”. It focused on exploring the Business opportunities for African young entrepreneurs in African and European markets. The joint session featured three African young entrepreneurs (see [biodata](#)). Mwangi Muturi presented his business Lusoi Greens Limited in the PAFO-COLEACP [Innovation Series, Session N°8](#), while Moussa Faye’s and Sandrine Vasselin Kabonga’s respective companies Moussa’s Bissap and MISAO KIVU were recently featured in the [African Diaspora Agrofood Entrepreneurs Compendium](#) published and developed by The Food Bridge and COLEACP. They shared their experiences from Africa and Europe in business development and intercontinental trade (specifically between Africa and Europe).

- International Women’s Day 2022: “Celebrate Women in Agribusiness”

PAFO-COLEACP, and the Inter-[American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture \(IICA\)](#) celebrated women entrepreneurship, on the International Women Day, highlighting an Overview of [women entrepreneurs](#) who participated in the innovation sessions and

on Caribbean agribusinesses.



- Business profiles presented during “Innovation Series”

[Business profiles](#) have been developed to present each successful business model and development. Meet (again) the featured African entrepreneurs, and (re-) discover their inspiring stories below!



The new digital Knowledge Management system, which will be developed in partnership with Akademiya2063, should bring a significant improvement in terms of knowledge management for PAFO and its members, and contribute to the implementation of the PAFO KM strategic plan.

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PAFO, in collaboration with the World Farmers Organization

(WFO), in the context of the Climakers Alliance, organized, on 25 October 2022, [Climakers Africa Workshop 2022](#). The workshop aimed at providing platform for young African farmers to raise their voices on climate change issues and, most importantly, gather solutions employed by young African farmers in adapting and mitigating climate change. The workshop brought together 142 participants, including 74 young farmers selected from the PAFO member networks. In addition, representatives from key policy institutions such as the African Union Commission, African Development Bank, IFAD, WFO, among others, participated in the workshop. From the discussions, a [Young African Farmers Position on Climate Change](#) has been developed which formed a base of advocacy during the COP27 held in Egypt.

- “Climakers Alliance” PUBLICATIONS

For COP 27 in Egypt, the Climakers Alliance highlighted the success and best practices social, economic and environmental benefits. Climakers shared this knowledge through two publications: [“Climakers Stories from the Field: Africa Special Edition”](#) and [“Stories from the Field: Volume 2”](#).

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Under this pillar, PAFO committed to strengthen the conducive environment by influencing laws, policies, programs, financial mechanisms and more to benefit farming as a business in Africa.

In 2022, PAFO worked on strengthening its advocacy through consultation and exchange missions with partners to complement formal consultation spaces organized by continental and international institutions that are not always appropriate and/or do not fully offer FOs the opportunity to defend effectively their visions and common proposals.

PAFO is advocating to position itself as a principal actor in Africa's agriculture development and a strong ally of the African Union. This will help more in imposition of African Farmers views in the African union programs and will help in creating stronger partnership with potential partners.

In 2022, PAFO worked in producing advocacy tools and engaging with different partners in order to influencing policies, to create a conducive environment for farmers.

1. Advocacy tools produced;

Position paper: In order to raise awareness of the work done by young farmers on the field, identify their needs, and compiled and presented business models to other young people, who see no hope in engaging in agricultural activities as a career, PAFO conducted a study on Young African Agripreneurs: Success story and scaling up lessons and innovations. The study formed a base of a position paper on the needed intervention to support the innovations of young farmers at the field level.

[International Manifesto of Young Farmers 2022](#) as a major outcome of the International young farmer summit, young farmers come up with a manifesto expressing their needs and a set of recommendations to different partners, on the kind of interventions needed to support youth in Agriculture.

COP27: In preparation for the cop 27 and in order to raise awareness on farmers needs to promote their capacities for resilience and adaptation, PAFO produced two advocacy documents. [\(i\) Young African Farmers Position on Climate Change](#), [\(ii\) PAFO's call to action on climate change at COP27](#)

2. Institutions and committees in which PAFO sits

In 2022, PAFO is an active participated in about nine committees and platforms in which it has sits to strengthen the voice of African farmers;

- The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA),
- Advisory Committee for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021,
- the global steering committee of the Forest Farm Facility (FFF),
- the Board of Directors of the African Fertilizer Financing Mechanism (AFFM)
- The Pan-African Agribusiness Apex Chamber (PAAAC),
- African Food Trade Coalition;
- African Civil Society Organization (ASCO),
- Common African Agro-Parks (CAAP)
- Member of the Continental Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Committee of the African Union, to represent producer organizations.
- BIFAD SUB-COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE. This is a sub-committee on systemic solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation on agriculture, nutrition and food systems
- Global Farmers Forum Committee (FAFO).

3. Meetings, webinars and events undertaken in 2022

In 2022, PAFO participated in more than 37 meetings and events at the continental and international level, and this has been in coincidence with initiatives of different stakeholders.

1. INTA Committee: Public hearing on EU-Africa trade and investment relations (24 January 2022)

PAFO's President took part in a public hearing on EU-Africa trade and investment relations to set out a new vision for the future of EU-Africa trade and investment relations before the planned summit between the European Union and the African Union

The President mentioned that the EU and Africa are good partners in different areas, including trade and investment. As farmers, we have appreciated the support we have received through this partnership, although we believe that much more needs to be done to ensure effective and sustainable trade and investment

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in agriculture. Besides African farmers are determined and eager to increase the volume and quality of trade and investment, including taking advantage of increased competition among investors where this could prove useful. African farmers are determined and eager to increase the volume and quality of trade and investment, including taking advantage of increased competition among investors where this could prove useful.

We must create a relationship that will provide jobs for young people, the relationship that will provide the next generation with a bright future and ensure well-being for years to come. We need farmers who will always praise the value of their harvest, farmers who have access to the digital market, technology, and services, especially in times of epidemics or pandemics, so that they do not miss any luck due to an unforeseen challenge

2. Food Systems Dialogue - Developing a Call to Action: Small Farmer Policy Priorities (February 10, 2022).

The President of PAFO spoke about the challenges and priorities of small farmers like the limited number of applications focused on agricultural research and development, limited knowledge and capacities of producers, traders, and consumers in terms of food quality and safety and the use of agricultural inputs remains low coupled with the poor use of fertilizers. Talking about priorities PAFO president mentioned that Food is accessible, inclusive, and sufficient; the food is healthy, nutritious, safe, and balanced; the food is produced in an ecological and environmentally friendly way. To fight against challenges there is a need for Advocacy for land tenure and land rights for mainstreaming women and youth in land accessibility for investment motivation and mobilize the respective governments in partnership with development partners to bring in more skills, resources, and investments in production and market infrastructure, especially so that farmers can supply high-quality products, in sufficient quantity and more competitive in the markets.

3. EU-AU Forum (16-17 February 2022)

The meeting took place in Brussels where the President of PAFO, Mr. Kolyang Palebele, spoke that people were aware that farmers are key players in the process of the sustainable food system and that we cannot talk about the well-being of people without farmers because they are the main contributors to the fight against hunger and poverty in the world. The President also spoke about pathways to sustainable agri-food systems

4. The meeting of the Steering Committee of the International Summit of Young Farmers (February 21, 2022)

The meeting was held online and succeeded in coming up with some of the agenda items and how to prepare for the International Youth Summit. The meeting was attended by the youth who are the in the frontline on the preparation of the International young farmers summit together with the members of the PAFO secretariat team. The final decision stated that there will be another meeting before 03/31/2022.

5. Regional launch of the digital agri-hub (February 24, 2022)

This meeting took place virtually and was attended by the Acting CEO of PAFO, where she spoke about how PAFO works on advocacy and mobilization with different stakeholders (private sector; public institution, financial partners...), by raising awareness of the needs of farmers so that the digital services provided are adapted to the local context and that they also meet the needs of farmers.

6. Launch of AGRF Summit 2022 (Kigali, March 03, 2022)

The meeting was held physically at the Convention Center, in Kigali and was attended by the Acting CEO, Ms. Emmerance Tuyishime, and the former PAFO President, Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, who is now a PAFO board member in charge of women's affairs.

7. Launch of the 3rd CAADP Biennial Review Report (March 10, 2021)

In this meeting which took place virtually, the President spoke about the short statements "calls to action", where he gave some of the recommendations to be followed to ensure the success of the implementation of the objectives to overcome challenges faced by farmers in Africa and also by engaging in activities that will lead to their best in the future.

8. The planning meeting for the high-level consultation on a Common African Position on the reform of the "ONE CGIAR" (Abidjan on March 31, 2022)

This meeting took place physically, in the presence of Cissokho Cheikh Mouhamady at the request of the President of PAFO, he insisted that any reform or institutional change should not affect the development of regional networks and FARA. He would

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like PAFO and its 5 members to be informed and invited to the meeting in Dakar in May. He took advantage of the presence of AfDB representatives at the meeting to present his concern about the funding that the AfDB grants to certain CGIARs for youth integration projects and the economic advancement of women in Africa. He was not convinced that these institutions can carry out these projects properly. He suggested that the AfDB organizes exchanges with PAFO and its members on this subject.

9. Akademiya- 2063 Board seminar (29 mars 2022)

PAFO has been invited in Akademiya- 2063 Board seminar held in Kigali Marriott hotel, and it was represented by the PAFO Acting CEO. She insisted on the fact that Farmers are the most organised actor in agriculture sectors. Through their organisations and associations from grassroot level to continental level. Farmers needs to be at the centre of policy discussions on decisions related to agriculture policies as they are key implementers of those policies.

10. 32nd Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Africa (11-14 April 2022 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea)

PAFO was invited to the Thirty-Second (32nd) Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Africa which took place in Malabo and during this event, the President of PAFO spoke about specific challenges and the response of farmers and farmers' organizations to the negative impact of the pandemic on agriculture, food security and nutrition and the main priorities for inclusive policies and investments to rebuild agrifood systems that are more resilient to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially for women, youth and other marginalized groups.

11. Exchange session on the implications of the War in Ukraine on agriculture, food, and nutritional security in the different regions of the world (April 27, 2022)

This is a meeting that took place virtually, the president of PAFO presented the point of view concerning the current or potential implications of this war on the conditions and on the activities of the farmers where he said that the war between Russia and Ukraine has affected all aspects of agriculture around the world and slows exports from both countries. Because Ukraine and Russia are both global agricultural powerhouses, it is said that Africa should look for alternatives to bridging the gap caused by the war between Ukraine and Russia and taking advantage of the AfCFTA opportunity to cover the food security deficit

12. African Union Continental Sanitary and PhytoSanitary (SPS) Committee Meeting. (12-13 May 2022)

Upon the invitation of the AU, PAFO participated in the Continental Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Committee Meeting, and it was represented by the Acting CEO of PAFO. The meeting has been an opportunity to update the ToR of the committee and change its name to AU. The change of committee name from AU Continental Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Committee to AU SPS coordination forum. In this meeting PAFO was appointed as a member of the Committee to represent producer organizations. And the Next meeting is scheduled in Accra-Ghana.

13. CSO Forum at the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labor: Strengthening partnerships and building alliances to eliminate child labor (18 May 2022)

The meeting was held in a hybrid model and the Acting CEO of PAFO who participated virtually, she talked about the role of Farmers Organisations in ending child labour most especially in Agriculture. Farmer's organisations have a key role to play. Child labour is a cross-cutting component; which should be integrated in all programs. To eliminate child labor, it requires to address the root causes including poverty and other family issues. A joint effort is required for all stakeholders be it the government, civil societies, development organizations, humanitarian organizations, etc. there is a need to address all aspects of life: health; family; finances; work; community, etc

14. Breakthrough in Agriculture to End Child Labor: Fifth World Conference on the Elimination of Child Labor, Durban, South Africa. (May 19, 2022)

The meeting was held in a hybrid model and the Acting CEO of PAFO who participated virtually talked about the role of parents to sending children to school. She called upon the government and other partners to facilitate the process by making education more affordable for all. She insisted on importance of WFP program school meals program, and a way in which farmers are playing part in it. The government must strengthen laws that uphold children's rights, especially against child labour, but this must go hand in hand with mobilizing parents to be more responsible for their children's education and scaling up campaigns on the danger of child labour for society and its future

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15. International conference - Prospecting climate-smart agribusiness with and, for Africa (May 24, 2022)

In this meeting which took place virtually, the President of PAFO presented challenges and opportunities where he mentioned Climate Change, Lack of access to climate funds and capital, and Lack of knowledge to deal with disasters related to climate change are the main challenges faced by farmers. As for recommendations, he proposed that: Producers need to develop their resilience and adaptations to climate variability and shocks such as erratic rainfall, floods, storms, and droughts. Besides Farmers also need to be educated on ways in which they can overcome problems related to unexpected times and tragic situation.

16. Courtesy visit by the President and the Acting CEO to Akademiya 2063 Office

On June 1, the President of PAFO and the Acting CEO paid a courtesy visit to the office of Akademiya 2063 to discuss the way forward regarding the partnership between the two organizations. They met the Akademiya2063 team and the Founder and Executive Chairman, Mr. Ousmane Badiane, who was connected virtually. They discussed the various elements including the action plan, the design and implementation of an online survey, to assess the data and analytical needs of farmers in PAFO. The survey will, in fact, be conducted among PAFO members, and then the results will be summarized with the aim of guiding agricultural and investment decisions as well as the advocacy efforts of farmers' organizations. Otherwise,

The president of PAFO presented an initiative to create an African financial mechanism adopted by farmers. The idea was welcomed by Akademiya 2063 who expressed interest in being part of the process. In this regard, the two parties agreed to jointly organize a workshop in September. They also discussed other potential partners who may be involved in this initiative such as AfDB, FFA, IFAD and AUDA-NEPAD.

17. Visit of the African Union Commission for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (TREE) (June 8-10, 2022)

PAFO is making more and more efforts to mobilize the African Union and its institutions, mainly AUDA-NEPAD. It is in this context that the President of PAFO, the acting CEO and the facilitator of PAFO Mr. Cissokho, met HE Josefa Leonel Correia

Sacko, AU Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) and Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director of AUC-ARBE. The main objective of this meeting is to consolidate the relations of cooperation and partnership between PAFO and the AU on the one hand, and the consolidation of the support of the AU to PAFO, as a pan-African organization with other pan-African financial and development institutions, on the other hand.

18. 1st Zero Hunger Coalition Stakeholder Meeting (June 16, 2022)

Ms. Emmerance Tuyishime, Acting CEO of PAFO participated in this meeting which emerged from Action Track 1, of the UN Food Systems Summit 2021. The Zero Hunger Coalition aims to respond to crises such as climate change, Covid-19, Russia's war in Ukraine and other conflicts, which are worsening global food security, thereby threatening people's safety and well-being. The Zero Hunger Coalition's vision is to end hunger in a nutritious and sustainable way. As for its aim, it is to do so in close collaboration with governments and non-governmental stakeholders, ensuring that the effort is inclusive.

19. 11th GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee (RPC) for Africa (June 21-23, 2022)

The Acting CEO attended the 11th meeting of the Regional Steering Committee of the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GFTAD) for Africa. She indicated that livestock employs a large number of people in Africa and is the largest source of income generation in Africa as well as a major source of nutritional value.

Limited access to adequate knowledge on diseases and preventive measures, including curricula, and the absence of animal disease laboratories in rural areas are some of the challenges. To overcome them, farmers must be at the center of discussions concerning the formulation of policies and programs. As PAFO is part of this committee, it is a good example.

20. Roundtable on Family Farming and Food Sovereignty (June 30-July 6, 2022)

The President of PAFO was invited to the AFDI General Assembly, held from June 30 to July 6, 2022, in Paris. He participated in panel on "Family farming and food sovereignty" In his address, the President pointed out that Russia's war in

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Ukraine is affecting all aspects of agriculture worldwide and slowing exports from both countries. Low supplies and high prices hit countries in Africa first, many of which are already food insecure. High prices lead to inflation which automatically leads to hunger, already felt in the world but, to solve this issue it is necessary to increase methodologies to develop organic fertilizers which can allow us to be always prepared for any other disasters. We also need, as producers, to position ourselves internationally as we increase our standards. You have to secure the Africa with food to feed Africans and feed the rest of the world as well. He suggested the following points :

- **Review institutional capacity:** The institution must have the capacity for financial management and human and other resources, to ensure the future of the projects to be implemented.
- **Communication:** It is necessary to be informed of the available partnerships and to make sure of the partnerships which could be opportune to achieve certain targeted objectives.
- **Results:** It is necessary to focus on the results to be achieved in the partnerships and how should they support the FOs (is it a technical or financial partnership?)

21. Regional Forum on Rural Communication Services in Africa (June 30, 2022)

The meeting was attended by the Acting PAFO acting CEO, who explained that PAFO is working closely with different partners such as FAO through the Yankaza Initiative, and IFAD through the FO4ACP program as well, and other programs to promote the communication skills of farmers and their organizations. We work not only to promote the visibility of our programs, but also to raise awareness of the aspirations and concerns of farmers, and to highlight the opportunities available to our farmers and stakeholders. The Acting SE, insisted that we must all work together, to promote an enabling environment, to invest in strengthening community communication services and to ensure that the

22. The DARBE Workshop on Agribusiness in Nigeria (July 6-8, 2022)

On June 9, 2022, a PAFO delegation met with Her Excellency Mrs. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, AU Commissioner in charge of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE), who is also the Acting Chairperson of the

Commission at the African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Following this visit, the DARBE of the African Union Commission organized a workshop on building the capacity and resilience of farmers' organizations and agribusiness apex bodies for safeguarding agricultural livelihoods.

The results of the workshop:

- PAFO has had time to discuss with the AUC some of their ongoing activities, as well as with PAAAC, regarding their willingness to work with PAFO.
- The AUC is willing to provide PAFO with a letter of recommendation that will help FOs to come to AfCFTA so that farmers' ideas are incorporated.
- The AUC is ready to support PAFO in order to access AfDB funds that are available for particular projects.

23. African Regional Dialogue on the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (July 14, 2022)

The meeting was attended by the acting CEO of PAFO. In her intervention, she said that all over the world, farmers' organizations (FOs) play a fundamental role in supporting the provision of important services to farmers, including the distribution of agricultural inputs, such as seeds and fertilizers, agricultural training and education, access to market and finance....

In addition, FOs provide institutional support for the implementation of programs supported by governments and donors, such as managing partnerships, facilitating resource mobilization and collective marketing. They also strengthen their membership at local and regional levels by engaging with policy and service to create higher level structures and build their capacity. Although FOs play an important role, there is still a need to build their capacity to provide the necessary support and assistance to smallholders and family farmers. Critical areas where farmers' organizations need capacity building to play their role effectively include: (i) resource mobilization (human, financial, infrastructure, facilities, equipment, transport, etc.); (ii) Leadership Development by setting direction, mobilizing members around common concerns and achieving goals; (iii) Capacity building for effective program management (service delivery to members, participatory planning and periodic review, etc.) and (iv) Effective process management (staff management, facilities management, financial management, revenue collection), funds, networking and external links).

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24. Workshop to Strengthen the Continental Interface Platform for Climate Services Users. (27-29, July 2022)

The meeting was attended by the President of PAFO, where he discussed the challenges and solutions of the African rural world, in terms of climate and methodology. Agriculture is the backbone of many African economies, yes. Nevertheless, the African agricultural system is highly vulnerable to climate change, leading to a massive reduction in yields and incomes. The livelihoods of African farmers, especially smallholder farmers, who make up the majority of Africa's labor force and produce around 80% of the food on the continent, are under threat from climate change. The continued vulnerability of the agricultural sector to climatic and environmental shocks and stressors, such as floods, droughts, erratic rainfall and rising temperatures, coupled with extreme threats to the livelihoods of smallholder farmers, are exacerbating poverty, food insecurity, and nutrition and development challenges on the continent. In proposing solutions, the PAFO President indicated that PAFO has been concerned about the effect of climate change on its members and has been involved with its partners in promoting policies that reduce its effects on production and farmer productivity. The President also stressed that farmers must be at the heart of the action to deal with climate change. Coupled with extreme threats to the livelihoods of smallholder farmers, exacerbate poverty, food insecurity, and nutrition and development challenges on the continent. In proposing solutions, the PAFO President indicated that PAFO has been concerned about the effect of climate change on its members and has been involved with its partners in promoting policies that reduce its effects on production and farmer productivity. The President also stressed that farmers must be at the heart of the action to deal with climate change. Coupled with extreme threats to the livelihoods of smallholder farmers, exacerbate poverty, food insecurity, and nutrition and development challenges on the continent. In proposing solutions, the PAFO President indicated that PAFO has been concerned about the effect of climate change on its members and has been involved with its partners in promoting policies that reduce its effects on production and farmer productivity. The President also stressed that farmers must be at the heart of the action to deal with climate change. The President of PAFO indicated that PAFO has been concerned about the effect of climate change on its members and has been involved with its partners in promoting policies that reduce its effects on the production and productivity of farmers. The President also stressed that farmers must be at the heart of the action to deal with climate change. The President

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25. AGRF Summit in Kigali (06-09, September 2022)

PAFO has been invited to take part in this great event, which is attended by Heads of State. PAFO and its member networks were involved in different panels and shared their views on the involvement of FOs in decision-making.

This meeting took place in the presence of the President and the CEO of PAFO; the President and the CEO of the EAFF; the President of PROPAC who is also President of PAFO; the representative of ROPPA on behalf of their President and the CEO and the program officer of SACAU. As for UMNAGRI, it was unable to attend due to other commitments.

26. Validation workshop of the Guidelines for the Development of Inclusive Agricultural Value Chains (DCVAi), in Africa in Addis Ababa (14-15/09/2022)

The workshop took place physically in Addis Ababa and was attended by the HE of PAFO, Dr. Babafemi Oluropo Oyewole, who introduced the continental organization, and made the voice of African farmers heard. The objective of the workshop was to review and validate the draft guidelines for AICV in Africa. It was also an opportunity to visit the AUC Agriculture Department in Addis Ababa and to discuss PAFO's participation in the International Day of Rural Women on October 15 and 16, 2022 in Maputo-Mozambique.

27. GLF Africa Digital Conference 2022 (15/09/2022)

During this event, which brought together more than 8,000 participants and took place online, the President of PAFO, Mr. Kolyang Palebele, took the time to answer the question of how the solutions proposed by the farmers, contribute to climate-resilient food systems in Africa. The event was also an opportunity to talk about the importance of innovations and the successful implementation of innovative solutions as well as the role of community organization and alliances in implementation.

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28. AfDB Development Evaluation Week 2022: Building a stronger and more resilient Africa (29/09/2022)

During this virtual event, whose slogan is to boost the productivity of smallholder farmers, to feed Africa and counter the looming food crisis; PAFO ES discussed smallholder farmer productivity in Africa, climate change, access to finance (capital assets), for sustainable and adequate food production, policy measures to improve smallholder farmer productivity, statements of Malabo as well as CAADP, sustainable strategies to boost the productivity of small farmers and the role of FOs.

29. AfsAE African Association Summit 2022 in Kigali (30/09/2022)

At the invitation of the African Society of Association Executives (AfsAE), the CEO of PAFO, participated in a round table, during the annual summit of the association, on September 29, 2022, in Kigali, Rwanda. The event was an opportunity to meet several stakeholders and to promote PAFO to other institutions, internationally.

30. AfDB Civil Society Forum 2022, Abidjan (6-7/ 10/ 2022)

The President of PAFO, member of the AfDB's Civil Society Committee, participated in the Forum, placed this year under the theme "Engaging civil society for climate resilience and a just energy transition in Africa". An event whose objective is to provide a framework for structured dialogue, both to the Bank and to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), in view of COP27 as well as to present the reference practices of CSOs, at the level community. Mr. Kolyang Palebele took the opportunity to urge African Heads of State and Government to respect and implement the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Livelihoods improved and to invest in agricultural infrastructure for production, processing and marketing, according to the priorities and needs of the farmers. He also presented some recommendations to ensure better civil society engagement for climate resilience and a just energy transition in Africa.

31. Side event / Civil Society Day, in Abidjan (9/10/2022)

At the invitation of the African Union Commission and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the President of PAFO participated in the Civil Society Day, an event organized on the margins of the High-Level Conference

on Food Security and Nutrition. The President took part in the panel under the theme: "Voices from the field: Recommendations and solutions to the current food and nutrition crisis in Africa".

32. High Level Conference on Food Security and Nutrition, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (October 10, 2022)

On behalf of the African Union Commission, PAFO participated in the High-Level Conference on Food Security and Nutrition, organized by the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Union Sustainable Environment Program (DARBE), in partnership with the Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

The conference was held physically, on October 10, 2022 at the headquarters of the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During this event, the President of PAFO explained that FOs are ready to inspire systemic change and that there is a need for strong cross-sectoral resources and partnerships to implement climate action. He concluded by saying that it is in difficult times that the fragility of food systems is exposed.

33. United Nations Annual Climate Change Conference, (COP27) November 2022



PAFO The delegation, led by the President of PAFO, Mr. Kolyang Palebele, was made up of the five member networks of PAFO, represented at a very high level by Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Executive Secretaries. Conference on Climate Change, (COP27), referred to as the "Climate Implementation Conference" or "Africa Conference". Around 120 Heads of State and Government participated in this event, COP27, on November 7 and 8, 2022. A high-level summit attended mainly by ministers took place from November 15 to 18, 2022. PAFO, participated with a strong delegation, among the more than 11,000 non-governmental organizations observing COP27. The delegation, led by the President of PAFO, Mr. Kolyang Palebele, was made up of the five member networks of PAFO, represented at a very high level by presidents, vice-presidents and executive secretaries. More

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than 100 sessions were organized each day of the conference, covering the 16 thematic areas. PAFO delegates participated in 35 relevant and strategic sessions, as panelists or speakers. In addition, PAFO delegates held meetings with heads of over 40 international institutions to discuss ongoing partnerships and develop new ones. Among the various meetings and negotiations held, two stood out. First, there is the PAFO meeting with the Norwegian Minister for International Cooperation, Anne Beathe K. Tvinnereim and the President of IFAD. The minister promised to support PAFO and its members in their advocacy for the direct allocation of grants to farmers' organizations. Then, the meeting between PAFO and AgriCord, with the Vice-President of IFAD, Ms. Jo (Jyotsna) Puri, who reiterated her support for the Climate Facility for Farmers project". A project developed by the two institutions with the support of IFAD. At COP27, PAFO delegates highlighted the devastating effects of climate change on agriculture and livestock in Africa and the inability of countries to access climate finance for climate adaptation and mitigation. the impact of climate change on their productivity and livelihoods. They advocated for increased climate finance, by reducing the stringent conditions and processes that prevent African farmers from accessing available climate adaptation funds, unlike their counterparts in developed countries. In addition, PAFO members expressed the wish to be more visible at future COPs, by having a dedicated pavilion where they could present their activities to participants. PAFO should endeavor to obtain accreditation as an observer organization in order to facilitate the participation of its delegates in future editions of the conference. Overall, the participation of PAFO and its members at COP27, has been an excellent opportunity to increase its global visibility, which should translate into increased technical and financial support for the organization, spokesperson for more than 80 million farmers in Africa. In addition to meetings, participation in various panels, parallel events, PAFO has, during COP27, disseminated its [CALL TO ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AT COP27](#), in which, it highlighted the specific impacts of climate change on African farmers, on its member networks, of course. But it also affirmed its commitments as a continental platform of farmer organizations, representing the voice of some 80 million farmers on the continent. PAFO seized the opportunity of COP27 to make the voice of African farmers heard, by actively participating in the formulation of the declaration of the [FARMERS' COLLEGE FOR COP 27](#). A statement from hundreds of millions of women, men and young family farmers, pastoralists, fishers, loggers, shepherds, pastoralists and their organizations and cooperatives around the world, who are on the front lines of climate change and work every day to feed a growing population. PAFO has, COP 27, saw the dissemination of the [POSITION OF YOUNG AFRICAN FARMERS](#), in which, and with one voice, young African farmers, gathered for the "Climakers Africa" workshop, organized by PAFO, with the support of the World Farmers Organization, within the framework of the Climakers alliance - are convinced that they are key players in the formulation and implementation of appropriate policies on climate change . A workshop at which young farmers

belonging to the five member networks of PAFO, formulated their common position for the attention of COP27.

34. A transhumance conflict (pastoralism) workshop in Africa, 7-9 December 2022, Harare, Zimbabwe

This workshop was attended on behalf of PAFO by the CEO of PAFO Dr. Babafemi Oyewole. The objective of this meeting of three days was to interrogate the factors that instigate violence between farmers and herders, as well as develop continental policy and action-oriented strategies to address the conflict. The participants were drawn from Regional economic communities (RECs), experts, Pastoralist Communities and Farmers.

35. Brussels conference, 13 December 2022

PAFO was represented by its President Mr. Kolyang Palebele who talked on different strategies on Farmers organizations at the center of EU and AU partnership for tackling food security. This conference also was an opportunity for PAFO Board members who were also in Brussels to meet Agricord team and discuss on the way of collaboration especially on the way forward.

36. 8th convention of ROPPA, Guinea Bissau, 14-15 December 2022

This event was attended by the PAFO Programs officer on behalf of the PAFO President who had other commitments. Among the points raised during her remarks, Ms. Emmerance Tuyishime thanked ROPPA for the support they always been proving to the PAFO in general and most precisely at the secretariat level. She also touched some of the new challenges faced by farmers including extreme weather events and climate change effects and lack of access to basic facilities and not to forget. Wrapping up, she mentioned the need for greater integration and inclusion of women and youth in the agricultural sector.

III. QUESTIONS EN SUSPENS ET PLANIFICATION 2022

Governance: Organizational Social Responsibility (CSR) labeling: The consultation and selection process is finalized. The choice of consultants must be submitted to IFAD for non-objection.

