

**MEDIA ADVISORY****2014 Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF)****INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA**

**What:** In recent years, annual economic growth in Africa has been among the strongest in the world, but the benefits have yet to reach Africa's rural poor. Some 200 million Africans are chronically malnourished; 5 million die of hunger every year, and half of all children are stunted. The African Union's new commitments on accelerated agricultural growth and transformation goals for the next decade, adopted in June 2014, reaffirms the continent's resolve to end poverty through inclusive agricultural growth. The 2014 Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) will translate these important political commitments into meaningful action on the ground for Africa's smallholder farmers and rural communities.

**Who:** Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa and the African Union Commission

**When:** 1-4 September, 2014

**Where:** African Union Commission Conference Centre, Addis Ababa

**Objective:** AGRF 2014 seeks to deliver the objectives of the AU Year of Agriculture and Food Security namely, broad-based and inclusive consultations, and dialogue among Parliamentarians, women groups, youth groups, farmers organisations, CSOs, private sector on agriculture and food and nutrition security.

AGRF 2014 presents the opportunity for over 800 leaders from farmers' associations, agribusiness companies, research institutes and non-governmental organisations and African Governments to engage each other on the new CAADP vision and results framework for Agriculture and Food Security agreed to by African Heads of State in July 2014.

High-level speakers will include:

- H.E. John Kufuor, former President of the Republic of Ghana
- H.E. Nkhosazana Dlamini Zuma Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- H.E. Kofi Annan, President, Kofi Annan Foundation; former Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission
- H.E. Ato Tefera Deribew, Minister of Agriculture, Ethiopia
- Hon. Akinwumi Adesina, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Nigeria
- Hon. Fifi Kweti, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Ghana

- Hon. Dr. Bokary Tereta, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Mali
- Hon. Christopher Chiza, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tanzania
- Hon. James M. Beda Machar, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of South Sudan
- Dr. Strive Masiyiwa, Board Chair, AGRA
- H.E Kanayo F. Nwanze, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Jorgen Ole Haslestad, CEO, Yara International
- Mrs. Jane Karuku, President of the Alliance for the Green Revolution in Africa
- Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg, Director, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)

**Journalists are invited to cover the opening session on 2, September at 3 p.m. and the press conference at 9 a.m. in the morning on the same day.**

**Journalists are also reminded to collect their conference badges at the Hilton Hotel on Sunday August 31, 2014, to enable access to the AUC compound.**

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