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### **LAUNCH OF THE MULTILATERAL COALLITION DEDICATED TO AGRO- ECOLOGY IN AFRICA: INTERNATIONAL AGROECOLOGICAL MOVEMENT OF AFRICA, (IAM AFRICA).**

**More than 100 European and African actors have signed a charter of commitment to the development of the agro-pastoral sectors in Africa, particularly in the Sahel.**

**The original initiative aims to resize and strengthen agricultural cooperation between Europe and Africa while ensuring the protection of biodiversity, a global common good.**

The recent health crisis has revealed the resilient capacities of African agriculture. Faced with the closing of borders, the drop of the purchasing power in urban areas, the major disruptions in the international market of raw materials and the availability of agricultural labor generally unaffected both by the virus and the traffic restrictions, the high demand for food products in cities has been a powerful incentive to the increase and the flow of local productions.

Under these conditions, more than ever, agriculture should be one of the main levers of development on the continent. In this respect, a paradigm shift appears indispensable. Thus, the modernization of this sector, particularly through agro-ecology, digital agriculture, and social business, must once again become a priority. It is an economic, social, environmental, security and democratic issue.

To meet these multidimensional challenges, more than hundred operators from all parts of the agricultural value chain, launched on the sidelines of the One Planet Summit 2021, IAM Africa.

A coalition of private and public actors have committed to the sanctuarization of biodiversity, a global common good, and to the development of sustainable agricultural sectors.

The multilateral initiative was formalized in the presence of the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, the President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Mohamed Ould Cheikh El-Ghazaouani, and HRH Prince of Wales.

### **Creating a community of values and actions**

Knowing that Africa represents an exceptional lever of growth, companies, employers' organizations, African and European institutions in the agricultural and livestock sectors have decided to join forces to form a team with multiple expertises that are driven by the common desire to provide an appropriate response to this major issue.

With this shared ambition, the signatories of the present charter (the "Charter") intend to jointly prospect and develop value chains that meet precisely to African issues.

Since co-development is at the heart of the ethics shared by all the signatories, a significant part of these activities will be the responsibility of local actors, which is promoting technology transfers and the appropriation of the know-how necessary to the sustainable implementation of the agricultural and livestock production sectors envisaged by IAM Africa.

"The objective of the signatories, through their commitment to deploying this approach in most Africa, is to participate in the promotion of a strategy combining social, environmental and economic development in the service of prosperity but also the preservation of biodiversity and more generally the stability of the continent", mentions Karim Ait Talb, co-founder of the initiative and Deputy Managing Director of the Advens/Géocoton Group.

### **Structuring and boosting agricultural value chains in the Sahel**

The signatory partners of this coalition specifically commit themselves to participate in the achievement of the 2030 objectives of "the Great Green Wall". The Sahelian strip is identified as one of the global "hotspots" of climate change. In this region, it is essential to provide answers to the tensions on natural resources to meet the objectives of sustainable development and preserve biodiversity. The structuring of agro-livestock value chains that encourage the deployment of agro-ecological practices and the creation of decent and sustainable jobs will be an important response to the adaptation of the region's populations and to the mitigation of the effects of climate change, particularly in terms of migration flows and security challenges.

"The Presidential Council for Africa has been mobilized since 2018 for the structuring of the agricultural value chains in the Sahel and has conducted several missions to meet field actors in order to work on concrete solutions that have an impact on nutrition, on the creation of decent jobs and on the inclusion of

vulnerable populations. IAM Africa is a new scheme where French, African and international companies who commit and are ready to invest in the agro-ecological sectors of the future. I invite all companies who share these values to sign the charter available on the CPA website", says Wilfrid Lauriano Do Rego, partner of the initiative and Coordinator of the Council for Africa (CPA).

**Signatory organization:**

1T.org  
Acacia  
Adialea - JV Carrefour CFAO  
ADM  
AFA  
African Commodities  
Afruibana  
Agir Ong  
Agro-Paris-Tech  
AWAN AFRICA  
Baobab  
Beit Mama  
Biaugeaud  
Biopost - Cofuna  
Bolloré  
Boloré Logistic  
Boubou Lait  
Brl  
Bureau Veritas  
CA17  
Cabinet Emergence Légal  
Ceva  
Chambre Nationale d'Agriculture du Faso  
CIAN  
Cian  
Cirad  
Classm  
CMDT  
Colas  
Compagnie fruitière  
Coopex  
Dalkia Froid Solution  
Dijon Céréales  
DSV  
EBCAM  
Ecole Supérieure d'Agricultures Angers Loire

Eilyps  
Entrepreneur agricole Togo  
Espace Sanzara  
e-Tumba  
Fert  
FGM  
Franco-Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.  
GDM - Agriconcept  
Gito  
GNIS  
Groupe Initiative  
Groupement des Industries du Togo  
Hilina Foods  
Innofaso  
INVESTIV  
Invivo  
Isolvar  
ISTOM  
kanopiiis  
Limagrain  
Loukil  
Mairie d'Angers / Angers Loire Métropole  
Mali She  
Marsh  
Maya  
MEDFI  
Mg2mix  
MGH Partners  
Moringa  
Neofeed  
NIOTO  
NITIDAE  
Nutriginée  
Nutrik  
Nutriset  
OHVN  
Olvea  
One Point  
Orange  
Patronat Sénégalais  
RIK TOGO  
SAF Ingrédients  
Sahel Délices  
SAIS Distribution

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Savana  
Sedima  
SN CITEC  
Socoma  
Sodefitex  
Sofitex  
Sowit  
STA  
Team Créatif  
Tiviski  
Tunisa Taste  
UNPCB  
Végépolys-Valley  
Vergnet-Hydro  
Verta Pro  
Vinci Construction  
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