

CIAT Africa and CSAYN Kenya Sign New Agreement to Support Youth Agripreneurs



In expanding its support for young agripreneurs and in a bid to cultivate the next crop of farmers in the African continent, The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) has signed a hosting and collaboration Agreement with the Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN) in Kenya. The hosting agreement will see that the Youth network is hosted at CIAT Africa's regional office in Nairobi.

In terms of cooperation, CSAYN Kenya and CIAT Africa agreed to jointly design and implement initiatives in training and capacity building of the youth agribusinesses to turn them into profitable and sustainable enterprises. The cooperation will extend to the scaling up of digital solutions and in strengthening the uptake of agricultural innovations that will turn farming from drudgery – something that young people can only do as a last resort. The cooperation will also work to aid the youth acquire market linkages, mentorship and professional advisory from its pool of agricultural scientists as well as access to financial resources.

Commenting on the collaboration, Debisi Araba, The Africa Region Director at CIAT said that 'CIAT is proud to host the CSA Youth Network, the global engagement and participation platform for youth in climate smart agriculture. This partnership demonstrates the alignment of our shared values and our mission to build a sustainable food future.'

Victor Mugo, the Kenyan Country Coordinator for CSAYN expressed his excitement at the prospects that the partnership offered. He intimated that with the right support, the youth could use their ingenuity, innovation and energy to becoming a driving force – a catalyst towards agricultural transformation.

About CIAT

The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) is a not for profit organization established in Washington and headquartered in Palmira, Columbia. CIAT is a member of the strategic alliance of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) that unites organizations engaged in research for a food secure future. CIAT's mission is to reduce hunger and poverty and improve human nutrition in the tropics through research aimed at increasing the efficiency of agriculture.

About CSAYN

The Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN) was formed in 2014 with the aim of actively engaging youth across Africa and the globe in seeking solutions for a better and more sustained world by implementing climate smart agriculture best practices that are led by the youth. CSAYN therefore creates awareness, sensitizes and builds the productive capacity of young people on Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) concepts for adaptation, reducing emissions (mitigation) and increasing food productivity in a sustainable manner.

CSAYN is currently constituted in 41 countries in Africa, Asia, USA and Europe.