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Tanzanian Minister of Agriculture and AGRA President challenge African leadership on food security

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Tanzania's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Cooperatives the Honorable Christopher Chiza and President of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) Jane Karuku announced that Tanzania will host the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) from September 26 to 28, 2012.

The meeting is the next milestone in developing African-led food security solutions. At the recent G8 Summit, global leaders including 21 African countries and 27 private sector companies committed \$3 billion to a New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition, launching the next phase of the

global food security effort to raise 50 million people out of poverty over the next 10 years. AGRF 2012 sets the stage for Africa's leaders to drive the initiative by promoting investments and policy support to increase agricultural productivity and income growth for African farmers. During the forum, hosted at Arusha's Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge, global leaders will tackle leadership policy, revolutionizing African agricultural finance models, strengthening markets, and transforming African agriculture through innovative partnerships.

"Tanzania has long known farming is at the centre of our economy," said Minister Chiza. "We are

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Senior NEPAD Managers undertake intensive international knowledge management skills training

To build capacity for senior officials within the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) and the African Union Commission (AUC), the NPCA has partnered with the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and the Pardee Centre for International Futures, University of Denver, to organise a weeklong training workshop on the International Futures

Model at the Cape Town offices of the ISS. The Model is a large-scale, long-term, integrated global system which represents demographic, economic, energy, agricultural, socio-political, and environmental subsystems for 183 countries interacting in the global system.

The five-day training, which began on Mon-

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pleased to welcome leaders from across the continent and around the world to find new ways to scale the success we've seen in our own agricultural breadbasket."

As the host nation, Tanzania's recent agricultural growth represents a case study of what is possible. In the Kilombero District of Morogoro, the yields for maize have recently increased for some smallholder farmers from 1.5 to 4.5 tons per hectare; the yields for rice have increased from 2.5 to 6.5 tons per hectare.

"The goal of the government is to transform Tanzania into a middle-income country by 2025, fuelled, in a significant part, by growth in its agricultural sector," Chiza added.

The forum brings together African Heads of State, ministers, private agribusiness firms, financial institutions, farmers, NGOs, civil society organizations and scientists to discuss and develop concrete investment plans for scaling agricultural development success in Africa. Tanzania will welcome notable guests including Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Co-Chair Melinda Gates, IFAD President Dr. Kanayo Nwanze, Nigerian Minister of Agriculture the Hon. Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, World Food Prize Laureate Prof. Gebisa Ejeta, and Yara International President & CEO Jørgen Ole Haslestad.

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day 20 August 2012, focuses on the analysis of Africa's current development trajectory, with the intention of eventually being able

to set attainable development goals for individual countries to achieve and monitor their progress over time.

The training is a first step in accordance with a decision of the Executive Council of the African Union for the NPCA to develop a Union-wide long-term African Growth and Development Plan (AG&DP). Participants focused on specific thematic areas, such as infrastructure, agriculture and development as well as state fragility and performance. The workshop will conclude with a public seminar on the exploration of the potential and impact of a Green Revolution in Africa.

Partners utilise a software system, called the International Futures (IFs) model- a tool for long-term thinking around country, regional, national and global futures. It enables policy-makers to understand the long-term impact of their decisions. The model can create alternative scenarios, by asking 'what-if' questions and map out trajectories on a range of thematic issues, by looking at current trends and historic data.

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Upcoming Event

- AU/NEPAD Science & Technology Policy Workshop, 1- 5 Oct 2012, Nairobi, Kenya
- NEPAD Briefing at the UN General Assembly 16 Oct 2012, New York, United States
- African Development Forum (ADF VIII), 23-25 October 2012 "Governing and Harnessing Natural Resources for Africa's Development", Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Establishment of Science, Technology and Innovation indicators in the ECOWAS region (national & regional level), 5-7 September 2012 TBC, Togo

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