

Who We Are

The African Agriculture Technology Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that facilitates and promotes public/private partnerships for the access and delivery of appropriate proprietary agricultural technologies for use by resource-poor smallholder farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Foundation provides expertise and know-how that facilitates the identification, access, development, delivery and utilisation of proprietary agricultural technologies.

AATF works towards food security and poverty reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa.

It contributes to capacity building in Africa by engaging African institutions in the execution of tasks that contribute to the Foundation's mission.

AATF is a registered charity under the laws of England and Wales and has been given a tax-exempt status in the USA. It is incorporated in Kenya and in the UK and has been granted host country status by the Government of Kenya where it is headquartered.

Our Vision – What we want for Africa's farmers

Prosperous farmers and a food secure Africa, through innovative agriculture.

Our Mission – What we do for Africa's farmers

To access and deliver affordable agricultural technologies for sustainable use by smallholders, in particular resource-poor farmers, in Sub-Saharan Africa through innovative partnerships and effective technology/product stewardship along the entire food value chain.

Our Core Values – What keeps us strong

We strive to uphold three enduring core values: **Integrity, Dedication and Accessibility (IDA)**. These guide our actions, decisions and relationships as we work towards fulfilling our mission.

Our strategy

Management of partnerships, technology stewardship and information and knowledge management are key aspects to attaining our goals. We anchor our activities within three strategic thrusts:

- Negotiating access to proprietary technologies that enhance the productivity of agriculture in Africa
- Managing partnerships for project formulation, product development and deployment to introduce innovative agricultural technologies to African farming systems
- Managing knowledge and information to support technology identification and development, and the policy environment.

Our roots

The model for the African Agricultural Technology Foundation was a result of two years' consultations with several African, North American and European stakeholders by The Rockefeller Foundation and the Meridian Institute. The consultations were held to determine the major underlying principles and an operational model for an institution that would negotiate and facilitate access to proprietary technologies that hold great potential to improve the productivity of African smallholder farmers. Stakeholder involvement was ensured through a Design Advisory Committee, comprising representatives from major stakeholder groups – African national agricultural research services, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research centres, African seed and biotech companies, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, crop science corporations, and donor organisations.



Better tools, better harvests, better lives



Investors

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID): The agency responsible for providing and managing US economic and humanitarian assistance worldwide.

The United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID): The UK Government department responsible for promoting economic development and the reduction of poverty globally.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people – especially those with the fewest resources – have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life.

Howard G. Buffett Foundation, a private foundation that primarily supports agricultural development and clean water delivery in rural areas, focused in Africa and Central America.

Governance

AATF is a flexible organisation, designed to respond to the changing needs of its primary stakeholders. The Board of Trustees has overall strategic and fiduciary responsibility of AATF and monitors its activities to ensure compliance to set policies. The management and staff of AATF are responsible for the day-to-day management of operations and project development. The AATF Board members are distinguished individuals from around the world while the staff are from Africa.

Board members

Idah Sithole-Niang (Chair, Zimbabwe), **Josephine Ayugi Okot** (Deputy Chair, Uganda), **Gordon Conway** (Britain), **Mariame Maiga** (Cote d'Ivoire), **Adrienne Massey** (USA), **Kevin Nachtrab** (USA), **Michio Oishi** (Japan), **Wilson Songa** (Kenya).

Partners

- African national institutions
- African trade and agribusiness organisations
- Agricultural producers/consumers
- Agricultural Technology Industry IP holders (Monsanto, BASF, DowAgro, Pioneer/DuPont, Syngenta)
- International institutions/agencies (CGIAR, ARIs)
- International development investors (The Rockefeller Foundation, USAID, UK DFID, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)
- Local/international NGOs
- National and regional institutions/agencies (NARs, SROs, RECs, ECA, FARA, AU/NEPAD)

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