AYAF PARTNER COMMENTS FROM AAIN

Good Morning Youth in Agribusiness

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to AYAF.

AAIN is proud to be part of this momentous occasion.

We believe that, the strategic drive for this forum is to create an active platform and an observatory for agribusiness in Africa, and specifically focused on Youth in Agribusiness.

Through this platform Youth in Agribusiness across Africa are able to contribute and interrogate the agriculture development and the transformation Agenda. They are also able to play an active role in the design, development, implementation, and in the performance appraisal.

Above the youth are able to determine how the allocated resources are used, disbursed, generated and agribusinesses supported.

Importantly, the forum ensures that the youths are afforded the right support when they pursue their dreams in their different capacities, be it in trade and investment, financing, innovations and technology commercialisation, capacity development support to name but a few.

The forum therefore comes at an opportune moment when the issue of agribusiness incubation has gained a lot of currency. Governments and multi lateral actors are looking for new ways to support the creation of jobs for youths, the private sector is looking at the bridging the skills gap between the academia and real world problems.

AAIN is committed to supporting the African Youth in Agribusiness. You are the future leaders of this new age agriculture revolution and transformation. AYAF is a tool and platform for you.

However, this platform will only gain traction and remain meaningful when each one of you takes a
position and promotes national chapters of the AYAF after the forum. AAIN and partners will stand with you and work with you to make this a reality.

In closing, we want to assure you, that our partnership with African Union aims to support the delivery on agribusiness Incubation and CAADP. AAIN is closely working with several Pan African and International organizations including among others FAO, IITA, CTA, FARA and African Development bank, World Bank to develop the African Agribusiness Incubation Program (AAIP). This again is focused and geared towards Youth in Agribusiness. We are therefore, strongly committed to the AYAF Agenda.

In concluding, AAIN and partners are working towards advancing jobs creation for youths through agribusiness incubation and specifically in our 4 core investment of

1. Agribusiness Technology and innovations commercialization
2. Human and Institutional Capacity Development and Support
3. African Agribusiness incubation fund
4. Youth and women engagement in agribusiness investment and trade

We are very happy committed to working with you, and our membership is open to all Youth.

To celebrate this AYA moment, we have given the youth a discount of 95 % to join AAIN as a member.

Cheers to the organisers and wishing AYAF a huge success. See you in October in Dakar at the AAIN Conference whose focus theme is “Youth Engagement in Agribusiness Trade and Investment”.

Thank You