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THE ABUJA CLARION CALL

SUSTAINABLE FINANCING FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT & INNOVATION (AR4D)

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AFRICA'S SCIENCE. AFRICA'S FINANCING. AFRICA'S FUTURE.

At the 9th Africa Agriculture Science Week, more than 500 leaders called for a decisive shift from fragmented, externally dependent funding to predictable, African-led investment in AR4D—essential to delivering the Kampala CAADP Declaration, Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

THE DIALOGUE CALLS FOR

01 GREATER DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

African governments should progressively increase predictable domestic financing for agricultural research as a strategic investment in food security, competitiveness and economic transformation.

02 SUSTAINABLE FINANCING INSTITUTIONS

Countries should establish or strengthen Agricultural Development Funds and other mechanisms able to finance long-term research, innovation and commercialization.

03 AFRICAN-LED RESOURCE MOBILISATION

The Government of Nigeria, through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, commits to championing an African-led resource mobilisation process, including support to the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) in the establishment of an endowment fund, to sustainably finance and strengthen agricultural research, innovation and coordination across the continent.

04 STRONGER PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Research organizations, governments and the private sector should work together to accelerate technology commercialization, innovation incubation and market-driven research.

05 INNOVATIVE FINANCING

Development finance institutions, commercial banks, philanthropies and impact investors should expand blended-finance instruments that de-risk investment in agricultural innovation.

06 CONTINENTAL COLLABORATION

FARA, AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, RECs, National Agricultural Research Systems and partners should deepen collaboration to support implementation of the Kampala CAADP Declaration.

FROM DECLARATION TO DELIVERY

Investment in AR4D is investment in Africa's food security, economic resilience, youth employment, climate adaptation and long-term prosperity. Governments, financiers, the private sector and development partners are called to translate these commitments into practical action and sustained investment.