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# LIST OF ACRONYMS

<b>AfDB</b>	African Development Bank
<b>AU</b>	African Union
<b>CEO</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>CSO</b>	Civil Society organisation
<b>EAFF</b>	Eastern Africa Farmers Federation
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organisation
<b>FO</b>	Farmers Organisation
<b>FO4ACP</b>	Farmers' Organizations for Africa, Caribbean and Pacific
<b>FSS</b>	Food Systems Summit
<b>GA</b>	General Assembly
<b>IFAD</b>	International Fund for Agricultural Development
<b>M&amp;E</b>	Monitoring and Evaluation
<b>NGO</b>	Non gouvernement organisation
<b>PAFO</b>	Pan African Farmers Organisation
<b>PROPAC</b>	Plateforme Régionale des Organisations Paysannes d'Afrique Centrale
<b>RFO</b>	Regional Farmers Organisation
<b>ROPFA</b>	Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et de Producteurs Agricoles de l'Afrique de l'Ouest
<b>SACAU</b>	Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions
<b>SC</b>	Steering committee
<b>UMNAGRI</b>	Union Maghrébine et Nord-Africaine des Agriculteurs
<b>UNDEF</b>	United Nations Decade of Family Farming



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# I. INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

This activity report for the year 2021 raises:

- In the first part, internal activities,
- In the second part, partnerships,
- In a third part, the activities are undertaken in 2021,
- In a fourth part, outstanding question

### 1. PAFO obtains its headquarters agreement

His Excellency, Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, chaired the meeting of the cabinet of ministers in January 2021, during which he validated the headquarters agreement signed between the Government of Rwanda and PAFO. PAFO thus obtained a headquarters agreement, further benefiting from diplomatic status.



### 2. PAFO board meetings and consultations



Given that the health situation has improved a little, the PAFO held its board meetings in a hybrid (physical and virtual) manner.

- The 1st meeting of the Council was held on April 8 and 9, 2021, at the PAFO headquarters in Kigali. The objectives were as follows: (i) Adoption of the technical and financial reports of PAFO 2020; (ii) Discussion and validation of the 2019 and 2020 audit reports; (iii) Discussion of PAFO partnerships; (iv) Discussion of the 2021 planning. The Board meeting was also the occasion for the official signing of the memorandum of understanding between PAFO and AGRA.
- The CA held a special meeting on April 27. The meeting, which took place in a hybrid manner, aimed to discuss the organization of the Ordinary General Assembly of PAFO which will be held in October 2021.
- The 2nd ordinary board meeting was held from October 19 to 22, 2021, on the sidelines of the PAFO General Assembly. The main objective of this meeting was to prepare for the holding of the General Assembly.
- The 3rd ordinary meeting of the Board of Directors was held on October 23, 2021, following the holding of the 5th General Assembly. The objectives of this meeting were to discuss (i) the decision of the CEO of PAFO not to renew her contract, and (ii) the handover process between the outgoing presidents and the new president





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### 3. PAFO General Assembly & Events (October 18/23, 2021)



PAFO held its 5th Ordinary General Assembly on October 22 and 23, 2021, in the Rwandan capital, Kigali, and compliance with the health measures and the protection framework put in place by the Rwandan Government. Placed under the high patronage of the President of the Republic of Rwanda, His Excellency Paul Kagame, the work of the GA took place in a hybrid, face-to-face, and virtual format, and it saw the participation of around a hundred delegates representing the five PAFO member networks across the continent.

The plenary session enabled the regional networks that are members of PAFO, through the round table of partners, to present their strategic plans in progress, and partners to share collaboration opportunities with PAFO and its members.

The working groups organized with the support of PAFO experts have contributed to deepening the reflection on the themes of the studies carried out by PAFO. These include the study on the Impact of Covid19 on African farmers; the African Continental Free Trade Area; African Food Systems; and the land issue in connection with family farming.

The General Assembly was preceded by parallel activities including the African Rural Woman forum, the FO4ACP continental coordination meeting, the innovation series knowledge management event, the continental Climakers workshop.

PAFO also held its 2nd and 3rd Ordinary Board of Directors in 2021.

The Ordinary General Assembly proceeded to the renewal of the Board of Directors, and the election of Mr. Nathanael Buka Mupungu, president of PROPAC, as the new president of PAFO.

The PAFO Board of Directors is made up as follows for the next two years:

<b>Presidency:</b>	PROPAC
<b>Vice Presidency:</b>	UMNAGRI
<b>Treasury:</b>	ROPRA
<b>In charge of rural women:</b>	EAFF
<b>In charge of young people:</b>	SACAU



The official handover mission between the outgoing President, Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, and the new President of PAFO, Mr. Nathanael Buka Mupungu took place in person, from November 22 to 25, 2021, at the PAFO headquarters in Kigali.

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### 4. PAFO CEO's meeting

At the invitation of the PAFO CEO's, two meetings of the SEs of the member networks were held virtually, in February and March 2021. During these meetings, the participants reviewed the matrices of the decisions of the last Boards of Directors and evaluated their implementation. As such, it was decided to recommend to the Board that PAFO postpone the Youth Forum to 2022 to implement the Rural Women's Forum in 2021.

SEs were to check audit reports and strategic and operational planning and send their comments.

Regarding the SAFE 2020 project, the CEO's approved the proposal that PAFO can use these funds for translation and digitization material, the zoom platform, and also Mailchimp. The Board validated this proposal. In addition, it was decided that PAFO will share a concept note to help RFOs access money from the top of food systems. The 2nd meeting of the CEO's was also the opportunity for Mr. Nadjirou Sall, mandated by the PAFO Board of Directors to lead the negotiations on the DeSIRA project, to discuss with his colleagues the procedure to be followed.

### 5. Administrative and financial management

For Pafo to improve its good governance and its credibility vis-à-vis technical and financial partners, the financial and institutional accounts of PAFO 2020 have been audited. The 2019 and 2020 audit reports were presented and approved

by the PAFO Board of Directors held in April 2021. The reports were validated by the PAFO General Assembly, held on October 23 and 24, 2021, in Kigali.

The PAFO Administrative and Financial Procedures Manual is being finalized by the Secretariat, it will then be submitted to the PAFO Board for validation.

### 6. Communication

#### a) Recruitment of the producer-director

The producer-director, recruited on April 1, 2021, focused upon his arrival in Kigali on improving the quality of PAFO's image as well as the conception and design of all the documents published by the PAFO. In addition, its mission is to ensure the filming of several videos of peasants, documentaries, and others that PAFO plans to produce as part of its programs and activities.

The producer-director also took care of the preparation of the General Assembly (layout of documents, photos, panels, and the realization of the event in images and photos).

#### b) Activities

- Design of the visual for the PAFO "welcome panel"
- Selection of photos for the PAFO offices
- Monitoring of printing and decoration with all suppliers
- Coverage of PAFO events (Board of Directors, meetings, etc.) (<https://bit.ly/3hGcDzX>)
- Establishment of the list of audiovisual equipment that PAFO has acquired to film planned within the framework of PAFO's activities and projects.



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- Concept and design of documents published by PAFO: Reports, concept notes, PAFO strategy, newsletters, studies carried out by PAFO, etc.
- New video production: Production and broadcast of a spot on agriculture: "Farmers, green soldiers of the nation" as a gift for the Government of Rwanda, for hosting PAFO: (<https://bit.ly/3B53RkX>)
- Branding/display/filming in the conference room and the social dinner space (<https://bit.ly/3xF6TMF>)
- Production of daily recap videos of the GA and side events (7 videos: <https://bit.ly/39noMF0>) in addition to a global video (<https://bit.ly/3xF6TMF>)

### c) Communication officer

#### • Website update

PAFO has updated its website with a new design and new content that highlights the activities, programs, partnerships, and publications of the organization. Through its new window on the web, PAFO wants to be closer to its members, farmers, and partners; more interactive and more dynamic, by providing all the information useful to its audience. The website is regularly updated with articles, photos, videos, and other PAFO activities. (<http://bit.ly/2NdEvyB>) The returns and feedback on the PAFO website are good whether from partners, members, or Internet users.

#### • Knowledge Management Strategy

One of the great challenges of the agricultural sector is to inventory the experiences at the local, regional and continental level, even international, to transform information into knowledge and of scaling them when they are adapted. and relevant. It is the management of the

knowledge generated by the practices of professionals in the sector and of Farmers' Organizations (PO) that is at the heart of the knowledge strategy developed by PAFO sets guidelines for action in support of the management of knowledge at the continental level. Strategic directions include the management of knowledge policies, publication development, and information dissemination; promoting electronic publishing; and strengthening networking and communication.

#### • Digital strategy

PAFO has finalized its digital communication strategy as well as its digital action plan, the objective of which is to better position PAFO on digital communication channels. In this segment, the website and social networks are levers of an influence strategy and each has its role in the success of the system. The digital communication strategy and plan set, among other things, the objectives to be achieved in terms of followers on social networks, community engagement, improvement of website traffic, etc.

#### • Newsletters

During the year 2021, PAFO published four Newsletters, in two languages English and French. Newsletters provide an overview of PAFO's activities, projects, programs, and partnerships. In addition, each newsletter focuses on a specific theme.

- **Newsletter N ° 3 (February 2021):** The newsletter focused on the 2020 retrospectives and the 2021 perspectives as seen by the Executive Secretaries of the PAFO member networks. (<https://bit.ly/2YThbrN>)

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- **Newsletter N ° 4 (April 2021):** The newsletter focused on PAFO's continental study on the Positioning of African farmers' organizations in the context of the "AfCFTA", which explains how to best position PO networks in the new African free trade area, which offers interesting opportunities to farmers. (<https://bit.ly/3fldEX7>)
- **Newsletter N ° 5 (October 2021):** The newsletter focused on PAFO's continental study on African Food Systems which highlights the policy, key strategies as well as public and private investments that are essential to boost the success of food systems in Africa. (<https://bit.ly/3uSYN1u>)
- **Newsletter N ° 6 (December 2021):** The newsletter was entirely dedicated to the 5th General Assembly and Events of PAFO, organized from October 18 to 23, 2021. (<https://bit.ly/3rDNDQr>)

- **Social Media Management (The full report in appendix)**

- Facebook (<https://bit.ly/2BKw0oA>),
- Tweeter (<https://bit.ly/2ZaL1rN>),
- LinkedIn (<https://bit.ly/3v41NYy>),
- Youtube (<https://bit.ly/31loET4>),

### 7. Studies carried out by PAFO

During the year 2021, PAFO carried out three studies:

- **Positioning of African farmers' organizations in the context of the AfCFTA:** <https://bit.ly/3rYPue9>

The PAFO study makes recommendations from African RPOs, some of which provide for enhanced awareness campaigns, special training, and targeted capacity-building programs for African farmers and their respective organizations.

- **African Food Systems:**

<https://bit.ly/3rt1MvX>

The study assesses factors affecting food systems in Africa and highlights weaknesses that need to be addressed. It also tends to support the members of the PAFO, by providing the information necessary for the preparation of the UNFSS summit.

- **Specificities of Family Farming and Land Governance Process:**

<https://bit.ly/2XMWukG>

The study is intended to provide preliminary information on PAFO's efforts to help put in place appropriate policies and measures on the specifics of family farming and the land governance process.

- **"Financing agricultural value chains to empower rural women"**

<https://bit.ly/3fiBhE5>

This study aims to raise awareness on the success of rural women who have succeeded thanks to the financing of agricultural economic initiatives within farmers' organizations in Africa and to identify the gaps in the empowerment of women within FOs while proposing recommendations, based on facts.





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### • Thematic meeting on PAFO studies



Seizing the opportunity of its General Assembly, PAFO organized the thematic meeting to discuss with its members and partners the results of the four (4) studies carried out. The thematic meeting was also an opportunity for members to provide additional recommendations on the results of the studies.

Discussions between experts and PAFO delegates focused on the challenges, solutions, and recommendations that constitute a tool for PAFO advocacy and programs.

### 8. PAFO's appointments to institutions and committees

- Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, represents PAFO on the Board of Directors of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA). The board oversees the affairs of FARA on behalf of the General Assembly.
- PAFO has been identified as a strategic partner to sit on the CAADP - XP4 Project Advisory Committee. She is represented by Mr Sinare Yusuf Sinare.



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# II. PARTNERSHIPS

### 1. FO4ACP

The FO4ACP program is a comprehensive support program for farmers' organizations in ACP countries. The overall objective of the program is to increase incomes and improve livelihoods, food and nutrition security, and the security of smallholders and organized family farmers in target areas of ACP countries. The FO4ACP project is implemented by all farmers' organizations in Africa. The project is also implemented by AgriAgencies under the coordination of Agricord.

The FO4ACP has made it possible to strengthen the installation and operation of the PAFO in the country of its headquarters, Rwanda. PAFO has finalized the recruitment of its staff as well as the performance of its institutional and financial audits.

For the year 2021, the meetings planned were held in a hybrid way - face-to-face and virtual. These include the 5th General Assembly of PAFO, three meetings of the Board of Directors; three Continental Coordination meetings FO4ACP, the forum for rural women.

- **FO4ACP Coordination Meetings**

PAFO and AgriCord, organized three FO4ACP continental coordination meetings in 2021 (February 2021, June, and October).

The continental coordination meetings of FO4ACP were an opportunity to report on the progress of the implementation of FO4ACP and SAFE 2020, to share the experiences of FOs, and present successful cases in the implementation of the program to the national and regional level, as well as to discuss the perspectives of FO4ACP with an

emphasis on the coordination effort of farmers' organizations and agri-agencies. The meetings are also an opportunity to take up the various challenges encountered and to discuss what can be done to monitor the progress of the activities.

Coordination meetings included the status of SAFE 2020 funded by IFAD under the RPSF. PAFO and Agricord also hosted a discussion on the ABC fund. As such, the president of PAFO explained that the objective is to bring together farmers' organizations and ABC fund management institutions to provide the necessary information to farmers' organizations to get involved in the process and to make their voices heard, in addition, the point of view of the farmers about this fund.

(Video: <https://bit.ly/2Xw02HG>)

- **FO4ACP & SAFE 2020 supervision mission**

IFAD's supervision mission of the FO4ACP and SAFE 2020 program to PAFO took place from June 14 to 16, 2021, remotely, following travel restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This is the second supervision mission since the start of program implementation in 2019, and the first mission under SAFE 2020, approved in July 2020, under the Rural Poor Stimulation Facility. (FPSR) of IFAD.

The mission-focused in particular on (i) the activities and achievements of the program; (ii) monitoring and evaluation, knowledge management, and communication; (iii) overall financial management; (iv) opportunities for collaboration and synergies with IFAD country programs and other initiatives.



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During the 3 days of the mission, meetings and consultations took place with PAFO. In addition, consultations with AgriCord and PAFO took place to assess progress in terms of collaboration and partnership at the continental level.

In addition, the mission noted that the technical documents were provided to the members of the mission on time.

About CSR, the selection was made at the PAFO level, which is awaiting non-objection from IFAD.

### • Rural Woman's Forum

PAFO recognizes that women are the main actors in agricultural development and society in general. Moreover, the promotion of women is one of the priorities of PAFO's programs and it is in this context that PAFO, with the support of AGRA, organized the 3rd PAFO Rural Women's Forum. In addition to the online participants, the Forum brought together around 20 rural women from the five regions of Africa to discuss and define their vision about the strategic orientation of PAFO.

The Forum began with a field visit to two cooperatives in Muhanga and Ruhango, Rwanda, to see practical cases of success and to exchange with Rwandan women on their experiences.

Video of the visit: <https://bit.ly/3lRK447>

In addition, the Forum was an opportunity for them to define the specificities of rural women in the five-year strategy of PAFO 2021-2025, and discussed the conclusions of the study "Financing agricultural value chains to empower women. rural women".

Video: <https://bit.ly/3ng8Vy9>

### 2. Memorandum of Understanding between PAFO and COLEACP

#### • Innovation series

Launched a year ago, in November 2020, by PAFO-COLEACP, the Innovations Series aims to present the innovations as well as the successes of African small and medium enterprises (SMEs) led by farmers.

The Innovations Series, which takes place every two months, enables the sharing of best practices from entrepreneurs, farmers, agri-entrepreneurs, and SMEs to help others to seize the opportunities offered by local, regional, and export.

The series focuses on innovations across value chains to transform food systems, promote sustainable agriculture, and leverage investments. These innovations support sustainable food systems and enable entrepreneurs to develop economically, environmentally, and socially viable business models.

During these sessions, 24 groups of inspiring farmers and entrepreneurs presented their activities to more than 2,200 participants from over 100 countries on different continents.

**-2nd session (January 21, 2021):** They focused on the theme "Producing local: Conquering high added value markets". The video broadcast of the first session was posted on PAFO's YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/2MflubM>)

**-3rd session (March 18, 2021):** Dedicated to the theme: "AfCFTA: opportunities for SMEs and companies in the agri-food sector".

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The session saw the registration of over 1300 participants. The 3rd session is published on the PAFO YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/31A5lVa>

**-4th session (May 20, 2021):** This session focused on "Sustainable food systems: the key role of SMEs and businesses". It mobilized 451 people who took part. (<https://bit.ly/3uKmebv>)

**-5th session (July 22, 2021):** This virtual session focused on "Food and nutrition security: the contribution of SMEs and businesses". This session saw the recording of more than 1,400 people of which approximately 400 attended the session. (<https://bit.ly/3z0r2f6>)

**-6th session (September 2021):** This session focused on "Promoting sustainable agriculture and agroecological practices: the key role of SMEs and producer organizations". About 26% of those registered took part (<https://bit.ly/3whB23Z>).

**- 7th session (November 18, 2021):** The theme of this session was: Innovations in the African agri-food sector: the key role of SMEs and businesses ". The latter for the year 221, saw the registration of more than 1200 people with the effective participation of about 30% of registrants. (<https://bit.ly/3s4U4KW>)

And on the occasion of the celebration of one year of innovation sessions, PAFO-COLACP published a sheet presenting the farmers and entrepreneurs who participated. (<https://bit.ly/3pFU5fN>)

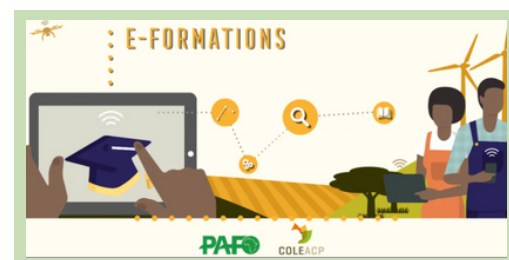
### • Knowledge Management event (October 21, 2021)

PAFO organized a specific event entirely dedicated to Knowledge Management, the main objective of which is to consolidate and extend the successful innovations of farmers to accelerate and optimize learning based on experience and to put into practice highlight potential investment opportunities.

It is in this context that innovations carried out by African companies and farmers' organizations were presented.



Taking the opportunity of this event, PAFO and COLEACP presented their online training courses for PAFO members. Since the launch of these training courses, three certification sessions have been organized.



### • Online formation

A series of online training sessions were organized on different topics in French and English. The trainees participated in sessions of 2 hours per week for 4 weeks. 192 people took part in the entire certification course.



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In addition, another series of advanced training courses on crop protection and the safe use of pesticides was launched in July 2021. They saw the registration of 24 participants, including 10 French-speaking and 14 English-speaking. At the end of this training, the participants received their training certificates.

### 3. Climakers

PAFO joined the Climakers alliance "Peasants' Agenda for Climate Change, which is part of the PAFO strategy, by signing a memorandum of understanding with the World Farmers Organization (OMA), on February 11, 2020, in Rome.

To discuss how farmers are affected by climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic with attention to the particularities of the regions, workshops bringing together the five regional members of PAFO were organized at the regional level with a continental consolidation and a common position statement. Also, in As part of the "Climakers" funds, PAFO organized a workshop on October 21, 2021, to consolidate regional Climakers workshops.

The workshop aimed to demonstrate that African farmers have a large part of the knowledge relating to climate change and its impact on their agricultural activities (production and livestock) as well as the corresponding effects on food security and the livelihoods of local people. peasants and their households. Participants are aware that without urgently addressing climate change, the development process in Africa risks being negatively affected, as the agricultural sector is the engine of growth and development in many parts of the continent.

Workshop video: <https://bit.ly/3xmgNCV>

### 4. CBI2

The CBI 2 contract between the International Land Coalition (ILC) and PAFO was signed on June 4, 2020, and implementation started with facilitation and coordination with PAFO member networks that are implementing the program. PAFO as a continental platform plays a major role in program coordination and it is in this context that PAFO has set up a CBI 2 steering committee. 2nd meeting of the CBI2 steering committee was convened by PAFO on May 10, 2021, with the participation of its member networks, representatives of the ILC, and the World Rural Forum (FRM). Chaired by the President of PAFO, the meeting was an opportunity to assess the progress of the implementation, identify the challenges and assess how to put more effort to achieve the project objective and achieve the expected impact.

The third meeting of the CBI2 steering committee was convened by PAFO on December 10, 2021. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the finalization of the CBI2 project (achievements, challenges, and lessons learned) and the renewal of the CBI2 project (new strategy and implementation approach).

PAFO has also launched a research project to produce a thematic note on promoting the specificities of family farming in the land governance process. The study entitled "Specificities of family farming and land governance process" was published in September 2021. (<https://bit.ly/3oKTReg>)

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### 5. SAFE2020

Based on the decision of the PAFO board of directors, SAFE2020 resources for PAFO were used to implement a digitization process to strengthen the information management and communication system.

Indeed, given that most African countries faced the second wave of Covid-19 in 2021, PAFO couldn't perform the first planned activity "A week on the farm" video portraits. PAFO has also acquired its Zoom platform as well as a video conference system and is in the process of acquiring program management and monitoring and evaluation software.

### 6. United Nations Decade of Family Farming

PAFO took part in the development of the new awareness campaign for the Decade for Family Farming within the framework of Yenka Africa, launched in two phases: June 2021 and November 2021. The campaign was launched in June 2021 and focused on the contribution of family farming to building sustainable food systems. In particular, the campaign aims to give visibility to the progress of the Decade of Family Farming through national action plans, political dialogues, and parliamentary actions in African countries while giving voice to farmers and their organizations.

The campaign also presents the experiences of farmers' family and producer organizations and the results obtained in ongoing projects as well as initiatives to strengthen family farming in the context of sustainable food systems.

PAFO also participated in the Webinar to launch phase 2 of the UNDF Yenka regional awareness campaign in Africa under the theme: "Family farming at the heart of sustainable food systems in Africa and the Yenka Africa Steering Committee, held on December 8, 2021.

Previously, PAFO participated in the webinar on Rural Communication Services and the UNFFIC 2021 Campaign and joined the Yenka Africa Community of Practice, to discuss Rural Communication Services.





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### 7. AGRA

- **Bilateral meeting between PAFO and AGRA**

On the 26th January 2021, PAFO and AGRA hosted a virtual bilateral meeting between PAFO members and the AGRA management team to build a common understanding of what the two organizations are doing and also discuss key areas program and agree on areas of partnership and collaboration.

The expected outcome of the meeting included that AGRA and PAFO agreed on key program areas to strengthen partnership and collaboration. PAFO and its members presented their strategic plans for the coming years.

On April 8, 2021, the official signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President of PAFO, and Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA took place at PAFO Headquarters.



### 8. Akademiya 2063

Following various discussions between PAFO and Akademiya 2063 to establish a formal partnership, on April 7, 2021, the PAFO Board of Directors led by the President of PAFO and the Akademiya 2063 team led by their SE held a bilateral meeting. Among other things, they discussed how to establish a strategic partnership to better respond to the missions and interests of the organization.

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# III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2021

### 1. GFFA UE HLP webinar (January 20, 2021).

The President of PAFO participated in a high-level EU panel on the contribution of the agricultural sector and agricultural policy to climate change mitigation. The panel was held virtually.

The Chairperson raised several points including the fact that carbon reduction can be achieved by reducing the rate of deforestation and forest degradation. ; adoption of improved cropland management practices; reduction of methane and nitrous oxide emissions through better animal production; better management of livestock waste, etc. Farmers must first start by illustrating the impact of climate change in current and future agricultural policies and programs; help policymakers integrate climate change adaptation into agricultural policies related to water production, livelihoods, and use, and help policymakers harness the potential of the climate change mitigation potential in the sector.

### 2. Africa Fertilizer Financing Mechanism (March 3, 2021)

The PAFO President attended the African Fertilizer Financing Mechanism meeting. This meeting brought together the 13 members of the Board of Directors. Among the topics discussed, the approval of the AFFM 2020 annual report, the approval of the 2021 work program, the AFFM strategic plan, and the mobilization of resources.

### 3. IATI Webinar (March 4, 2021)

The President of PAFO participated in the webinar entitled "Shaping the Future Development and Commercialization of Innovations to Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Context of Food System Transformation". This webinar is part of a series of online meetings organized by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), under the theme: Scaling agricultural innovations through commercialization for sustainable transformation of the food system".

The President referred to the incentives that farmers have to use PICS bags, to grow biofortified crops, and to produce foods containing low levels of aflatoxin. She also clarified how farmers are engaged in research planning, as innovations are tested, and provided recommendations for improving interaction, incentives for farmer adoption, and where to focus research efforts in the future.

### 4. AGRA High-Level Panel: Celebration of International Women's Day (March 8, 2021)

PAFO's SE participated in a high-level panel organized by AGRA on the occasion of International Women's Day. During her intervention at the panel on the theme "Women leaders: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world", she delivered some key messages of which the strengthening of the leadership of peasant women must be done at different levels at the same time to have a transformative effect in Africa; Peasant women must be better represented in decision-making and agricultural policies must be more favorable to women;



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### 5. AU-EU Agriculture Task Force (March 16, 2021)

During this meeting, the President of PAFO said that as African peasants, they are more than delighted with the launch of AU-EU cooperation and the opportunity to contribute to agriculture and food for systems. The EU is one of those development partners who have walked the road with peasants to see them grow stronger.

On behalf of PAFO, the President reiterated her support for the trust process and any other similar process initiated to improve the livelihoods of farmers.

### 6. Food System Summit Consultations - Independent Dialogues. (April 12, 2021)

During this event, the President of PAFO proposed to organize two independent regional dialogues in Africa: one organized by EAFF and SACAU for East and Southern Africa and the other organized by ROPPA, PROPAC, and UMNAGRI for West, Central, and Northern Africa.

### 7. The launch of the AUC and FAO publication on Boosting Trade in Agriculture and Services in Africa. (April 15, 2021)

The president of PAFO spoke of the role that POs and PAFO can play in the AfCFTA by ensuring the aggregation of production and through structures that can develop and strengthen value chains to ensure quality and sustainable production.

agricultural products. PAFO and RPOs are well placed to express farmers' concerns through their structures at different levels and can get involved in the dissemination of this information, but also to formulate policy recommendations for a leveled business environment.

Farmer-led research and agricultural innovations are essential to facilitate AfCFTA, and PAFO can play an important role in facilitating and identifying areas for research and investment.

She also spoke about the actions needed to enable POs to participate in AfCFTA, including the creation of partnerships and strategic alliances that support the full participation of peasants in AfCFTA; open border policies, respect, and compliance with protocols; Investments in digitization; depoliticize sectors; increased investment in production.

### 8. The 2nd Virtual Statutory Meeting of the ADB-Civil Society Committee (April 22, 2021)

The President of PAFO attended the 2nd virtual statutory meeting of the ADB-Civil Society Committee. The objective of this meeting is to take stock of 2020 and discuss the 2021 roadmap, especially as the Bank is embarking on the development of a new civil society engagement strategy. The role of the Committee is essential in this strategic process, in line with its mandate to advise the Bank on building stronger relationships and partnerships with the CSO community.

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# III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2021

### 9. UNFSS public forum on producer engagement (May 7, 2021)

The President of PAFO spoke about the central role of farmers at the top of the food systems, including adapting approaches to sustainable food production and climate change, embracing the use of new technologies, being encouraged to produce and provide sufficient food, and nutritious, guarantee farmers access to the right information, etc. She also took stock of the current state of engagement in the summit process, the opportunities that the summit offers to producers, the importance of multi-stakeholder platforms and concluded by encouraging producers to get involved in the summit, summit process to make their voices heard and consider solutions.

### 10. FARA Webinar on Building a Forgotten and Underused Foods Manifesto (May 20, 2021)

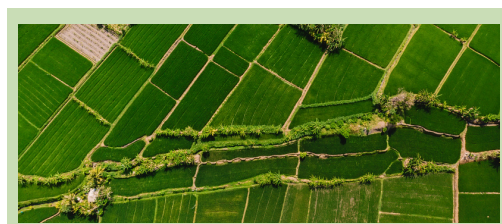
During this event, the president of PAFO spoke about the stake of the peasants in this development manifesto. PAFO President appreciated FARA and research institutions at different levels and added that in recent times they see research partnership and strong collaboration with farmers. She concluded by saying that the researchers have come out of their comfort zone and that there are several partnerships and success stories of farmer-led research such as under PAEPARD, there are hope to see more success under DeSira and other programs.

### 11. Meeting of the Forestry and Agriculture Facility Steering Committee (March 10-12, 2021)

The President of PAFO appreciated that the focus was more on local communities, FFPOs, and IPs. It is necessary to have different interventions at several levels by categorizing the initiatives to be implemented, the stakeholders with whom they work and the levels on which they focus; deepen partnership with global alliances and strengthen existing ones to have greater impact; enable communities to have a greater impact on regional and global trade policies.

### 12. FNSSA AU-EU Cooperation Panel (May 31, 2021)

During this meeting, the president of PAFO raised certain points, in particular, the expectations of the stakeholders of such an R&I partnership; what is needed to make a partnership attractive for stakeholder engagement; how to achieve the objective of benefiting European and African stakeholders and citizens; how it is believed that the FNSSA can be a model for other areas of cooperation if it is well developed; the main characteristics of an Afro-European partnership; which makes the FNSSA partnership an attractive AU-EU cooperation model for stakeholders; experience of R&I collaboration; many challenges facing the agricultural sector.





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### 13. AU - EU Ministerial Conference (22 June 2021)

During the meeting, the President of PAFO highlighted some positions advanced by farmer organizations in response to the impact of Covid and the contribution to resilient food systems and agricultural transformation. They include a fund for post-pandemic agriculture and the strengthening of direct support to family farmers; improving the implementation of policies related to agriculture at the continental level; promoting innovation and digitization in agriculture; using the African Continental Free Trade Area to promote agricultural trade in the African market.

### 14. The WTO Trade Dialogue, a Critical Piece of the Food Systems Puzzle (July 6, 2021)

During this meeting, the President of PAFO explained how international food trade can be made more resilient in times of crisis, how food export restrictions can best be addressed, and how value chains global foodstuffs can be protected from disruption in the event of a crisis. International trade can be made more resilient in times of crisis and this can be achieved by reorienting public policies towards a more inclusive, sustainable, and global economy. There is a need to closely align trade policies with agricultural value chains, climate goals, and greening of trade infrastructure.



### 15. FAO-Brussels Office Dialogue on When Science Meets Policy to Drive Food Systems Transformation (July 7, 2021)

During this event, the president of PAFO spoke about the main challenges facing African farmers and how STI (science technology, and innovation) can support them in the sustainable transformation of food systems; the measures that need to be put in place, and the role of governments, the international community and the private sector in supporting peasants and small producers, especially women and youth.

### 16. Independent Dialogue of the World Food Systems Summit of Farmers' Organizations PAFO, AFA, and WFO (July 8-9, 2021)

In her remarks during this meeting, the President of PAFO said that independent African dialogues have highlighted several issues that still contribute to inefficient African food systems, ranging from agricultural trade policies; what the peasants undertake to do; what others should do; what is missing in the food systems summit. The President also mentioned that she expected the dialogue to be useful in shaping the producers' commitments, demands, and call to action for the Food Systems Summit.



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### 17. World Summit Dialogue with Farmers, Fishermen, Herders, and Other Producers July 12, 2021

The President of PAFO said that farmers are the backbone of the food system and have a great stake in the food system process ensuring the production of quality and accessible food for all, but often farmers are still forgotten, still seen as part of the problem with little or nothing to offer as a solution.

It calls for policies and investments aimed at farmers that target different genders, with special attention to disadvantaged youth, women, people with disabilities, and a mechanism to monitor the implementation of concrete actions so that the summit of Nations United on Food Systems 2021 is not another talk show but a commitment from all stakeholders.

### 18. Pre-Summit Producers' Session: Voices of Producers, Fishermen, Breeders, Foresters and Other Producers (July 26, 2021)

The meeting took place virtually in the presence of the President of PAFO. She said farmers don't beg for help, but demand the value of the contribution they make to sustainable food systems.



### 19. United Nations Food Systems Summit

In addition to being a member of the UN SSA Advisory Board, PAFO took the initiative to lead the UN Summit on the Food Systems consultation process with farmers' organizations in Africa. In this regard, funds to support the independent dialogues of the United Nations Summit on food systems at the regional level and consolidation at the continental level have been mobilized and contracts have been signed with IFAD, which manages the funds on behalf of the United Nations. of the United Nations Food Systems Summit secretariat.

To strengthen the voice of smallholder farmers, PAFO has partnered with NEPAD to organize the "Technical Consultation Meeting with Smallholders on Food Systems" on May 21, 2021. The objectives are to ensure that inputs and points of smallholder farmers are integrated with other actors in the process towards the United Nations Food Systems Summit. In addition, engagement focused on supporting information and building a common understanding of the United Nations Food Systems Summit and the various fields of action leading up to the September 2021 Summit.





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- **United Nations Food System Summit 2021, Pre-summit in Rome, Italy (July 26-28, 2021)**

This meeting took place in a hybrid format and was attended by the President of PAFO in Rome. She mentioned that the participants could be seated representing UN agencies, their governments, different organizations, but one thing needs to be clear, they were all there as consumers, and when we talk about food, we are talking about two people and constituencies: producers and consumers and made it clear that it is their demand and desire for nutritious diets, safe foods of all qualities and quantities that should make producers equal partners in food systems.

- **Opening remarks of the UNFSS summit for the press briefing of the UN special envoy. (September 23, 2021).**

During this event, the President of PAFO spoke about reflections on the summit process to date; hopes and expectations at the top, call to action to achieve the SDGs by 2030; the greatest learning from this process; what makes her optimistic about the future of food systems; contributing as a farmer to more sustainable, resilient and inclusive food systems; how the African farmer is central to national pathways for food systems; the hopes for regional cooperation within the framework of the common position for Africa announced at the pre-summit.

**The intervention of the President at the Summit HERE:** <https://bit.ly/3ja9xTB>



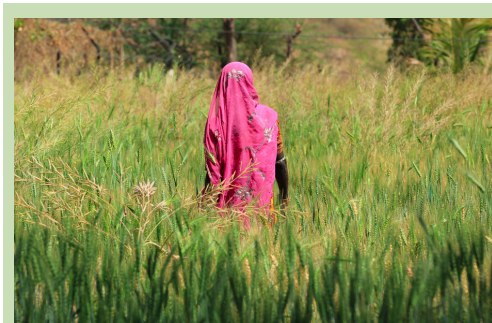
### 20. International Youth Day webinar organized by VI-Agro-forestry (August 13, 2021)

The President of PAFO virtually attended this meeting where she spoke about activating specific policies and work strategies urgently needed to empower young people, regardless of gender and social division, to improve their skills, and ensure equal access to opportunities.

She insisted on the importance of using a gender lens to identify and respond to the specific needs and priorities of young women and men to eliminate existing inequalities and discrimination, transform gender roles and build relationships. Gender-equitable.

### 21. Development of the UA - CAADP business plan (August 17, 2021)

During the event, the President of PAFO, shared the priorities of the PAFO strategy for the next five years 2021-2025, the commercialization of value chains, policy and advocacy, institutional capacity development, knowledge management, cross-cutting issues on climate change, youth, and women, and resilience, discussion areas of convergence with the CAADP Business Plan.



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### 22. AGRF - IFAD side event; Building resilient food systems in Nairobi, Kenya (September 6, 2021)

The President of PAFO mentioned the role of FOs in transforming agriculture and the food supply chain in Africa and also recognized farmers as the backbone of any food system and the entire agricultural sector.

### 23. WTO Structured Discussions on Trade and Environmental Sustainability (September 16, 2021)

The PAFO CEO underlined the need to expand access to financial services such as credit, insurance, and financial savings mechanisms; the collection, analysis, and dissemination of high-quality data and information as well as easily accessible and affordable market information for better decision-making throughout the value chain; reduce non-tariff barriers, roadblocks, and checkpoints that hamper cross-border trade and reduce red tape at borders.

### 24. G20 Session: International Cooperation, Responding to the Growing Demand for Food in Africa (September 16, 2021)

The President of PAFO said that, as a FO, there is a need to broaden the resource envelope to have more beneficiaries, increase the funding cycle and as the farmers have built enough capacity to manage the funds directly, this momentum should be continued to improve the efficiency of the use of funds.

### 25. FAO and CIRAD are launching a publication "Flagship publication on fruits and vegetables: opportunities and challenges for small farmers"

The President of PAFO wanted FAO and CIRAD to work with other actors to ensure that the publication is accessible to extension workers, farmer groups, schools, farmers' cooperatives, researchers, NGOs, etc.

She also assured that PAFO is always available to support and participate in such collaborations and called on all participants to actively support the dissemination of the publication to ensure that this publication is beneficial to small farmers.

### 26. Child labor in agriculture (2-3 November 2021)

The PAFO program manager explained how producer organizations can tackle child labor in agriculture. This is because they are the employers and on the other hand, they are also the parents of these children. So, to put an end to this, producer organizations need to tackle the root cause of the problem.

### 27. G20 session: international cooperation, meeting the growing demand for food in Africa. (September 16, 2021)

The President of PAFO shared the challenges encountered as farmers and the opportunities to be seized. On behalf of POs, she asked for the expansion of the resource envelope to have more beneficiaries, to increase the funding cycle.



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# IV.OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND PLANNING FOR 2022

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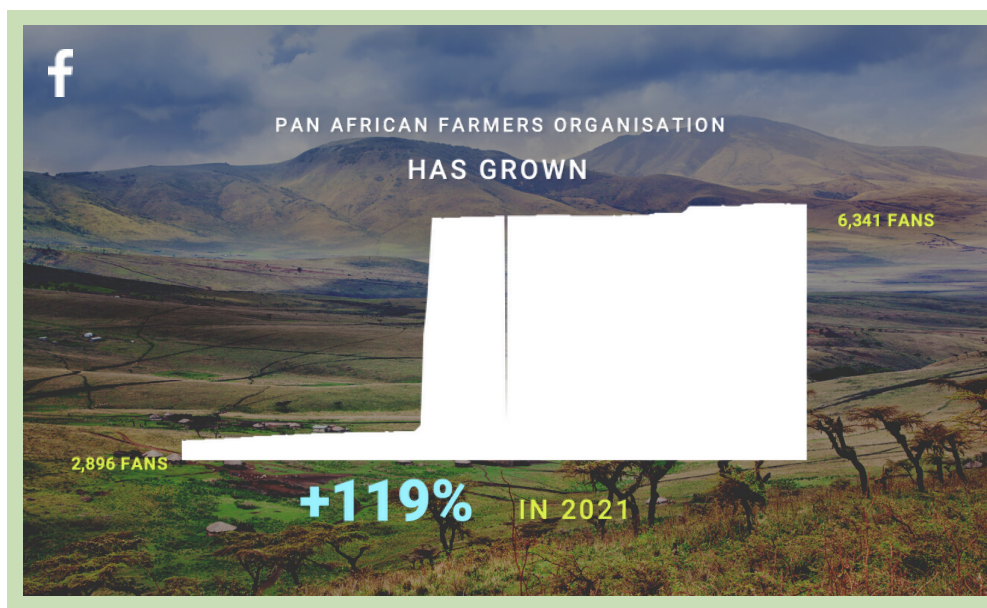




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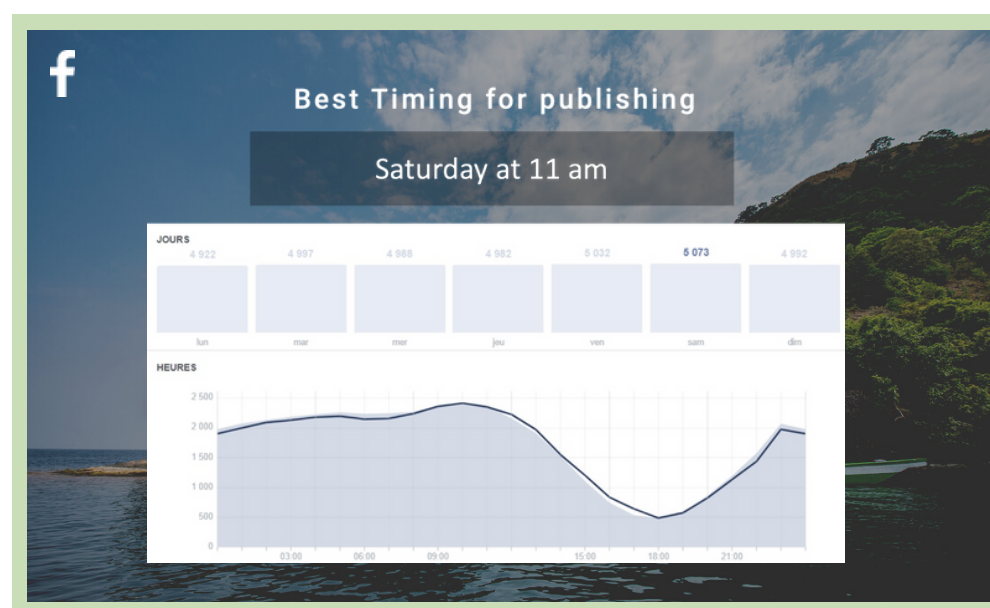
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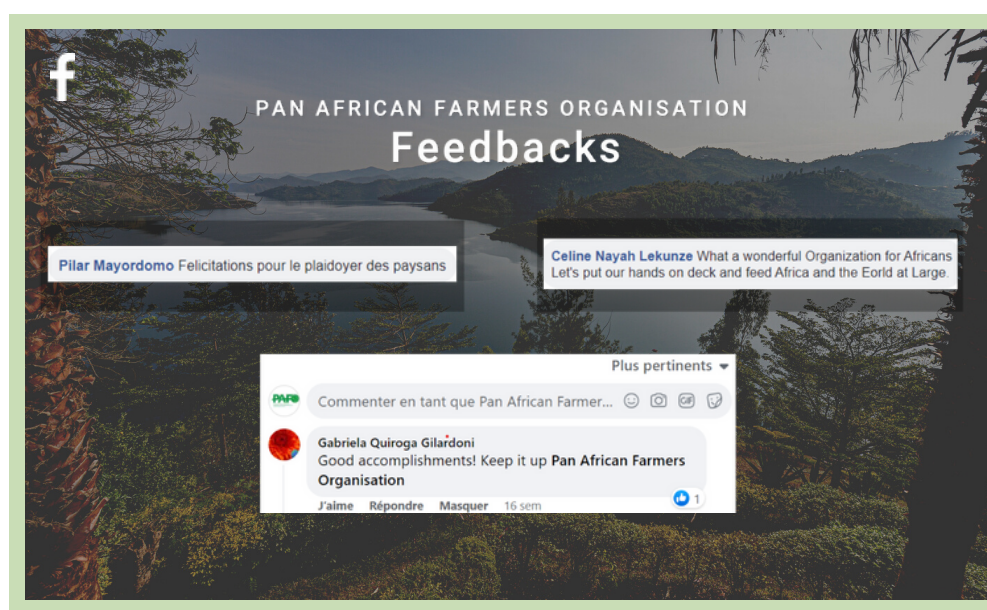
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Éthiopie	567	Addis-Abeba, Éthiopie	445	Anglais (US)	2 261
Tunisie	500	Bamako, Mali	370	Anglais (UK)	621
Cameroun	470	Ouagadougou, Burkina...	359	Arabe	93
Kenya	431	Nairobi, Kenya	332	Swahili	67
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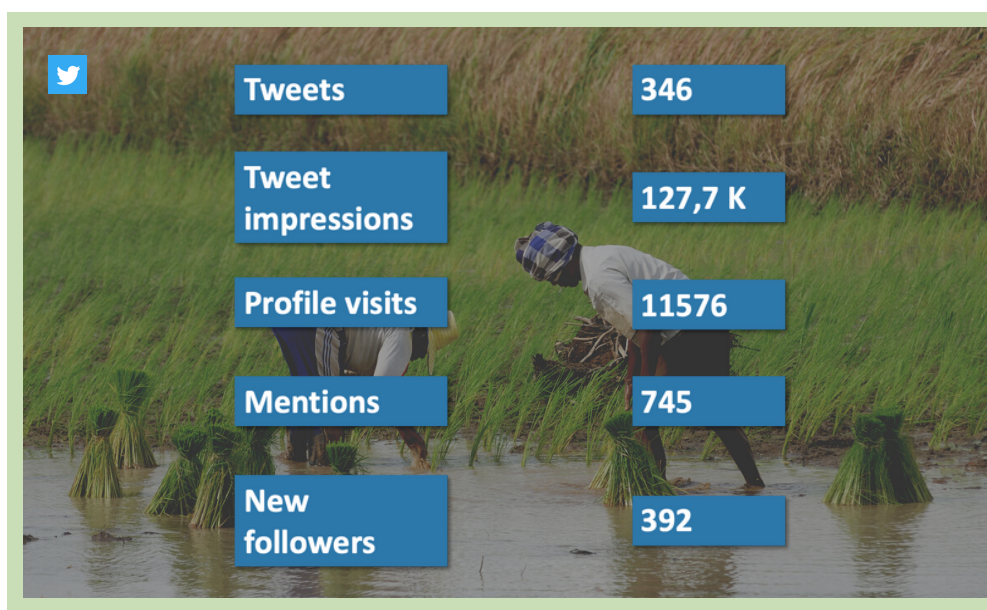
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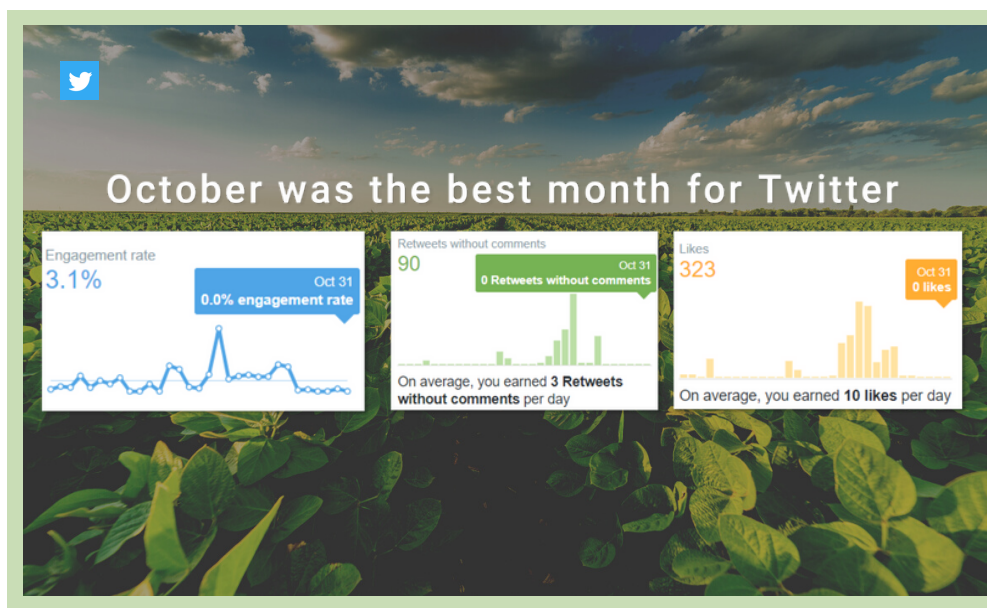
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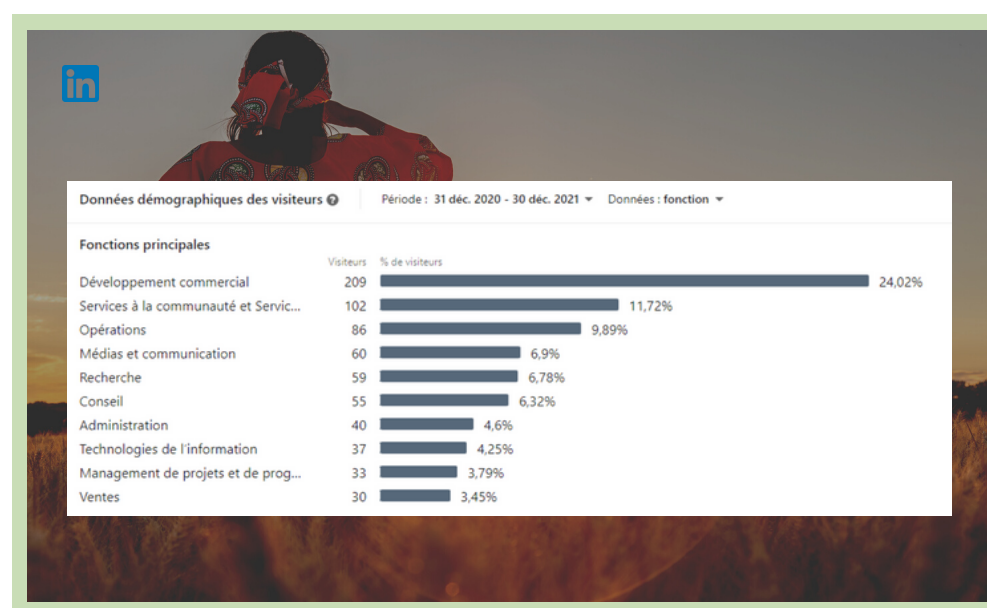
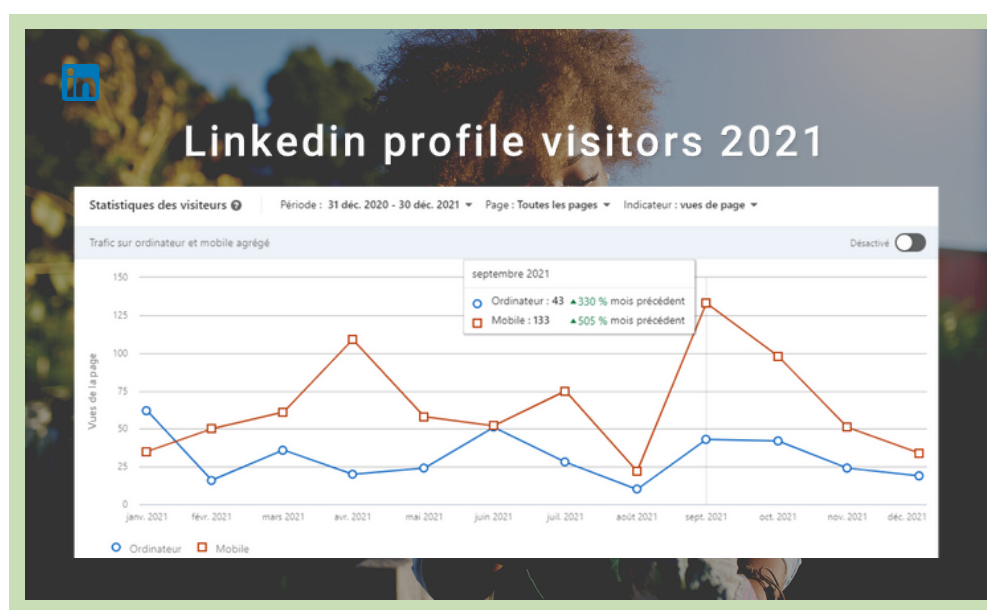
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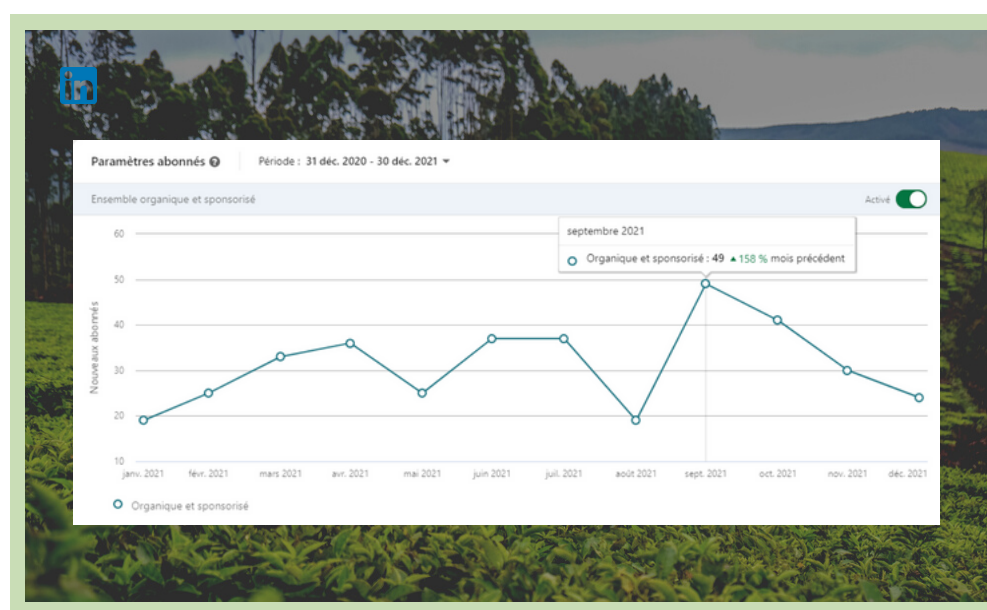
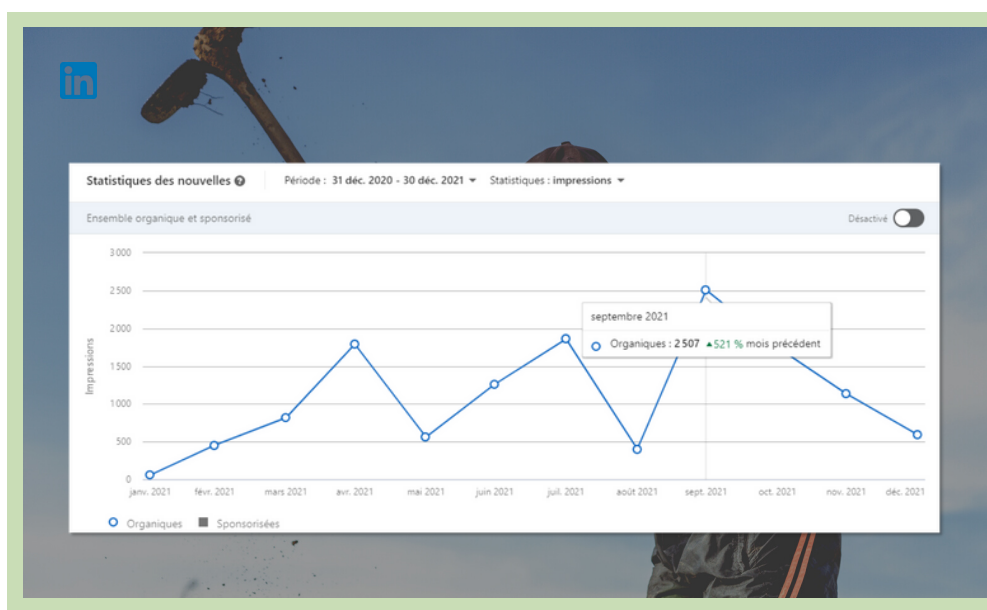
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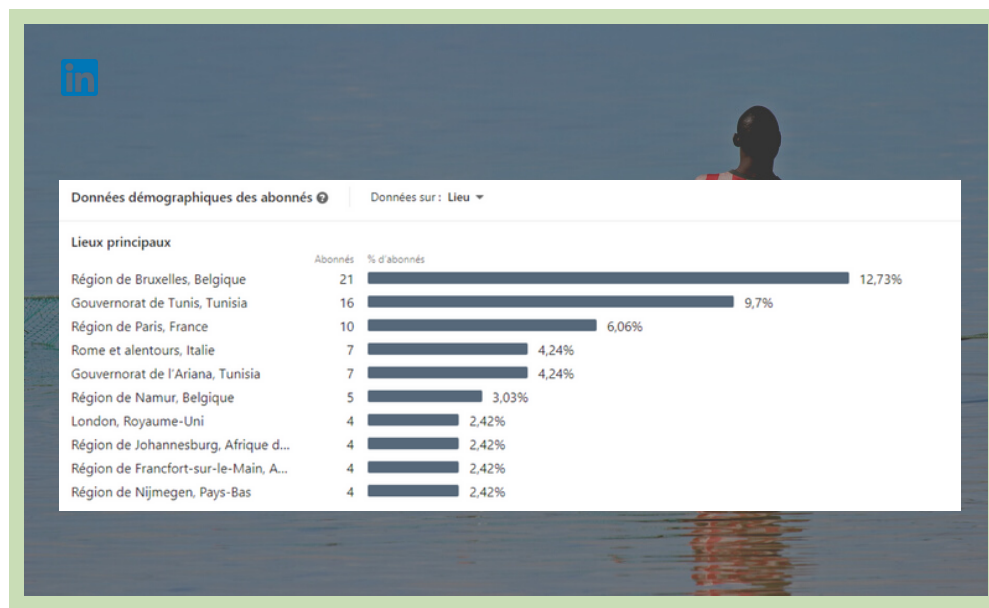
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### FINDINGS AND RECOMMANDATIONS

- The number of fans on Facebook is always on the rise, it has tripled since last year which helps to work on notoriety.
- we are on the right path for the other Social Networks.

Recommandations:

- sponsor publications more often for more visibility.
- Promoting the video format is much more engaging than photos and articles.



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