



International Manifesto of Young Farmers

On the 27th of October 2022, young farmers from Africa, Europe, Asia and America joined together in Kigali (Rwanda) for the third international young farmer's summit. Since the two past editions, major crises have occurred (Covid-19 pandemic, wars, droughts, price increase) and after this summit, we confirm that the issues we are facing, are global and need more interchange between the regions.

During the debates and working groups that took place, among many topics some emerged as common and primary to all continents:

- Adaptation to climate change
- Renewal of the farming generations
- Use and secured access to land
- Access to finance
- Development and access to innovations and technologies
- The need of public and private partnerships to promote capacity building solutions for young farmers

One of the main outcomes of our exchanges was the agreement on the need of **a global network of young farmers** where we can exchange our experiences, our approaches and where our proposed solutions must be set up. This could eventually lead to the creation of a structured youth governance body. The organization and effective implementation of this global network of young farmers is a challenge that we must meet together.

From the lessons learned since the last summit and reinforced exchanges during this summit, and profiting on the online tools development due to covid, our starting point will be to host online working meetings between each summit.

A Representative from each continent will be in charge of organizing each of the meetings. The objective of these meetings is to bring the opportunity to discuss altogether and share experiences, perspectives and challenges in order to rise up the voice of young farmers at the international level.

Our exchanges lead us to propose the establishment of 29th of October as **the YF international day** in order to increase our visibility on the international scene while deploying our forces locally in order to increase communication on the global challenges faced by young farmers.

Through this manifesto, we call for a better consideration of the agricultural youth of this world: and highlight that young farmers are not only the future but the present of agriculture. We are the foundation on which a growing world population is going to be fed in a sustainable way.

The next summit will be held in Canada in 2024.