

## PAFO-AHA Project:

# “Pan African Farmers Organizations Exchange Platform” : A hub for capacity building of Farmer Organizations in Africa



PAN AFRICAN FARMERS' ORGANISATION EXCHANGE PLATFORM  
CORE TEAM MODERATION TRAINING

PLATEFORME PAN-AFRICAINE D'ÉCHANGES ENTRE ORGANISATIONS PAYSANNES  
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Farmer's Organizations (FO) are expected to bring the farmers' needs to the attention of policy makers at the national, regional, or global levels. The farmers' voices must be heard, and FOs need to be competent to serve their members, provide them with requisite information and services to better react to the challenges, and ensure the sustainable production and distribution of healthy food. Pan-African Farmers Organizations (PAFO)), through its regional member farmer organizations, wishes to support African national farmers' organizations in being ready to respond effectively and efficiently to the challenges described above. Thus, the [Pan-African Farmers Organization \(PAFO\)](#) and [Andreas Hermes Akademie \(AHA\)](#) have come together to strengthen the system of farmer organizations in Africa, professionalize and capacitate regional and national farmer organizations, men, women, and youth, including organizational and individual capacity building.

In this framework, a digital platform is been implemented with the technical support of [AgrarKontakte International \(AKI\) e.V.](#) The platform will serve as a hub for capacity building of regional and national farmer organizations (RFO, NFO) through peer-to peer exchange and learning. The platform is a digital knowledge repository and serve as tool for knowledge management and is coordinated and managed by PAFO. The exchanges will be run via Zoom sessions. Through the platform, African NFOs will learn from each other and share lessons learned in different fields to effectively and efficiently develop their capacities and competences. Through these exchange sessions, they will be in a better position to articulate their voice at the national and global level to shape framework conditions for farmers. Furthermore, leaders and managers of African NFOs (young as well as senior level) are strengthened in their organizational and thematic competence.

The direct target group of this project is :

- 1- All African PAFO/Regional Farmers Organizations (RFO) members.
- 2- Leadership and technical persons (elected and staff) of PAFO, RFOs
- 3- National Farmers Organizations,
- 4- Young Farmers Organizations as part of the PAFO/RFO membership structure;
- 5- PAFO's Core team members and FO-internal moderators, as project implementers participating in direct capacity building measures.

The **“Pan African NFO Exchange Platform”** is constituted via: (I) **Platform coordinator (PAFO)**; (II) **Core Moderation Team (CMT)** to actively work with the coordinator to implement the project and to assist and advise the PAFO coordinator in all elements pertaining. The CMT is composed of 15 members from NFOs, and RFO, selected by PAFO and their RFOs, [Andreas Hermes Akademie \(AHA\)](#) and [AgrarKontakte International \(AKI\) e.V.](#)

**The Core Team will meet on a regular basis to support the coordinator and the moderator in their work. The CMT will benefit from a 3 day a presence training in May in Kigali; several online sessions and on-the-job-training.**

The project **“Pan African Farmers’ Organization Exchange Platform”** is implemented with the financial support of the [German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#).

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## **About PAFO**

The Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO) is a continental organization with a membership base composed of Regional Farmers Networks.

PAFO is the voice of more than 80 million African farmers integrated into nearly 73 national organizations, unions, federations, cooperatives, associations, etc., present in more than 48 countries on the continent, and united in five regional networks operating at the heart of African agriculture: EAFF; PROPAC; ROPPA; SACAU and UMNAGRI.

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PAFO has a fundamental coordinating function both with its member networks and with continental and international organizations. It is thus able to facilitate dialogue and cooperation with the various continental and international institutions, but also with financial and technical partners.

PAFO is recognized as a reliable and representative partner of African Farmers, able to provide common positions on issues and themes dealing with agriculture and rural development in Africa.

PAFO is also able to contribute to the formulation of projects and the development of the capacities necessary to follow them up.

Read More under the website: <http://www.pafo-africa.org/>

## **About AHA**

Andreas Hermes Academy (AHA) is a German capacity building institution, based in the farming sector in Germany, with key stakeholders such as the German Farmers Association, the Association of German Rural Women, the Association of Rural Youth, and many more. AHA has made an important contribution to the professionalization of the associative life, leadership, and the further education of German farmers for over 70 years.

At an international level, AHA is promoting the professionalization of the organized farming sector and fostering an entrepreneurial mind-set for farmers

and farmers' organizations, aiming at organizational sustainability and ultimately increased food security and vibrant rural areas.

AHA, with the financial support of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) strengthens member-based farmers' organizations in Africa and India to serve their members according to their needs, assume responsibility, develop appropriate services, and enter into a dialogue with government, trade, industry and society.

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### **About AKI**

AgrarKontakte International (AKI) e.V. is a registered non-profit organization that carries out project management of international cooperation projects for public and private institutions. The focus of AKI's international cooperation projects is on agricultural vocational training and organizational development, for example of farmers' associations. In addition, AKI organizes professional seminars as well as expert and delegation trips to its partner countries and to Germany. In addition, AKI is known for its internship programs. Here, AKI organizes and supervises practice-oriented education and training programs in southern Germany for international technical and university students from the agricultural and food sector.

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