



# Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit (AFSH)

**7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2024**

Nairobi, Kenya,  
Kenyatta International Conference  
Centre (KICC)



# Background

Following the 2006 Abuja Summit that mainly focused on increasing fertilizer use as the driver for increasing agriculture productivity, a more holistic approach is now deemed necessary to address the fertiliser market and soil health constraints.

Consequently, the 4th Ordinary Session of the STC-ARDWE, held in December 2021, requested the **AUC to convene an Africa Fertiliser and Soil Health (AFSH) Summit** in 2022-2023.

In February 2022, the 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council endorsed the convening of the Summit for either 2022 or 2023. The Republic of Kenya accepted to host the Summit. The Summit was postponed to 2024.

In May 2023: **The draft 10-year Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan and the Soil Initiative for Africa (SIA) Framework Document** was endorsed by Ministers responsible for ARDWE, at their Extraordinary Session.

In Feb 2024: The 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly endorsed the decision to hold the Summit and requested **AUC and AUDA-NEPAD to organise the Summit on 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May in Nairobi Kenya.**

# Objectives of the Summit



The Objective of the Summit is to bring together all relevant stakeholders to highlight the crucial role of fertilizer and soil health in stimulating sustainable pro-poor productivity growth in African agriculture and to agree on an African Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan, as well as the Soils Initiative for Africa.





# AFSH Summit: Sub-themes

- Advances in monitoring soil health, land degradation, and agronomic performance and multi-stakeholder action for scaling soil health globally through evidence-based public and private investment.
- Soil information systems in Africa.
- Process for developing and implementing country plans and partnership modalities for implementation of AFSH Action Plan.
- Importance and benefits of integrated landscape soil and water management to optimize fertilizer use and soil health across agricultural land uses.
- The organic matter component of the Integrated Soil Fertility Management equation: Challenges and realistic opportunities.
- Policy framework around fertilizer and soil health.
- Incentive schemes for building soil health.
- Financing Africa's fertilizer value chains.





# AFSH Summit: Programme of events

## DAY 1: TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup>

- Presentation 1: Soil Initiative for Africa
- Presentation 2: The 10-Year Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan
- Presentation 3: Success stories and best practices
- Statements by Ministers of Agriculture
- Statements by Heads of Regional Economic Communities
- Statements by Partners
- Official opening of the exhibition
- Side events

## DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>

- Interventions/ Statements by Ministers
- Parallel sessions
- Drafting of the Joint Ministerial Report
- Side events
- Ministerial Closed Session
- Presentation of the Joint Ministerial Report
- Presentation of the Nairobi Declaration on Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health
- Interventions by Ministers on the Draft Declaration

## Day 3: THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup>

- Presidential Summit
  - Report of the Joint Ministerial Session
  - Nairobi Declaration
- Presidential discussion
- Reading of the adopted Declaration

# Expected Outcomes

It is expected that a 10-year Action Plan will be endorsed

- Action Plan will deliver concrete recommendations for steps to be taken by African leaders and stakeholders over the next 10 years.
- Action Plan will provide a focus for new policies and investments that will enable farmers to work toward re-building soil health and ultimately increase yield responses and profitability of fertilizers.

It is also expected that the Action Plan will also be endorsed by leading private and public sector partners

The four Expected Outcomes from the Summit include:

- 1. Nairobi Declaration**
- 2. 10-year Action Plan**
- 3. Soil Initiative for Africa (SIA)**
- 4. Mechanism to finance the Action Plan (post-Summit implementation process)**

A close-up photograph of a hand planting a seed into dark, rich soil. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with fingers gently holding the soil around the seed. The background is softly blurred, showing other small green plants and a hint of an orange flower. The overall lighting is warm and natural, suggesting an outdoor garden setting. The text "THANK YOU" is centered over the image in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

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