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IABF Launched to Advance Indiaâ??Africa Food Security Goals

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In a major push to strengthen Indiaâ??Africa agricultural cooperation, the Indiaâ??Africa Agricultural Business Forum (IABF) was launched today at a high-level Roundtable in New Delhi, bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, financial institutions, and development partners from both regions.

The Forum was jointly launched byÂ the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) and Empowering Farmers Foundation (EFF), with support from Export Trading Group (ETG) and African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO). Key participants included Diplomats from the Embassy of Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Benin, Tanzania, Sudan, etc., and representatives from APEDA (Dr Tarun Bajaj),Â NABARD (Nabin Roy), IFFCO (Dr Yogendra Kumar), and the World Bank, highlighting the initiativeâ??s strategic significance.

The IABF aims to accelerate agribusiness collaboration through trade, investment, technology transfer, and farmer capacity building, leveraging Indiaâ??s proven agricultural models and Africaâ??s growth potential.

Mahesh Patel, Chairman, ETG, emphasised that Africa needs urgent agricultural transformation, noting that Indiaâ??s Green and White Revolution models can be adapted to improve productivity. He highlighted the importance of seeds, fertilisers, climate-resilient practices, and digital agriculture, while stressing that strong Indiaâ??Africa market linkages can unlock long-term capital flows. The Forum is expected to facilitateÂ 10+ agribusiness partnerships.

Discussions also underscored global challenges such as pandemics and geopolitical disruptions impacting food security, reinforcing the need for resilient systems, investment, and modernisation. Stakeholders called for collaboration in controlled

environment agriculture, bio-farming, and agri-biotechnology to drive sustainable growth.

The Forum aims to impact over 50,000 farmers through partnerships and pilot projects, while strengthening bilateral trade and investment.

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