

PRESS RELEASE**New Delhi | 17 August 2026****ITDFC to Unveil India–Africa Food Security, Agri Trade & Investment Summit 2026 at High-Level Curtain Raiser, with Participation from 25+ African Countries**

The International Trade & Delegation Federation of Chambers (ITDFC) will formally unveil the **India–Africa Food Security, Agri Trade & Investment Summit 2026** at a high-level Curtain Raiser on 20 August 2026, bringing together senior representatives from the diplomatic, government, agriculture, food, investment, research, academic and business communities. The Summit, under the theme **“Partnering for Prosperity, Nourishing Future Generations,”** seeks to strengthen India–Africa partnerships in food security, agri trade, investment, technology and sustainable agricultural development.

The Curtain Raiser will mark the formal launch of a dedicated India–Africa platform focused on strengthening cooperation in food security, agricultural trade, investment, technology, innovation and resilient food systems.

The programme is expected to witness the participation of **Ambassadors, High Commissioners and senior diplomatic representatives from 25+ African countries**, alongside distinguished policymakers, government officials, industry leaders, research institutions, development organisations and representatives of the Indian agribusiness ecosystem.

The initiative is being organised in collaboration with CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi-NCR, as the Academic & Knowledge Partner, bringing together diplomacy, academia, research, innovation and industry to strengthen the India–Africa dialogue on food security and agricultural development.

Food Security at the Heart of India–Africa Partnership

With food security emerging as one of the defining challenges of the coming decades, the Summit seeks to move the India–Africa relationship beyond traditional cooperation towards practical partnerships, investment-led growth and technology-driven agricultural transformation.

The platform will focus on how India and African nations can work together to strengthen food production and distribution systems, expand agricultural value chains, facilitate responsible investment and build resilient and sustainable food economies.

From seeds and grains to fertilizers, irrigation, food processing, agricultural technology, logistics and global trade corridors, the Summit will bring stakeholders together around one central objective:

“To build stronger food systems today for a more food-secure world tomorrow”

The Summit, under the theme **“Partnering for Prosperity, Nourishing Future Generations,”** seeks to position food security as a strategic pillar of India–Africa economic cooperation, while advancing a broader vision of shared prosperity and sustainable development.

A Strategic India–Africa Economic & Knowledge Platform

The India–Africa Food Security, Agri Trade & Investment Summit 2026 is envisioned as a high-level platform connecting governments, diplomatic representatives, investors, agribusinesses, researchers, technology companies, farmers, FPOs, academic institutions and financial institutions.

The collaboration with CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi-NCR adds an important academic and knowledge dimension to the initiative, creating opportunities for research collaboration, knowledge exchange, innovation, capacity building and academic–industry engagement in areas relevant to food security and sustainable agriculture.

The flagship Summit, scheduled for **7-8 October 2026 in New Delhi**, is expected to bring together stakeholders from 30+ African countries, including senior government representatives, ambassadors and diplomats, business leaders, investors, agricultural institutions, universities and international development partners.

Key areas of engagement will include:

- Food Security & Resilient Food Systems
- Rice, Grains, Pulses & Cassava
- Seeds, Fertilizers & Soil Health
- Irrigation & Climate-Resilient Agriculture
- Food Processing & Value Addition
- Agri Investment & Financing
- AI, Digital Agriculture & Future Farming
- Trade Corridors, Logistics & Supply Chains
- India–Africa Agribusiness Partnerships
- Research, Innovation & Academic Collaboration

The Summit will also facilitate B2B and B2G meetings, investment discussions, trade matchmaking, knowledge exchange, institutional partnerships and academic–industry engagement.

Advancing South–South Cooperation and the Global South

The Summit also reflects the growing importance of **South–South Cooperation** and the collective role of the Global South in shaping solutions to shared development challenges.

India and African nations possess complementary strengths in agriculture, technology, markets, research, entrepreneurship and human capital. The platform will seek to strengthen partnerships based on mutual benefit, knowledge exchange, co-innovation, investment, trade and capacity building.

The India–Africa partnership can serve as a powerful example of how countries of the Global South can work together to build more resilient food systems, expand economic opportunity and contribute to sustainable development.

Curtain Raiser: Setting the Agenda for October

The 20 August Curtain Raiser will provide an opportunity for diplomatic representatives and key stakeholders to deliberate on strategic priorities that can shape the October Summit and identify areas where India–Africa cooperation can generate tangible outcomes.

The ceremony will bring together stakeholders around a shared agenda of food security, agricultural transformation, trade, investment, innovation and sustainable development, while creating momentum towards the larger October platform.

ITDFC: The Future of Food Security Will Be Built Through Partnerships

Speaking ahead of the Curtain Raiser, **Mr. Hussain, Chief Executive Officer, ITDFC**, said:

“Food security is no longer only an agricultural issue; it is a question of economic resilience, trade, investment and global stability. India and Africa have complementary strengths, capabilities and markets. Our objective through this platform is to convert that potential into meaningful partnerships, investment opportunities and long-term cooperation that can strengthen food systems across both regions. We also believe that India–Africa cooperation can become a powerful expression of South–South Cooperation, where countries of the Global South work together through knowledge, innovation, investment and trade to build shared prosperity and a more secure future for generations to come.”

The Curtain Raiser is expected to set the tone for a larger India–Africa dialogue in October, positioning food security, agricultural cooperation and **South–South partnership** as strategic pillars of shared prosperity.

The India–Africa Food Security, Agri Trade & Investment Summit 2026 will serve as a platform to connect nations, unlock markets, mobilise investment, advance knowledge and build stronger agricultural value chains between India and Africa.

From New Delhi to Africa — From Dialogue to Action

The Summit seeks to create lasting bridges between governments, diplomatic missions, businesses, investors, academic institutions, research organisations and communities across India and Africa.

It is an effort to bring together diplomatic vision, academic knowledge, research, investment and industry capability around a shared priority that transcends borders—the future of food security.

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OPPORTUNITIES



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Transforming Agriculture.



KEY FOCUS SECTORS



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& Crop Science



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Pulses & Cassava



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Health & Irrigation



Food Processing
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