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ABOUT ACSA

The Advocacy Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture (ACSA) is a legally registered national network of Civil Society Organisations working with smallholder farmers to advance sustainable agriculture, agricultural market development, environmental conservation, research, and policy advocacy. ACSA now has 30 member organisations operating across 52 districts in Uganda. Its mission is to empower Civil Society Organisations, including church and non-church actors, to advocate for a favourable agrarian policy environment for sustainable communities, and its Vision is smallholder farmers living in a sustainable environment. ACSA advances this mandate through advocacy and lobbying, research and documentation, capacity building for member organisations and the Secretariat, and networking and partnership building, to ensure that relevant agricultural policies and services are effectively implemented to foster profitable and sustainable smallholder enterprises.

Rationale

The agriculture sector is very sensitive to emerging issues that may be social, economic, cultural and environmental, which are often overlooked in planning and implementation processes by stakeholders at different levels, and yet they heavily impact on food security as well as sustainability livelihood options. Through the objective of "ACSA Member Organizations (MOs) and smallholder farmers influencing the agrarian policy and budgeting processes at different levels", ACSA will continuously identify and popularize the emerging agrarian policy issues for dissemination among MOs and other stakeholders to inform advocacy initiatives towards improved legislation, resource allocation and service delivery.

This publication tracks key agrarian policy issues from the period of November, 2025. Additionally, it also tracks the current status of agrarian and related bills in the Ugandan parliament within the same period.

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FAO Food Outlook points to broad-based increase in global food commodity production

Current conditions point to broad-based increases in global food commodity production, alongside strong consumption growth and a recovery in inventories, although weather variability and a clouded trade outlook could pose risks, according to a new report published today by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

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New CGIAR Evidence Sets Out Blueprint for a Low-Carbon, Regenerative and Equitable Food System Transition at COP30

As countries prepare to gather in Belém for COP30, CGIAR today launched seven new evidence-based reports that outline actionable pathways for transforming global agrifood systems. Together, the briefs present a coherent package of science, policy guidance, and practical solutions aligned with the COP30 Action Agenda.

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COP30: FAO brings agrifood systems to the forefront of climate action

Sustainable and resilient agrifood systems are essential for achieving the Paris Agreement targets on climate change while ensuring food security and nutrition for present and future generations. This was the overarching message delivered by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to the 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Belém, Brazil.

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Transboundary animal diseases pose urgent threat to global food security, FAO warns

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), QU Dongyu, urged Member Countries to reinforce global partnerships to prevent and control trans-boundary animal diseases (TADs), warning they are one of the most urgent threats to global food security and economic stability.

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Cultivating climate-smart rice: How specific cultivars and smarter fertilizing can cut emissions and maintain yield

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from rice paddies are a significant contributor to climate change. A new multi-location study in Bangladesh identifies practical, on-farm strategies using specific rice varieties and optimized nitrogen management to significantly reduce global warming potential without sacrificing crop yield.

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▶ COP30: Landmark report finds countries' climate agrifood ambitions undermined by funding gaps

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Developing countries recognize the urgent need to adapt agrifood systems to climate change, but most National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) are struggling to address key risks or protect vulnerable groups due to severe financing and capacity gaps, according to a landmark report released on Tuesday by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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Empowering youth and women in Bangladesh through nursery entrepreneurship for sustainable rural development

In rural Bangladesh, where most farmland is reserved for rice and cash crops, homestead gardening has become a way for families to get nutritious food and additional income. These small household plots, often managed by women, play a vital role in diversifying diets and strengthening food security, especially for land-poor communities.

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Australia partners with International Livestock Research Institute to up skill researchers from Africa and Asia

Australia has joined forces with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) to support the training of researchers from developing countries to advance sustainable livestock production. All countries have significant livestock sectors that are currently held back by low levels of efficiency and are increasingly vulnerable to climate extremes.

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ICRISAT's Solar-Powered Water Hyacinth Harvester Recognized Among India's Top 100 Innovations of 2025

ICRISAT is restoring freshwater ecosystems using its solar-powered water hyacinth harvester. The recognition of this harvester as one of India's Top 100 Innovations of 2025 was announced during the launch of the book Top 100 Indian Innovations 2025 at the India International Innovation and Invention Expo.

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Integrated Management Strategies to Minimize Aflatoxins Contamination in Staple Grains

Aflatoxins contamination threatens public health, trade, and food security across Africa. Produced by the fungus *Aspergillus flavus*, these potent toxins cannot be destroyed by cooking and are linked to liver cancer, immune suppression, stunted growth, and export losses.

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Improved forage technologies advance climate-smart farming in Ethiopia

The Alliance, the Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture, and regional partners held a forage field event on November 10, 2025 in Sidama, Ethiopia, showcasing how improved forage innovations are helping farmers boost productivity, build climate resilience, and scale sustainable agriculture

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Debunking the myth of land abundance: Africa must reclaim its lands from false climate solutions and corporate capture

As African leaders, policymakers and researchers gather for the Sixth Conference on Land Policy in Africa [CLPA], civil society groups are issuing a powerful challenge to the dominant development model that treats African land as “vacant,” “underused,” and open for exploitation. New evidence shows how this myth fuels large-scale land grabs, ecological destruction, and community dispossession across the African continent

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- ▶ South Africa committed to strengthen beekeeping industry



How MSC is powering Africa's cocoa value chain

Cocoa remains one of Africa's most traded and valuable agricultural commodities, sustaining millions of farmers and keeping global supply chains running. Cote d' Ivore and Ghana sit at the centre of this ecosystem, together accounting for more than 60% of the world's cocoa output, while Cameroon and Nigeria add significant volumes.

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Poultry futures forum reviews progress towards strengthening poultry value chains across Southern Africa.

The Poultry Futures Forum 2025 opened in Lusaka, Zambia, with AGRA calling for a coordinated regional response to strengthen poultry value chains across Southern Africa. To achieve this, AGRA urged governments, producer organizations and private sector partners to move from fragmented national efforts to a shared regional approach that expands production, lowers feed costs, improves climate resilience, and unlocks private investment while embracing innovation and youth leadership.

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Nigeria launches sugarcane out growers programme to boost local sugar production

Nigeria's National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) has launched the sugarcane Out growers Development Programme (SODP). The initiative aims to boost local sugarcane production and speed up the country's drive towards self-sufficiency in sugar.

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Ghana to invest US\$500 million to boost its palm oil industry

Ghana ranks third in West Africa for palm oil production but still relies on imports for 30% of domestic demand. The government wants to use this new financing framework to stimulate private investment and support its long term goal of self-sufficiency.

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South Africa committed to strengthen beekeeping industry

The Agriculture minister John Ateenhuisen reaffirmed government's commitment to strengthening South Africa's beekeeping industry, describing honeybees as the "farmers of the sky" whose silent labor underpins food security, rural livelihoods and biodiversity.

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Sugarcane farmers revive umbrella organization to strengthen bargaining power

Sugarcane farmers in Uganda have revived their national umbrella organization, the Uganda National Sugarcane Growers Association [UNASGO], which has been dormant for more than a decade. "As we revive this association, we need to push for equal sharing of revenue with the millers because a lot of products are generated from our sugarcane said Morish Ngabitho, one of the initiators of UNASGO.

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Geoengineering can't save coffee from climate change, new study cautions

Researchers have been investigating geoengineering as a strategy to mitigate global warming, including a theoretical method known as stratospheric sulfate aerosol injection [SAI], which involves injecting reflective particles into the stratosphere to block sunlight and cool the Earth's surface.

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Breeding and fodder production centre officially launched in Kween

Farmers in Kween district have received a major boost following the official launch of a breeding and fodder production centre in Ngenge Sub-county, Soi County. The new centre aims to improve livestock rearing, animal feeding, and the household incomes of smallholder farmers in the area.

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Global coffee exports decline 2.8 percent in September as Ethiopia, Uganda drive Africa's exports

Global exports of all forms of coffee decreased by 2.8 percent to 11.00 million bags in September 2025, compared with 11.31mln bags in September 2024, according to the latest Coffee Market Report released by the International Coffee Organization [ICO].

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Gulu bee farmers urged to exploit lucrative bee venom market

The Gulu District Entomology Officer, Alphonse Acaye, has urged bee farmers in the district to take advantage of the lucrative bee venom market. Acaye observed that most local bee farmers currently focus only on honey production, neglecting the more profitable opportunity in bee venom extraction.

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➤ **Farmers count losses as Goat Plague kills hundreds in Kikuube**

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Authorities in Kikuube district have confirmed an outbreak of Goat Plague, scientifically known as Peste des Petits Ruminants [PPR], which has left farmers counting heavy losses as the disease continues to kill hundreds of animals in the area. Farmers in Kikuube have reported losing more than 400 goats to what was initially described as a “strange disease”. The most affected parishes include Buhuka, Butoole, and Kyangwali in Kyangwali Sub-county, where the deaths began last month.

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