

## CURRENT STATUS

Sustainability, justness, and fairness are now key requirements for agri-food products in Europe. Under the EU's renewed trade policy and free-trade agreements with non-EU countries, responsible food trade is a priority. The EU Green Deal and Farm-to-Fork Strategy stress the importance of sustainability, requiring products to be "deforestation-free." Food businesses must also source materials responsibly and ensure imported organic products are certified to meet the European Organic Farming Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

## KEY CHALLENGES

- Lack of sustainability, fairness, and justness in the agri-food sector.
- Difficulties in complying with new EU legislation and trade policies.
- High certification costs creating barriers for African small-scale farmers.
- Fragmentation of intra-African agricultural trade
- Limited transparency and data obstructing the integration of the informal sector.
- Inconsistency of non-tariff measures across regions.

## IN A FEW WORDS

FCI4Africa aims to foster **sustainable, fair, and healthy** food systems in Africa by advancing **free and fair trade**, harmonising **non-tariff measures**, digitising **food systems**, and promoting **knowledge sharing** through open science and digital platforms.

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# FCI4Africa



**Supporting Fair, Sustainable, Climate-neutral, and Health-promoting Trade Systems in the African Agricultural Sector**  
through Food Convergence Innovation Solutions & Use Cases



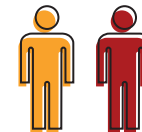
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## KEY OBJECTIVES

- **Understand** the impacts of land use change in conventional and organic food production chains.
- **Identify** the status quo and needs to establish, accredit, and scale up African food supplies.
- **Enhance** non-tariff measure regimes.
- **Develop** and **deploy** digital and analytical tools.
- **Pilot, refine, and validate** business models, tools, and best practices.
- **Collaborate** with other, parallel projects to integrate solutions into FCI4Africa and amplify the project's impact.

## WHO WILL BENEFIT?

- Food System Stakeholders
- Certification and Accreditation Actors
- Technology and Innovation Sector
- Policy makers and Regulators
- Academic & Research Organisations
- General Public



## FCI4AFRICA USE CASES

### USE CASE 1

**WHAT:** Promote a healthy, safe, and profitable food system through scaling proven food safety technologies

**WHERE:** Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Kenya

**HOW:** Use of aflatoxin bioprotectants, hermetic sealed bags

### USE CASE 2

**WHAT:** Deploy digital solutions for trade facilitation through compliance with integrated quality standards and non-tariff measures

**WHERE:** Nigeria, Kenya

**HOW:** Build on the Nigeria Micronutrient and Kenya Millers Fortification Indexes

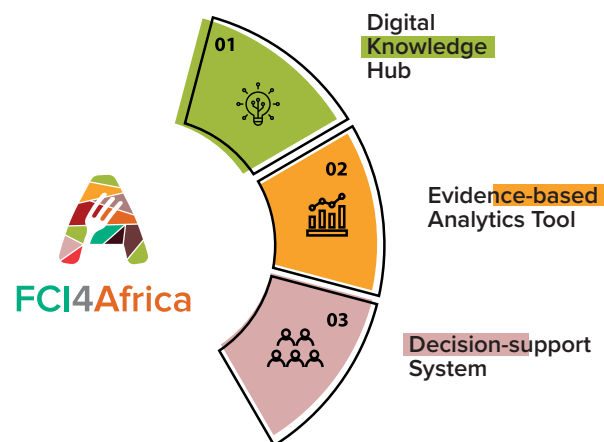
### USE CASE 3

**WHAT:** Elaborate approaches to increase resilience of rural communities against shocks

**WHERE:** Senegal, Nigeria

**HOW:** Develop and benchmark a set of support systems, tools and guidelines for decision making

## KEY RESULTS



## OPEN CALLS

To promote fair, sustainable, and climate-neutral food trade systems across Africa, FCI4Africa will launch **2 Open Calls** to support **12 projects**. These initiatives will use **Financial Support to Third Parties** as a strategic mechanism to amplify the project's impact and accelerate the growth of its network.

## USE CASES COUNTRIES

