



# PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE AFRICA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CAADP) SUMMIT– KAMPALA

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From January 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the African Union (AU) hosted the Extraordinary Summit on the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Program (CAADP) in Kampala, Uganda. The summit, themed “Building Resilient Agri-Food Systems in Africa,” underscored Africa’s agricultural potential and its capacity to leverage fertile land, diverse ecosystems, water resources, and favorable climates to achieve food security, enhance nutrition, and drive economic growth.

## Summit Overview

The summit convened over 2,000 stakeholders from across the globe, including government leaders, private sector representatives, academics, civil society organizations, development partners, media professionals, and farmer organizations. It provided a platform for high-level dialogue on strategies to transform Africa’s agri-food systems into resilient and sustainable models capable of addressing current and future challenges.



FoSCU (Food Safety Coalition of Uganda) was represented by its steering committee members, secretariat personnel, and affiliated organizations. The coalition actively engaged in various summit activities, including side events that focused on critical issues related to food safety and agricultural development.

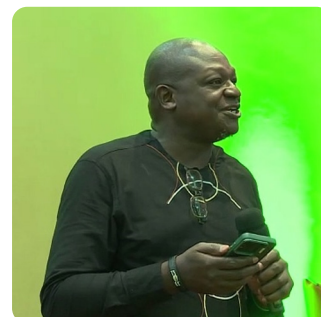
### Key Contributions by FoSCU Representatives

FoSCU members played an instrumental role in shaping discussions during the summit's side events. Highlights of their contributions include:

**Consumer Empowerment and Food and Nutrition Security:** Mr. Kimera Henry, Chairperson of FoSCU's Steering Committee and CEO of CONSENT, emphasized the importance of placing consumers at the center of food and nutrition security programs. He argued that empowering consumers enables them to demand safer and more nutritious food, which is fundamental to achieving sustainable food systems across Africa.

**Food Safety Advocacy:** Professor Archileo Kaaya, a member of FoSCU's Steering Committee, highlighted the critical need to prioritize food safety throughout the entire value chain. Addressing hundreds of participants during a session on food safety, he stressed that unsafe food undermines nutritional benefits and exacerbates foodborne illnesses. He called on governments to invest in localized research on food safety, create awareness campaigns, build capacity among stakeholders, develop infrastructure for safe food production, and establish enabling environments for effective implementation.

**Toxic Pesticides Concerns:** Mr. Bwambale Bernard, FoSCU's Country Coordinator, raised alarm over the export of banned Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) from the European Union to Africa. He condemned these double standards as unjust and harmful while presenting scientific evidence on the detrimental impacts of HHPs on health and ecosystems. He advocated for collective action to ban HHP imports into Africa.



The CAADP summit concluded with two major deliverables:

**CAADP Action Plan (2026–2035):** A comprehensive 10-year strategy aimed at intensifying sustainable agricultural production by increasing output by 45% and reducing post-harvest losses by 50% by 2035.

**Kampala Declaration:** A consensus document adopted by African nations outlining commitments to transform agri-food systems into resilient and inclusive frameworks that promote economic growth and shared prosperity.

The summit reinforced Africa's determination to address agricultural challenges through collaboration among governments, private sector actors, civil society organizations, and development partners.

FoSCU remains committed to advancing advocacy efforts for sustainable agriculture practices while championing food safety initiatives that protect public health and ensure environmental sustainability.