



GLF Africa Digital Conference 2022: How to build an equitable, resilient food future.

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GLF Africa Digital Conference 2022 will bring people from all walks of life with one vision: **a resilient food future.**

Note to Journalists:

Key messages of the conference include:

Resilient Food Systems, Value Chains and Livelihoods, sustainable food production: Recent crises such as the war in Ukraine and the COVID-19 pandemic have highlighted the fragility of our global food system and value chains. Now more than ever, it's time to turn our attention to creating resilient, sustainable food systems that offer reliable, profitable livelihoods for Africa's smallholders. How can we work with young entrepreneurs to build greener value chains for major commodities such as cocoa, coffee and corn?

Scaling Restoration Action: Many parts of Africa are facing catastrophic drought due to the effects of climate change. But a growing movement of local communities and traditional leaders are working to restore the continent's degraded landscapes. This action must be urgently scaled across the continent to combat climate change, mitigate its impacts, build food security, and boost biodiversity.

Landscape Tenure, equitable access to land: To restore Africa's degraded landscapes, it is critical to building equitable access to land, and secure landscape rights – a 'bundle of rights' which include the right to water, livelihood, justice, spatial decision-making, and land, among others – for vulnerable rural community members across the continent, regardless of their gender and age.

Youth and Women's Leadership: Young people and women across Africa are already leading the charge to restore landscapes, at multiple levels and across numerous ecosystems. As a global restoration community, it's critical that we support their work and help their voices be heard in high-level decision-making spaces.

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