



GSM-FACC '26

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Global South Ministers Farmers
Academia Chambers of Commerce

16–18 October 2026 • World Trade Centre, Mumbai, India

*Theme: “Advancing Global Partnerships for Food Security,
Climate Resilience, Circular Economy and Shared Prosperity”*

A GLOBAL SOUTH PLATFORM FOR PARTNERSHIP, INNOVATION & TRANSFORMATION

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Uniting Leaders. Empowering People. Building Prosperity.



16-18 OCTOBER 2026
WORLD TRADE CENTRE MUMBAI
INDIA



COMMEMORATING THE UNITED NATIONS
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE WOMAN FARMER & WORLD FOOD DAY 2026



WHY IT MATTERS

The GSM-FACC Summit is the first global platform that brings together Governments, Farmers, Academia, Industry, Investors, and Innovators to accelerate sustainable agricultural transformation, food security, climate resilience, youth empowerment, and inclusive development across the Global South.



KEY THEMES

Food Security & Agricultural Transformation	Women Farmers & Rural Prosperity	Youth Innovation & Job Creation
Climate Resilience & Green Growth	Trade, Investment & Industrialisation	Research, Innovation & Technology Transfer
South-South & Triangular Cooperation	Financing the Sustainable Development Goals	

WHO PARTICIPATES

- Ministers & Government Leaders
- Multilateral Institutions & Development Partners
- Agribusiness & Industry Leaders
- Academia, Researchers & Innovators
- Chambers of Commerce & Industry Associations
- Farmer Organisations & Cooperatives
- Investors, Financiers & Philanthropies
- Media & Thought Leaders

SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY SESSIONS with Global Leaders	STRATEGIC ROUNDTABLES for Action & Impact	GSM-FACC LEADERSHIP AWARDS	INTERNATIONAL EXPO Showcasing Innovation, Technology & Solutions	NETWORKING & PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	GLOBAL VISIBILITY. LOCAL IMPACT. LASTING LEGACY.
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Welcome to the first Global South Ministers Farmers Academia and Chamber of Commerce Summit

**Unity, Purpose, and Shared Responsibility:
Shaping a Dignified Future**

Official Event Brochure & Program Guide



Advancing Agriculture with Responsible and Resilient Solutions for Food Security, Shared Prosperity and Sustainable Development

- Climate-smart and sustainable agriculture.
- Stronger food security and resilient supply chains.
- Empowering farmers, women, youth and communities.
- Public-private partnerships and South-South cooperation.
- Innovation, research and knowledge exchange.
- Improved access to finance, markets and investment.
- Responsible resource management and climate resilience.
- Accelerating the SDGs through collaborative action.



Message from:

António Guterres
Secretary - General
United Nations

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has consistently warned that the global hunger crisis is not one of scarcity, but of justice, equity, and climate. Despite producing enough food to feed the world, nearly one in ten people still go hungry, while a third of global food production is lost or wasted.

He has highlighted the deadly nexus between climate change, conflict, and food insecurity, noting that extreme weather events and armed conflicts continue to disrupt food systems and drive millions towards famine. Developing countries, he observes, bear a disproportionate burden due to debt pressures, trade shocks, and declining humanitarian support.

The Secretary-General has therefore called for a transformation of global food systems through reforms to the international financial architecture, increased climate financing, and fair and transparent trade systems capable of ensuring food reaches those most in need.

Above all, Mr. Guterres has emphasized the need to empower smallholder farmers, women, youth, and indigenous communities, whose contributions are essential to building resilient, sustainable, and inclusive food systems.

In his view, ending hunger is both a moral imperative and indispensable to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and shared prosperity for all.

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Message from:

H.E. Amb. Carla Barroso Carneiro

**President, Executive Board
UN World Food Programme (WFP)**

The 1st GSM-FACC Summit, Awards & International Expo 2026 comes at a critical moment when stronger partnerships are needed to address hunger, climate shocks, and growing inequalities. Achieving Zero Hunger requires collective action by governments, farmers, academia, the private sector, and development partners.

The collaboration between the World Food Programme, AASGON, and GSEF reflects a shared commitment to strengthening food systems and advancing responsible and resilient solutions for food security, shared prosperity, and sustainable development.

By bringing together policymakers, researchers, businesses, women, youth, and farming communities, the Summit provides a valuable platform for innovation, investment, and knowledge exchange that leaves no one behind.

The World Food Programme looks forward to working with AASGON and GSEF for the successful conduct of this historic initiative and to advancing a common vision of resilient food systems and a world free from hunger.

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Message from:

Abdul Dewale Mohammed

**Founder & Group Executive President
Africa Asia Scholars Global Network
(AASGON), Global South Economic Forum
(GSEF) & the Architect of GS-IDF**

The 1st GSM-FACC Summit, Awards & International Expo 2026 marks a historic moment for the Global South.

At a time when humanity faces converging crises—food insecurity, climate shocks, technological disruption, and widening inequality—our nations must rise with unity, purpose and shared responsibility.

This Summit is more than an event; it is the beginning of a new era of collective action, institutional cooperation, and people-centred development. Through the GS-IDF and its eight institutional ecosystems, we are building a long-term architecture that empowers governments, farmers, academia, private sector leaders, innovators, women, youth and the diaspora to shape a future of dignity and prosperity.

Let us seize this moment to forge partnerships that transcend borders, ideologies and interests. Together, we can build a world where no farmer is left behind, where technology serves humanity, and where peace, justice and shared prosperity define the next chapter of global development.

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Message from:

Dr. Vijay G. Kalantri

**Chairman World Trade Centre (WTC) Mumbai
President All India Association of Industries
(AIAI)
President, Global South Chamber of
Commerce Industry Mines & Agriculture
(GOSCCIMA)**

The 1st GSM-FACC Summit, Awards & International Expo 2026 represents a timely and historic opportunity to strengthen cooperation among governments, farmers, academia, chambers of commerce, industry leaders, and development partners in advancing food security, shared prosperity, and sustainable development.

As host organisations, the World Trade Centre Mumbai, the All India Association of Industries (AIAI), and the Global South Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (GOSCCMA) are proud to support this landmark initiative in collaboration with AASGON and GSEF. The Summit reflects our shared commitment to promoting responsible and resilient agricultural solutions, innovation, trade, investment, and South-South cooperation.

By bringing together ministers, policymakers, researchers, entrepreneurs, women, youth, and farming communities from across the Global South, GSM-FACC '26 Awards and Expo will provide a unique platform for knowledge exchange, strategic partnerships, and sustainable economic transformation.

We look forward to welcoming participants from around the world to Mumbai and to working closely with AASGON and GSEF to ensure the successful conduct of this historic gathering. Together, we can build stronger institutions, resilient food systems, and a more prosperous and sustainable future for all.

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Supporting over **150 million people** every year in around 120 countries.



Delivering life-saving food assistance in emergencies, conflicts, and disasters.



Operating the world's largest humanitarian logistics network.



Nourishing children through school meals and nutrition programmes.



Empowering women and local communities, strengthening livelihoods and resilience.



Championing innovation, partnerships and sustainable food systems for a better, hunger-free world.



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Six and a half decades of hope, humanity and impact.

Honouring Six and a Half Decades of Extraordinary Service, Humanitarian Leadership and Global Impact

The World Food Programme stands as a beacon of compassion, resilience and innovation – mobilising the world to end hunger, build peace and advance dignity for millions.

Your work changes lives. Your mission inspires the world.

Thank you, WFP!



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RECOGNIZE • EMPOWER • INVEST • CELEBRATE

Women Farmers: Nourishing People, Sustaining Planet, Building Prosperity

AASGON and GSEF proudly champion the UN International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026 to elevate the vital role of women in agriculture, strengthen food systems, build climate resilience and create a more equitable and sustainable world.

“Empowered Women Farmers Empower Nations.”



WOMEN FARMERS PRODUCE **60-80%** OF THE FOOD IN MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES



THEY REINVEST **90%** OF THEIR INCOME IN THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES



EMPOWERING WOMEN FARMERS COULD INCREASE FARM YIELDS BY **20-30%** AND REDUCE HUNGER WORLDWIDE



YET WOMEN FARMERS FACE LIMITED ACCESS TO RESOURCES, FINANCE, LAND, TECHNOLOGY & MARKETS

OUR COMMITMENT



Promote equal access to land, finance, technology and markets



Strengthen knowledge, skills and digital inclusion



Support climate-smart agriculture and biodiversity



Celebrate leadership, innovation and entrepreneurship of women farmers



Build partnerships for sustainable food systems



OUR VISION

A world where every woman farmer is empowered, valued and supported to lead the transformation of agriculture and rural communities.

OUR ACTION PILLARS



ACCESS & RESOURCES

Ensure equal access to land, inputs, finance and markets



KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION

Promote training, research, extension services and digital solutions



CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Support climate-smart practices and nature-positive agriculture



LEADERSHIP & EMPOWERMENT

Strengthen leadership, cooperatives and decision-making opportunities



SOCIAL PROTECTION & WELL-BEING

Enhance health, education and social protection for women and their families



MARKETS & VALUE ADDITION

Promote value addition, enterprises and fair trade opportunities



JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

Together, let us invest in women farmers today for a food secure, climate resilient and prosperous tomorrow.

#IYWF2026 #WomenFarmers #AASGON #GSEF #InvestInWomen #FoodSecurity #ClimateResilience #SustainableAgriculture #LeaveNoOneBehind



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Working together for a prosperous, equitable and sustainable Global South.





A Historic Milestone for the Global South

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22 January 2011



An Era of Collective Action & Institutional Cooperation. Source: Thomas Peter / REUTERS

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Why the World Needs GSM-FACC

Responding to Global Challenges

The global landscape demands an immediate, coordinated pivot. The GSM-FACC ecosystem bridges the gap between high-level policy and real-world execution across six key pillars:



Integrating AI, Smart Agriculture, and Sustainable Technologies. Source: bymuratdeniz / Getty Images

The six key pillars:

Food Security

Shielding vulnerable populations from supply chain fragile points by fortifying local production, enhancing storage infrastructure, and ensuring equitable market access for smallholder farmers.

Climate Change

Deploying climate-resilient crop varieties, promoting regenerative soil management practices, and developing community-led mitigation frameworks native to the global south.

Circular Economy

Minimizing post-harvest losses and industrial waste by building localized bio-economies that turn agricultural byproducts into value-added commodities.

AI and Smart Agriculture

Democratizing access to predictive data analytics, precision drone applications, and IoT sensors so smallholders can optimize yields with minimal resource input.

Green Industrialisation

Scaling rural agrifood processing and local manufacturing hubs powered by renewable energy systems to ensure economic gains remain within rural communities.

Financing Sustainable Development:

Creating alternative, accessible investment structures, micro-financing instruments, and carbon-credit frameworks tailored to the economic realities of developing nations.

Global South Leadership

AWARDS CATEGORIES



Heads of State Leadership Award



Ministerial Excellence Award



Corporate Leadership Award



Development Institution Award



Women Farmer Leadership Award



Climate Champion Award



Youth Innovator Award



AI & Technology Leadership Award



University Excellence



Sustainable City



Green Energy Award



Media Excellence



Pégial Perceary Award



Climate & Sipeioveble Energy Zone



Lifetime Achievement Award



Humanitarian Leadership Award

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Innovation • Partnership • Progress

Special Global Themes

The 2026 Summit directly aligns with critical international milestones and forward-looking human paradigms. Our sessions are built around five core pillars:

- UN International Year of the Woman Farmer: Mainstreaming gender equality, secure land rights, and financial inclusion for the women driving global food systems.*
- World Food Programme (WFP) 65th Anniversary: Commemorating decades of humanitarian impact while designing next-generation, self-reliant food distribution networks.*
- Human-Centred Development in the AI Era: Ensuring that automation, predictive analytics, and algorithmic farming serve to uplift rural workforces rather than displace them.*
- Bamboo Economy & Nature-Based Solutions: Activating green industrialization through bamboo cultivation—combining rapid carbon sequestration with high-yield manufacturing materials.*
- New Global Compact for Peace, Human Unity & Shared Humanity: Fostering structural diplomatic and economic cooperation to end resource-driven conflicts across the Global South.*

High-Level Forums

Ten specialized tracks run concurrently, creating hyper-focused environments for direct B2B, G2G, and B2G matchmaking:

- Ministerial Forum & CEOs Forum: Where policy meets private execution to sign cross-border infrastructure trade agreements.
- Development Finance Forum & Investors Roundtable: Connecting project developers directly with impact investors, sovereign wealth managers, and development finance institutions (DFIs).
- Women Leaders & Youth Innovation Forums: Spotlighting grassroots technologies and venture-backed startups led by women and young visionaries.
- AI & Smart Agriculture & Bamboo Economy Forums: Deep dives into technical implementation, hardware standards, and supply-chain logistics for nature-based solutions.
- Global South Diaspora Forum: Engaging global talent, remittance networks, and external capital blocks to fuel domestic growth.
- Universities Forum: Creating multi-national research consortiums to combat climate shocks in real time.

Global South Leadership (GSL) Awards

The dazzling social and diplomatic highlight of the summit. The Global South Leadership Awards Gala celebrates the outstanding pioneers who have demonstrated radical courage, visionary innovation, and concrete execution:

Recognition Categories

- **Heads of State & Ministers:**

For policy frameworks that have systematically reduced food insecurity or expanded green industrialization.

- **Corporations & Development Institutions:**

For business models that prioritize fair-trade supply chains and accessible infrastructure investments.

- **Women Farmers & Climate Champions:**

Honoring frontline operators implementing regenerative, high-yield solutions under extreme climate pressure.

- **Universities & Young Innovators:**

Celebrating the technological breakthroughs, open-source patents, and startup ventures reshaping South-South trade.

International Expo

The dynamic core of the summit—a 3-day live-action commercial expo floor showcasing production-ready solutions scaling rapidly across developing economies:

Sector

- Core Showcased Innovations
- Agritech & Food Processing
- Solar-powered cold storage units, bio-pesticides, modular processing hubs that cut post-harvest waste.
- Renewable Energy & Smart Cities
- Off-grid microgrids, decentralized biomass facilities, waste-to-energy municipal platforms.
- AI Solutions & Climate Tech
- Low-bandwidth mesh network farming sensors, localized AI crop diagnostic tools, drought-resistant seed genetics.
- Bamboo Products & Water Solutions
- Structural bamboo building materials, low-cost solar water desalination, and smart drip irrigation kits.
- Healthcare, Finance & Insurance
- Blockchain micro-insurance for smallholders, rural telemedicine kits, cross-border fintech platforms.

GS-IDF Institutional Ecosystem

- **GSUA** (Global South Association of Universities): Driving academic partnerships, home-grown scientific research, and cross-border higher education consortiums.
- **GSEA** (Global South Engineers Association): Unifying infrastructural masterminds to build resilient civil, industrial, and technical projects natively across the Global South.
- **GSSEA** (Global South Solar Energy Association): Accelerating the transition to clean energy through scalable solar grids, rural electrification, and decentralized power frameworks.
- **G-SCRIPTS-D** (Global South Centre for Research, Innovation, Policy and Technology for Sustainable Development): Translating cutting-edge laboratory breakthroughs directly into actionable macro-level sustainable development policies.
- **GSMA** (Global South Media Association): Shaping the global narrative, ensuring accurate representation, and amplifying the voices, successes, and challenges of developing nations.
- **GOSCCIMA** (Global South Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines & Agriculture): Orchestrating institutional trading corridors, private-sector market access, extraction standards, and agricultural commerce.
- **GSDF** (Global South Diaspora Foundation): Mobilizing global talent, managing strategic capital remittances, and building financial bridges back to home economies.
- **CAPS** (Commonwealth Alliance of Professional Seniors): Leveraging the immense, lifetime technical expertise of senior professionals for mentorship, institutional capacity building, and strategic advisory.



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CATEGORY	INVESTMENT (USD)	CORE DELIVERABLE HIGHLIGHT
TITLE SPONSOR	\$250,000	Joint naming rights, opening ceremony keynote 20x20m premium pavilion VIP 20 VIP Gala passes
PLATINUM SPONSOR	\$100,000	Plenary panel keynote 10x10m expo floor space VIP 10 VIP Gala passes Premium media branding
GOLD SPONSOR	\$50,000	Dedicated workshop hosting 6x6m expo space VIP 5 VIP Gala passes High-visibility digital branding
SILVER SPONSOR	\$25,000	3x3m expo booth VIP 2 VIP Gala passes Logo listed on all official conference print assets
BRONZE SPONSOR	\$10,000	Shared pavilion branding 2 standard gala tickets Brochure directory listing
STRATEGIC PARTNER	CUSTOMIZED	Tailored to bilateral agencies, multi-laterals, and international foundations.

★ Join a select group of global leaders driving inclusive growth, resilient food systems, and sustainable prosperity across the Global South. ★

Benefits to Corporate Sponsors

- **Global Visibility & Media Exposure:** Live international broadcasting coverage across over 40 media houses spanning Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Pacific.
- **Unrivaled B2B & G2G Matchmaking:** Direct, private access to booking systems with attending Ministers, Chamber Presidents, and multi-million dollar venture funds.
- **Thought Leadership:** Keynote opportunities to frame your brand as a foundational pillar of sustainable development in the Global South.
- **VIP Access:** Premium networking access at the closed-door Awards Gala, private investor roundtables, and VIP lounges.



GSM-FACC STEERING COMMITTEE

OFFICIAL INAUGURATION



*Strengthening Global Partnership
for Sustainable Transformation*



Friday, 29 May 2026 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM BST

Virtual Platform: Google Meet

Keynote Speaker

H.E. Amb. Carla Barroso Carneiro

President, Executive Board

World Food Programme (WFP)



Organised by: **AASGON & GSEF**

Under the Framework of **GS-IDF**

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Empowering the Global South through Partnership, Policy, and Innovation.

Steering Committee Virtual Inauguration

GSM-FACC'26 SUMMIT AWARDS & EXPO

*In the Year of the UN Woman Farmer
- join the platform that brings the Global South together.*

Coordinators: AASGON & GSEF

Hosts: WTC Mumbai, AIAI & GOSCCIMA

Strategic Partner: AfDB Group

Technical Partner: AARDO

Ecosystem Partners : GS-IDF

Date: Friday, 29 May 2026

Time: 11:00 AM - 13:00 BST (UK)

Google Meet Link:

<https://meet.google.com/euq-cwmi-xdz>

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AASGON and GSEF Welcome Expanding Global Institutional Coalition for the Historic 1st GSM-FACC and Call for a New Horizon of Cooperation to Address a Fractured and Unbalanced World

The Coordinating Organisations – AASGON and GSEF – are pleased to announce continued growth in international institutional participation and strategic engagement ahead of the 1st GSM-FACC Steering Committee – Official Virtual Inauguration 2026, an initiative designed to advance practical and pro-active public private cooperation and implementation-led partnerships across the Global South.

The Steering Committee inauguration forms part of the broader mobilisation toward the GSM-FACC Summit, Awards and Expo 2026, operating within the implementation ambition of the Global South Integrated Development Framework (GS-IDF) -under which the Global South Chamber of Commerce Industry Mines and Agriculture (GOSCCIMA) operates - and bringing together leaders across agriculture, academia, business, investment, technology, engineering, women's leadership and development ecosystems.

The Coordinating Organisations extend special commendation and appreciation to the 1st GSM-FACC Summit Awards and Expo Official Hosts, the World Trade Centre (WTC) Mumbai and the All India Association of Industries (AIAI), for their leadership and support in hosting what is envisioned as a historic first convening.

This landmark initiative is being advanced in commemoration of the International Year of the Woman Farmer and in recognition of World Food Day, reinforcing a collective commitment to agricultural transformation, food security, women and youth empowerment, institutional collaboration and sustainable prosperity.

The Secretariat is honoured to acknowledge some of the institutions that have accepted invitations to serve within the Steering Committee process and associated working structures (listed alphabetically):

- Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa (AARINENA)
- Association of Arab Universities (AAU)
- Association of Indian Principals (AIP)
- Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP)
- Asian African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AACCI)
- Bamboo Society of India (BSI)
- Balaji Group of Companies
- Change Nepalese Mission (CNM)
- Commonwealth Countries League (CCL)
- Federation of Global Engineers (FGE)
- Global Association of InsurTech Professionals (GAMP)
- Global Knowledge Alliance (GKA) Australia
- Indian Business and Professionals Council (IBPC) – Qatar
- Indian Chamber of International Business (ICIB)
- Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE)
- International Chamber of Media & Entertainment Industry (ICMEI)
- International Society for Data Sciences and Innovation – Global (ISDSI Global)
- Jordan Forum for Business & Professional Women (JFBPW)
- Maharashtra Institute of Management
- Nigeria-Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NICCI)
- Solar Energy Society of India (SESI)
- The South Centre
- The Institution of Engineers (India) (IEI) Qatar Chapter
- Women Who Farm Africa (WWFA)
- World Food Programme (WFP)



Dr. Vijay G. Kalantri
Chairman
World Trade Centre, Mumbai (WTC)
President GOSCCIMA



Mrs. Sangeeta Jain
Senior Director
All India Association of Industries
(AIAI)

The Coordinating Organisations, AASGON and GSEF with heads of the GS-IDF institutional ecosystems further acknowledge and appreciate expressions of interest and ongoing consultations with additional institutions, development partners and strategic stakeholders whose confirmations are anticipated in the coming phases of engagement.



Tri-Institutional Joint Secretariat

1st GSM-FACC STEERING COMMITTEE

OFFICIAL VIRTUAL INAUGURATION 2026



Friday, 29 May 2026



11:00 AM – 13:00 PM BST (UK)



Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/euq-cwmi-xdz>

AGENDA (POSTER FORMAT)

Icon	Item	Time	Topics
👤	1 OPENING SESSION	11:00 – 11:05	Welcome • Recognition of Dignitaries • Agenda Adoption
🗨️	2 INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT	11:05 – 11:15	GSM-FACC Mandate • GS-IDF Overview • Patrons Acknowledgement
👥	3 INSTITUTIONAL INTRODUCTIONS	11:15 – 11:30	2-Minute Interventions by Steering Committee Institutions
📊	4 GSM-FACC 2026 SUMMIT PRESENTATION	11:30 – 11:45	Summit Objectives • Expo & Awards • Launch of GSAWF & GSYLA
📄	5 STEERING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE	11:45 – 12:00	Terms of Reference • Representative Confirmation • Modalities
🌐	6 HIGH-LEVEL INTERVENTIONS	12:00 – 12:20	Development Banks • Chambers • UN/IGOs • Farmers & Women's Groups • Academia
🗣️	7 DISCUSSION & WAY FORWARD	12:20 – 12:35	Priority Actions • Working Groups • Coordination Channels
📅	8 NEXT MEETINGS	12:35 – 12:45	Monthly SC Meetings • Technical Sessions • Pre-Summit Roadmap
👤	9 CLOSING SESSION	12:45 – 12:55	Convener Remarks • Reflections
✅	10 ADJOURNMENT	12:55 – 13:00	Formal Close • Circulation of Minutes



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PRESS RELEASE

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WFP Executive Board President Applauds GS-IDF and Endorses GSM-FACC 2026 at Steering Committee Inauguration

AMB. CARLA BARROSO CARNEIRO DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS, PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR THE GLOBAL SOUTH ALLIANCE OF WOMEN FARMERS (GSAWF) AND GLOBAL SOUTH YOUTH LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE (GSYLA)



Amb. Carla Barroso Carneiro, President of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP) and Abdul Dewale Mohammed, Founder & Group Executive President of AASGON, Chairman GSEF of GS-IDF

AASGON & GSEF Express Deep Appreciation

Speaking on behalf of AASGON and GSEF, Abdul Dewale Mohammed, Founder & Group Executive President of AASGON, Chair GSEF and GS-IDF expressed profound gratitude: "We are deeply honoured by Ambassador Carneiro's presence and her inspiring words. Her support for the GS-IDF, GSM-FACC 2026, and the launch of GSAWF and GSYLA reinforces our shared commitment to building a more equitable, resilient, and united Global South."

In her powerful keynote address, Ambassador Carneiro commended the leadership of AASGON, GSEF, and the establishment of the Global South Integrated Development Framework (GS-IDF), describing it as "a timely and visionary architecture for strengthening cooperation, resilience, and inclusive development across the Global South."

She further expressed her strong commitment, interest, and support for the successful conduct of the GSM-FACC Summit, Awards & Expo, scheduled for 16-18 October 2026, marking the International Year of the Woman Farmer on World Food Day.

Ambassador Carneiro's Endorsement of New Global South Alliances During her remarks, Ambassador Carneiro warmly welcomed the forthcoming launch of the Global South Alliance of Women Farmers (GSAWF) and the Global South Youth Leadership Alliance (GSYLA) at the Summit. She emphasized the importance of empowering women and youth as central actors in food systems transformation, stating:

"Women farmers and young leaders are the backbone of our food systems. Their empowerment is not optional—it is essential for global food security and sustainable development."

Her Excellency's endorsement provides renewed momentum to the GSM-FACC mission of elevating women farmers, strengthening youth leadership, and advancing inclusive agricultural transformation across the Global South.

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AARINENA Joins GSM-FACC Summit as Strategic Partner; Participation Confirmed in Governance, Policy & Institutional Affairs Sub-Committee



Dr. Rida A. Shibli, Executive Secretary AARINENA

Dr. Mustafa Altuğ Atalay, President AARINENA

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The Global South Ministers, Farmers, Academia and Chambers of Commerce (GSM-FACC) Summit, Awards & Expo 2026 is pleased to announce the formal inclusion of the Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa (AARINENA) as a strategic partner within the broader Global South Integrated Development Framework (GS-IDF).

This follows AARINENA's active engagement during the inauguration of the GSM-FACC Steering Committee, held on Friday after the keynote address delivered by H.E. Amb. Carla Barroso Carneiro, President of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP).

AASGON and GSEF extend their sincere appreciation to AARINENA for its constructive participation, collaborative spirit, and clear commitment to advancing agricultural innovation, food security, and sustainable development across the Global South.

AARINENA's Global Partnership Strengthens the GSM-FACC Vision

The Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa (AARINENA) maintains extensive partnerships with global development agencies, regional research networks, national farming associations, and policy-shaping institutions to promote agricultural innovation, food security, and sustainable rural development. These partnerships include collaborations with international agricultural research centres, regional innovation platforms, and farmer-led organisations that support climate-resilient agriculture and knowledge-driven transformation.

Associations with similar mandates across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean, as well as women farmers' associations, policy makers, and leading Chambers of Commerce, will likewise be co-opted as partners in the conduct of the forthcoming GSM-FACC Summit, Awards & Expo 2026. Their inclusion ensures broad representation, institutional depth, and a unified Global South approach to agricultural transformation, trade facilitation, and inclusive development.

AARINENA Confirmed as Member of Governance, Policy & Institutional Affairs Sub-Committee

We are pleased to confirm AARINENA's participation in the Governance, Policy & Institutional Affairs Sub-Committee, where its leadership and technical expertise will play a vital role in shaping policy coherence, institutional strengthening, and multi-stakeholder engagement across the GS-IDF ecosystem.

AASGON and GSEF warmly welcome AARINENA's designated representatives and look forward to their substantive contributions to the sub-committee's work.

Congratulations to Dr. Mustafa Altuğ Atalay

We also extend warm congratulations to Dr. Mustafa Altuğ Atalay on his election as President of AARINENA for the 2026-2028 term. His leadership will further reinforce AARINENA's role as a key driver of agricultural research, innovation, and regional cooperation.



AARINENA General Assembly Meeting Held in Amman; Dr. Mustafa Altuğ ATALAY Elected President for 2026-2028

Strengthening Collaboration for GSM-FACC Summit Awards & Expo

AARINENA's participation strengthens the collective ambition of GSM-FACC 2026 to bring together ministers, policy makers, farmers, academia, private sector actors, and leading Chambers of Commerce to advance shared Global South priorities in food systems transformation, agricultural innovation, and sustainable development. To consolidate this partnership and outline next steps.

about GSM-FACC 2026

The Summit, Awards & Expo 2026, held under the GS-IDF and aligned with the UN International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF), is a flagship platform advancing cooperation, innovation, and investment across the Global South. It convenes high-level leaders, policy makers, and institutions to drive integrated development solutions, with a core focus on strengthening agricultural systems and promoting inclusive, sustainable growth.

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Strengthening Knowledge, Economic Cooperation & Sustainable Development Across the Global South

AASGON

The Africa Asia Scholars Global Network (AASGON) is a transcontinental academic and development organisation dedicated to strengthening higher education, research collaboration, knowledge diplomacy, and sustainable development across the Global South.

GSEF

The Global South Economic Forum (GSEF) is an economic diplomacy platform promoting trade, investment, industrialisation, and economic justice across emerging economies.

GSSDC

The Global South Sustainable Development Council (GSSDC) represents the most significant institutional advancement in Global South cooperation since 1955. With the creation of 8 Institutional ecosystems under the Global South Development Integrated Framework (GSDIF), the GSSDC transforms the Bandung Spirit into a governance system, a development framework, and a global voice.

Three Pillars of Cooperation



Knowledge Partnership

Advancing research, education, and scholarly collaboration.



Economic Cooperation

Strengthening trade, investment, and industrial transformation.



Sustainable Progress

Promoting governance, environmental stewardship, and long-term development.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1st GSM-FACC Summit, Awards & International Expo 2026 16–18 October 2026 | World Trade Centre, Mumbai, India

Theme

Transforming Food Systems, Empowering Communities and Building Sustainable Structures for Shared Prosperity Across the Global South

About the Summit

The 1st Global South Ministers, Farmers, Academia and Chambers of Commerce (GSM-FACC) Summit, Awards & International Expo 2026 is the flagship Global South platform commemorating the United Nations International Year of the Woman Farmer and World Food Day 2026.

Convened by the Africa Asia Scholars Global Network (AASGON) and the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF) under the Global South Integrated Development Framework (GS-IDF) and guided by the Global South Sustainable Development Council (GSSDC), the Summit will bring together ministers, development institutions, academia, chambers of commerce, farmer organisations, agribusiness leaders, investors, innovators, and civil society stakeholders to promote agricultural transformation, food security, innovation, trade, investment, and sustainable development.

Who Should Attend?

- Ministers and Government Officials
- Development Finance Institutions
- Multilateral Agencies and NGOs
- Farmers and Farmer Organisations
- Agribusiness Leaders and Cooperatives
- Investors and Funding Agencies
- Universities and Research Institutions
- Chambers of Commerce and Industry Associations
- SMEs and Startups
- Women and Youth Entrepreneurs
- Engineers, Technocrats and Innovators
- Media and Communication Professionals
- Development Partners and Philanthropic Foundations
- Registration Categories

Delegates

Participation in plenary sessions, ministerial dialogues, networking events, exhibitions, and awards ceremonies.

Speakers and Panellists

Subject experts, policymakers, development practitioners, researchers, and industry leaders.

Exhibitors

Companies, institutions, development agencies, universities, agribusinesses, technology providers, and SMEs showcasing products, services, innovations, and investment opportunities.

Sponsors and Partners

Strategic sponsors, development partners, foundations, corporations, and institutions seeking high-level visibility and engagement.

Key Benefits

- Access to ministers, policymakers, investors, and global leaders
- Business-to-business and business-to-government networking opportunities
- Exhibition and product showcase opportunities
- Knowledge exchange and technology transfer
- Partnership and investment opportunities
- International visibility and media exposure
- Participation in the Global South Leadership (GSL) Awards
- Access to post-Summit collaboration platforms and networks

Registration Fees

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Category Early Bird (Until 31 July 2026)

Regular (1 Aug – 30 Sept 2026) Late / Onsite

• International Delegate	USD 250	USD 300	USD 350
• Indian Delegate	INR 12,000	INR 15,000	INR 18,000
• Academia / NGOs	USD 180	USD 220	USD 250
• Students & Young Innovators	USD 100	USD 120	USD 150
• Virtual Participation	USD 50	USD 75	USD 100
• One-Day Pass	USD 100	USD 120	USD 150
• Accompanying Person	USD 80	USD 100	USD 120

Premium Packages

• Category Fee	
• VIP Delegate	USD 500
• Ministerial / CEO Package	USD 750
• Gala Dinner Ticket	USD 100

Registration Includes

- ✓ Access to all plenary sessions and parallel forums
- ✓ Entry to the International Expo and Awards Ceremony
- ✓ Delegate Kit and Conference Materials
- ✓ Tea Breaks, Lunches and Networking Reception
- ✓ Certificate of Participation
- ✓ Access to Post-Summit Proceedings and Reports
- ✓ B2B and B2G Networking Opportunities

GSM-FACC 2026 Bank Account Information

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Special Discounts

20% discount for groups of five or more delegates from the same institution.

50% scholarship support for selected students, women farmers, and youth innovators from Least Developed Countries.

Complimentary registration for invited speakers and strategic partners.

Special rates for AASGON, GSEF, GSUA and partner institution members.



Call to Action

GSM-FACC SUMMIT 2026



Join us in building a new horizon of global multilateral cooperation for food security, climate resilience, and shared prosperity.

The choices made in 2026 will echo for decades across our nations. Secure your delegation's place at the absolute center of history.

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Sustainability Strategy

The GSM-FACC Summit is designed not as a one-off event, but as a catalyst for long-term collaboration and sustainable impact under the Global South Integrated Development Framework (GS-IDF).

Its sustainability strategy is anchored on eight interconnected institutional ecosystems that promote continuity, accountability, and shared prosperity.



MSME business strengthening

Market-driven production

Government policy alignment

Climate-smart practices

- ✓ • **Institutional Partnerships: Strengthening multi-stakeholder cooperation.**
- ✓ • **Public-Private Partnerships: Mobilizing investment and innovation.**
- ✓ • **Knowledge and Innovation: Advancing research and capacity building.**
- ✓ • **Trade and Investment: Expanding markets and value chains.**
- ✓ • **Food Security and Climate Resilience: Promoting sustainable agriculture.**
- ✓ • **Women, Youth and Diaspora: Fostering inclusive leadership.**
- ✓ • **Annual Summit and Programmes: Ensuring year-round engagement.**
- ✓ • **Resource Mobilization: Strengthening sustainable financing and ownership.**



World Food Day



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Who We Are
The Africa Asia Scholars Global Network (AASGON) and the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF) lead a pioneering institutional ecosystem strengthening South-South cooperation and global development.

OUR ECOSYSTEM
Launched Mandela Day 2025
House of Lords, UK Parliament

- We unite:**
- Governments
 - Universities
 - Industry bodies
 - Research institutions
 - Media organisations
 - Diaspora communities
 - Professional associations

Together, we are building a stronger, more connected Global South.

One Vision. One Ecosystem. One Global South.

Our Programmes

- Higher Education & Research
- Trade & Investment
- Innovation & Technology
- Renewable Energy & Climate
- Media & Cultural Diplomacy
- Diaspora Engagement
- Leadership & Capacity

:: Our Key Partners

- AfDB - Strategic Partner supporting sustainable development, industrialisation, youth empowerment, and digital transformation.
- AARDO - Technical Partner advancing rural development, agriculture, and capacity building.
- Collaborators - Governments • Universities • Industry bodies • Media institutions • Diaspora groups • Development agencies

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Building the New Global South Institutional Order

A unified ecosystem advancing education, economic diplomacy, innovation, renewable energy, media empowerment, diaspora engagement, and leadership across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Dr. Vijay G. Kalantri, President GOSCCIMA, President World Trade Centre (WTC) Mumbai, President All India Association of Industries (AIAI)

:: Membership Open to:
• Institutions • Professionals • Students • Diaspora communities.

Our Global South Institutional Ecosystems

Leaders of these institutions represent the highest levels of academic, diplomatic, industrial, and community leadership across the 134 Countries of the Global South.

- Benefits:**
- Global networks
 - Leadership programmes
 - Research & innovation opportunities
 - Trade & investment platforms
 - Renewable energy & climate initiatives
 - Media & cultural diplomacy programmes

GSUA – Global South Universities Association
Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, President GSUA, Secretary General Association of Arab Universities (AARU), former Egypt Minister of Education, Scientific Research, and Tech

GSEA Engineers Association
Ahmad Jassim Al - Jolo, President GSEA, President Federation of Global Engineers (FGE) and former President Arab Federation of Engineers and Qatar Society of Engineers

GSSEA – Solar Energy Association
Dr. S.M. Ali, Director General, GSSEA, Vice President Solar Energy Society of India (SESI) and Executive Secretary ISTE

CAPS – Professional Seniors
GSDF – Diaspora Foundation
Duchess Williams -Alonga, Director General (GSDF) President Commonwealth Council League (CCL) and Margaret James - Carter, Director General, CAPS & Chair CCL

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Amb. Prof. Muhammadou M. O. Kah, Coordinator of the WTO LDC Group, and Ambassador of the Gambia to the UN and the WTO in Geneva and Member of the UNCentral Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

GSMA – Media Association
Dr. Sandeep Marwah, President GSMA, President, International Chamber of Media & Entertainment Industry (ICMEI) and Founder/ Chancellor AAFI University.



GS-IDF

GLOBAL SOUTH INTEGRATED
DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Implementation Flow



Empowering Rural Farming, Strengthening
Local Food Systems

GGSM-FACC and the Global South Integrated Development Framework (GS-IDF)

“A unified architecture advancing sustainable development, innovation, and cooperation across the Global South.”

GSM-FACC is a flagship platform of the GS-IDF, uniting governments, farmers, academia, chambers of commerce, and development partners to advance food security, shared prosperity, and sustainable development.

“One Framework. Shared Prosperity.
Sustainable Futures.”





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