

1. About the Program

The Agribusiness & Food Sovereignty Program strengthens Africa's capacity to build competitive, inclusive, and resilient agricultural value chains. ACBF supports African institutions, entrepreneurs, and value chain actors to strengthen skills, improve productivity, and expand market participation across the agribusiness ecosystem.

The work focuses on youth, women, and small and medium enterprises as key drivers of agricultural transformation, job creation, and rural development. ACBF strengthens institutional systems, promotes knowledge generation, and supports collaboration across stakeholders to enable sustainable production, value addition, and access to markets. These efforts contribute to food sovereignty, economic resilience, and inclusive growth in line with Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

2. Why It Matters

Across the continent:

- Many agricultural value chains face low productivity, limited value addition, and weak market linkages.
- Limited institutional capacity affects the ability of agribusiness actors to scale production and compete in regional and global markets.
- Youth and women entrepreneurs face constraints in access to finance, skills, and business development support.
- Climate variability continues to affect agricultural productivity and food systems.

Strengthening agribusiness capacity enables African institutions and entrepreneurs to improve productivity, create jobs, and build resilient food systems.

3. How ACBF Delivers

ACBF delivers agribusiness support through targeted programs that strengthen institutions, entrepreneurs, and value chain actors across Africa.

Agricultural Business Facility (ABF)

The Agricultural Business Facility strengthens agribusiness ecosystems by supporting emerging champions who drive resilient and competitive agricultural value chains across African countries. The program mobilizes youth and women in agribusiness entrepreneurship and supports the development of sustainable production and value addition systems.

Capacity Building for Women and Youth

Empowerment in the Agricultural Sector

This program strengthens technical, entrepreneurial, and leadership skills among women and young agribusiness actors. It supports training, coaching, and access to opportunities that enable participants to grow and sustain agribusiness enterprises.

4. Results & Impact



Strengthened participation and skills in agribusiness across Africa through targeted training programs, with **734 women and youth trained** in agro-food management and entrepreneurship across three countries, improving technical capacity and expanding opportunities for enterprise development.



Enhanced institutional and ecosystem capacity through the development of **80 trainers and 82 female coaches**, alongside the training and coaching of **137 leaders**, strengthening knowledge transfer, leadership, and coordination across agribusiness value chains.



Expanded enterprise growth and system performance through **14 grants disbursed to women and youth-led agribusinesses**, the assessment of **21 organizations with 5 strengthened**, and two exchange initiatives, including a **Sierra Leone-Brazil** study visit and a masterclass in **Gabon**, training **46 participants**, reinforcing innovation, collaboration, and market integration.