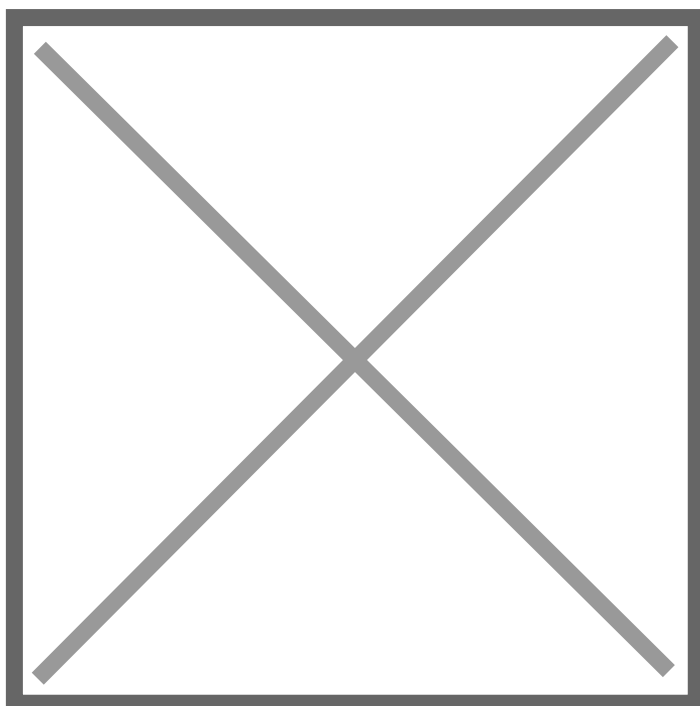


## Smart Food Africa initiative champions millets and pulses for healthier food systems

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The Smart Food Africa initiative, led by the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), made a powerful debut in Zimbabwe at the 20th Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program-Partnership Platform (CAADP-PP) meeting held in Harare.

Launched to coincide with the 15th Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security, this initiative aims to transform the continent's food systems by prioritising nutritious, climate-resilient crops that support both health and sustainability.

The high-level event featured key partners—including the Government of Zimbabwe, the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), the Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN), the Centre for Agriculture and Food Policy (CAFP), and the Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD)—all committed to making millets and pulses staples in African food systems to address malnutrition, reduce poverty, and confront climate challenges.