

PAN AFRICA BEAN RESEARCH ALLIANCE IS THE WINNER OF THE AFRICA FOOD PRICE 2023

In September 2023 [the Pan-Africa Bean Research Alliance \(PABRA was honored with the prestigious Africa Food Prize for 2023](#), recognizing their exceptional leadership in the development of numerous bean varieties that improve farm productivity and profitability, and meet increasing consumer demand.

PABRA was chosen from a field of 598 nominees from 47 African countries by a preeminent panel of judges with experience and leadership in Africa agriculture. PABRA has demonstrated unwavering commitment to improving nutrition and food security across the African continent by harnessing the potential of beans, a vital source of plant-based proteins and micronutrients including iron along with other essential nutrients. Their tireless efforts in breeding new varieties and making them accessible to farmers across Africa and their research and development efforts have generated multiple positive impacts on the lives of countless individuals, particularly in communities facing food insecurity and malnutrition.

To-date, PABRA members have released over 650 improved bean varieties of diverse favorable characteristics. These varieties are grown by over 37 million smallholder farmers in Africa and consumed by more than 300 million people in Africa, significantly improving nutrition, health, and food security. As a crop typically managed by women, PABRA beans enable more families to eat better and earn cash income.

Every year, the Africa Food Prize initiative calls for nomination of outstanding individuals or institutions that are leading the effort to change the reality of farming in Africa. The US \$100,000 prize celebrates Africans who are taking control of Africa's agriculture agenda. It puts a spotlight on bold initiatives and technical innovations that can be replicated across the continent to create a new era of food security and economic opportunity for all Africans.

In accepting the award, Jean Claude Rubyogo, Global Bean Program Leader at the Alliance of Bioversity International, CIAT and PABRA Director expressed that "This award is a testament to the hard work and commitment of the entire PABRA team, its members, including all the National Research institutes and their governments, implementing partners, funders and the smallholder farmers we serve." They added that winning the 2023 Africa Food Prize is a significant and historic moment for PABRA which comes after celebrating 25 years of bean research and development last year and launching the bean movement promoting beans as a super food. PABRA empowers women throughout the bean value chain since they are the majority stakeholders in farming and trading and see this recognition as a win for women in agriculture and sustainable food systems.



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All nominations are reviewed using the Africa Food Prize criteria that assesses a program's contribution to poverty reduction and nutrition security as well as improvement of livelihoods through employment and job creation. The selection process also evaluates the potential of program scalability, replication and sustainability.

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In recognition of the remarkable achievements and innovations within the African Food Systems sector, the prestigious Africa Food Prize has announced the opening of nominations for its 2024 edition. Also, for the 2024 Edition, this award celebrates individuals and organizations driving positive change and promoting sustainable food systems across the continent.

Nominations for the Africa Food Prize 2024 are now being accepted, inviting individuals, institutions, and initiatives that have made significant strides in enhancing food security, promoting agricultural sustainability, and fostering innovation to submit their entries.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the Africa Food Prize 2024 is 15 June 2024. Nomination forms and additional information can be found in the website <https://africafoodprize.org/>

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