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AKINWUMI ADESINA

Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank, will be honored as the 2017 World Food Prize Laureate for his leading role over the past two decades: in significantly expanding food production in Nigeria; introducing initiatives to exponentially increase the availability of credit for smallholder farmers across the African continent; and galvanizing the political will to transform African agriculture.

Drawn to action, Dr. Adesina: in his role with the Rockefeller Foundation organized the 2006 Africa Fertilizer Summit; led a major expansion of commercial bank lending to farmers as Vice President of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA); and, as Minister of Agriculture in Nigeria, introduced the E-Wallet system which broke the back of corrupt elements that had controlled the fertilizer distribution system for 40 years.

His policies expanded Nigeria's food production by 21 million metric tons, and the country attracted \$5.6 billion in private sector investments in agriculture - earning him the reputation as the "farmer's Minister."

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Scoring goals for African Agriculture, the #FoodPrize17 winner is Dr. Akinwumi Adesina!



Congratulations to Dr. Akinwumi Adesina for being named the 2017 World Food Prize Laureate! Dr. Adesina, known as 'Africa's Norman Borlaug,' will receive the Prize in October in Des Moines, Iowa during the Borlaug Dialogue. #FoodPrize17



The World Food Prize announced its 2017 Laureate. Dr. Akinwumi Adesina set the direction for African smallholder farms by thwarting corruption, instituting policy reforms and expanding commercial bank lending to farmers. #FoodPrize17

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