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Nominee Announcement (Dinner Reception)
October 1st | 06:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Sankara Hotel, Kenya

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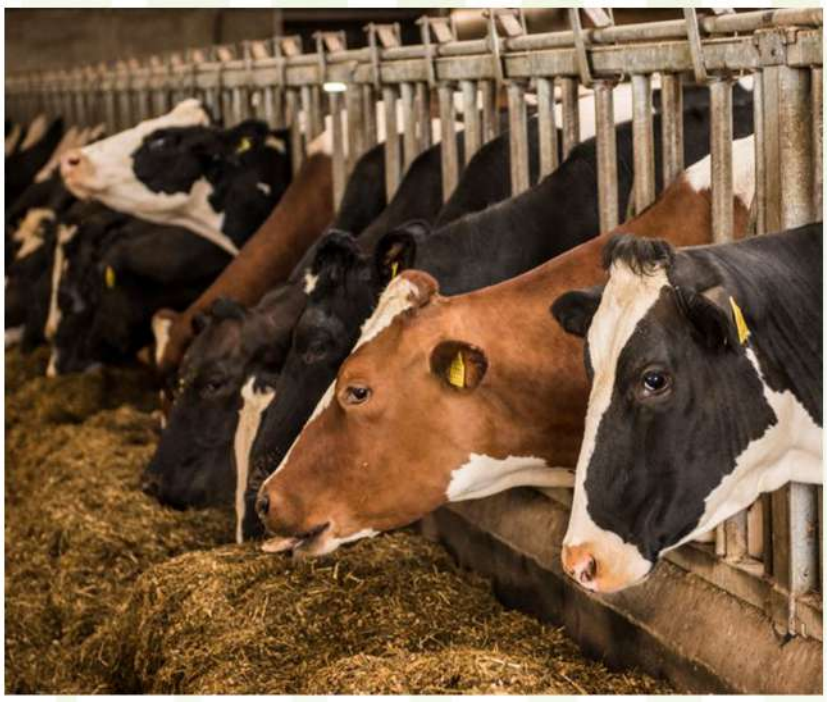
HISTORY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN AFRICA & THE OPPORTUNITY BEHIND FCA

Africa's food economy is entering a defining period of growth. The African Development Bank projects the continent's food and agriculture market will grow from approximately 280 billion dollars today to 1 trillion dollars by 2030.



Agriculture is not just an industry in Africa, it is the continent's oldest form of enterprise, and its largest source of livelihood. Long before the language of "value chains" and "agribusiness" existed, African farmers, fishers, herders and food artisans were feeding nations, building trade routes, and shaping cultures around what grows from the land.

Today, that legacy continues at scale. In Nigeria alone, agriculture contributes more than one-fifth of national GDP and sustains illions of livelihoods. In Ghana, the sector anchors export earnings through cocoa, horticulture and other high-value crops, while employing a significant share of the national workforce. Across the continent, from Kenya's tea highlands to Rwanda's terraced farmlands, food is Africa's quiet economic engine.



Yet for too long, the people and businesses powering this engine, the smallholder farmer, the culinary innovator, the agribusiness scaling against the odds have gone unrecognised beyond their own communities.

The Africa Food and Trade Summit & Foodies Choice Awards was born from that gap. Launched by The FCA Africa in July 2026, it is Africa's first continent-wide, consumer-driven recognition platform for the food and agriculture value chain giving the public the power to nominate and vote for the individuals and organisations shaping the sector's future, across 50 categories and six industry verticals.

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WELCOME TO FCA

Foodies Choice Awards (FCA) Africa is the continent's first consumer-powered food recognition platform. From farm to table, everyday consumers across five nations (Nigeria, Ghana, Rwanda, Kenya, and Tanzania) decide who deserves recognition across food, agriculture, hospitality, media, and innovation.

WHY FCA

Data-Driven: Verified voting generates real consumer preference data across food, agriculture, hospitality, and media.

Economically Meaningful: Recognition drives commercial visibility, attracts investment, and opens export opportunities.

Independent & Credible: All votes and categories remain completely independent and verified.

Africa Decided: Not a Western jury. Not an industry committee. The 1.4 billion people of Africa decide who shapes their food future.

Mission

To strengthen Africa's food systems by transforming ideas into action, opportunities into partnerships, and recognition into long-term economic growth.

Vision

An Africa that feeds itself, trades with itself, and creates lasting prosperity through strong food systems and sustainable investment.

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AFRICA FOOD & TRADE SUMMIT

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The African Food & Trade Summit (AFTS) is Africa's premier online platform and matchmaking hub driving end-to-end growth across the continent's agricultural value chain. Designed as an action-driven digital ecosystem, AFTS connects everyone in the food and farming business, enabling farm owners, aggregators, buyers, investors, and logistics providers to easily find each other, trade, and scale seamlessly within their own countries and across borders.

ONE ECOSYSTEM. UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES.

1. Aggregators & Agribusinesses Pitch & Scale: Connect directly with venture capital, impact investors, and commercial banks to fund pipeline expansions. Streamline Operations: Source reliable logistics partners and gain access to expanded networks of farm produce suppliers.

2. Investors & Financial Institutions Verified Deal Flow: Access pre-screened, bankable investment opportunities across scalable African agribusinesses. High-Yield Returns: Partner directly with vetted aggregators and large-scale agricultural projects actively seeking scale capital.

3. Farm Owners & Produce Buyers Land Monetization: List, lease, rent, or sell prime agricultural land directly to active farm managers and commercial ventures. Direct Trade: Eliminate middleman friction by connecting bulk farm produce directly with off-takers, processors, and buyers.

4. Logistics & Supply Chain Providers Secure Contracts: Partner with aggregators and farm producers looking for reliable warehousing, cold storage, and freight transport. Power Agri-Trade: Position your fleet and infrastructure at the center of regional food movement and trade routes.

WHY JOIN AFTS?

1
Active Digital Marketplace
Connect, trade, and build partnerships online anytime, anywhere.

2
360° Value Chain Connectivity
Access land, produce, freight, and capital in one centralized network.

3
Cross-Border Expansion
Unlock new regional trade corridors and expand your market footprint beyond local borders.

4
Verified Deal Flow for Investors
Access pre-vetted, bankable agribusinesses, aggregators, and commercial farms.

5
End-to-End Supply Chain Efficiency
Reduce post-harvest loss and boost profits with reliable storage, transport, and off-take buyers.

6
Optimized Logistics & Transport
Secure reliable haulage fleets, cold storage capacity, and warehousing on demand to streamline supply chain routes.

Visit: www.afts.africa for more info

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WHY KENYA?

When it came to choosing a home for the Foodies Choice Awards Nominees Announcement Dinner, Kenya stood out as a natural choice as a country where agriculture is not just an economic sector, but a national identity.

Kenya is one of Africa's most storied agricultural economies. Its tea and coffee are recognised on global markets, its horticulture and cut-flower exports rank among the continent's largest, and its farmers from the highlands of Kericho to the flower belts of Naivasha represent generations of expertise in feeding both a nation and the world.

Beyond the farm, Nairobi has emerged as East Africa's undisputed food and agribusiness capital, a city that regularly convenes the continent's biggest conversations on food security, agri-finance and trade, from major agricultural summits to pan-African food expos held at its world-class convention facilities.

As one of the five founding markets of the Foodies Choice Awards, Kenya has already shown its appetite for this movement, driving strong early nominations and public engagement since the awards opened in July 2026.

It is fitting, then, that Kenya hosts the moment where the continent's finalists are unveiled: a nation whose soil, spirit and cities have always known how to bring Africa's food story to the table.



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HOST & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Hon. Mutahi Kagwe, (EGH)

Hon. Mutahi Kagwe, Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development (sworn in January 2025), is a seasoned public leader and entrepreneur with over 40 years of experience across the private and public sectors. He is currently spearheading the transformation of Kenya's agricultural sector through climate-smart innovation, technology, and local value addition.

His extensive public service includes serving as Cabinet Secretary for Health (2020–2022), where he earned global acclaim leading Kenya's COVID-19 response, as well as Minister for Information and Communications (2005–2007), Nyeri's first Senator (2013–2017), and MP for Mukurweini (2002–2007). He holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Nairobi, an MBA from USIU, and the Elder of the Order of the Golden Heart (EGH) presidential commendation.

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SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR

Kiprono Kittony,(EBS)

Kiprono Kittony is a distinguished global business leader and entrepreneur, renowned for his extensive experience in corporate governance, capital markets, and private sector advocacy. Appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Kenya Airways in 2026, he is recognized for driving strategic enterprise growth across the region. In addition to his leadership at the national airline, Mr. Kittony is the Former Chairman of the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) PLC, Chairman of Rentco Africa, and a Director at the Central Depository and Settlement Corporation (CDSC).

On the global stage, he serves as the Vice Chairman of the World Chambers Federation in Paris, representing African interests in international trade policy. Mr. Kittony holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Nairobi, alongside a Global Executive MBA from USIU and Columbia University. In recognition of his immense contributions to the nation, he was awarded the Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (EBS).

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MEET THE CONVENER

Oluwafemi Ogundoro

Oluwafemi Ogundoro is a visionary leader with over 18 years of industry experience in media, marketing, advertising, food, and cultivating businesses in new markets across Africa. He is the Group Managing Director of Maxima Group, a conglomerate of five industry-leading companies. Passionate about Africa's potential and future transformation, Femi created FoodbayTV, an authentic African food and lifestyle platform with a presence in Nigeria, Kenya, Cameroon, and Ghana.

His initiatives purposefully address gaps in the food industry, aiming to meet Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) regarding food security, nutrition, and poverty. A graduate of Management Accounting from Obafemi Awolowo University, Femi holds a professional certificate in Executive Management from Strathmore Business School in Kenya.

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The Journey Thus Far

The Launch – July, 2026.

Foodies Choice Awards officially opens to the public, with nominations opening simultaneously across five pioneering markets: Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda. Building Trust.

To safeguard the integrity of the process from day one, KPMG was appointed as the official assurance partner, independently overseeing nomination validation, results verification and the public voting process across every market.

A Continental Response.

Within weeks, nominations poured in from five countries, naming governments, farmers, agribusinesses, chefs, food brands, hospitality operators and Media voices making a real difference in Africa's food economy.

Validation & Shortlisting.

KPMG and the approved Jury members independently reviewed and verified every nomination before announcing finalists by category, ensuring only credible, deserving names reached the public vote.

The Road to Lagos.

As voting opens across the continent, the journey builds toward one defining moment: the inaugural Africa Food and Trade Summit & Foodies Choice Awards ceremony will take place in Lagos, Nigeria, on 5th- 8th November 2026, a celebration of the people redefining Africa's food future.



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Introducing Our Assurance Partner: KPMG

Trust is the foundation of any awards platform that puts the power to choose in the hands of the public which is why The Foodies Choice Awards Africa appointed KPMG, one of the world's leading professional services networks, as the official Assurance Partner for the Foodies Choice Awards 2026.

KPMG's mandate spans the full lifecycle of the awards process: overseeing nomination validation, results verification and the public voting process across every participating country – Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda.

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to accountability, transparency and international best practice, ensuring that every nomination, every vote and every eventual winner is independently verified. For the millions of consumers casting their votes, and for the finalists whose work is being judged, KPMG's involvement is a guarantee: the outcome you see is the outcome the people chose.

Assurance by KPMG

To ensure global standards of transparency and integrity, KPMG serves as the official Assurance Partner for the Foodies Choice Awards.

Verified Integrity: KPMG independently oversees and verifies the entire nomination, validation, and public voting process across all participating countries.

Unquestionable Credibility: Every vote and nomination is strictly audited to ensure that the results genuinely reflect consumer confidence without bias.

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2026 NOMINATION RESULT

10,356

Total Overall Nominations



4,784 (46.2%)



2,040 (19.7%)



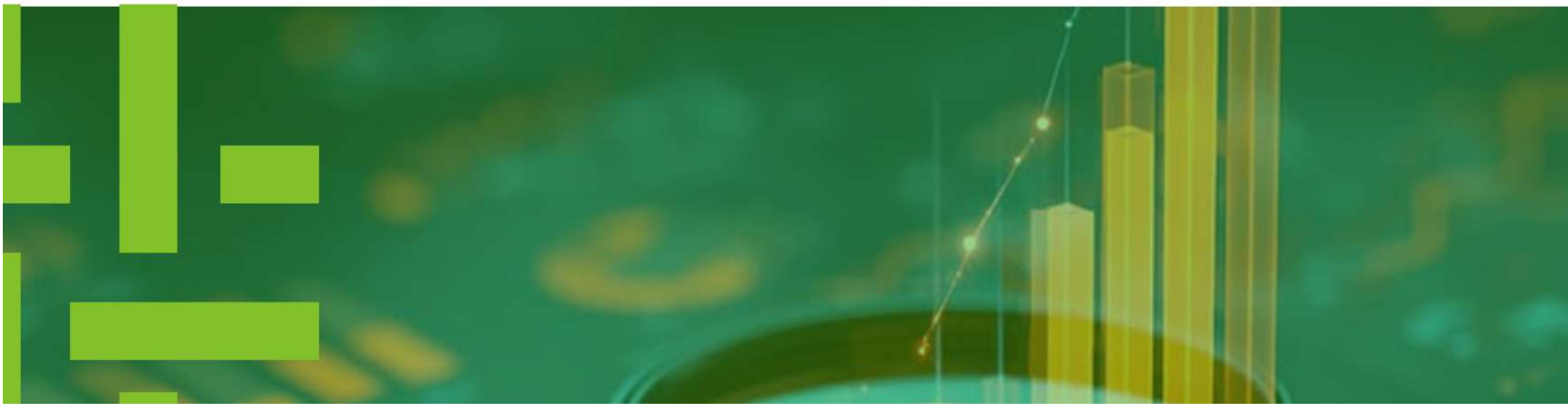
1,509 (14.57%)



1,367 (13,2%)



656 (6.33%)



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THE ULTIMATE JURY

The Foodies Choice Awards operates on a groundbreaking premise: Not a Western jury. Not an exclusive industry committee. The 1.4 billion people of Africa are the ultimate jury deciding who shapes their food future. By utilizing a 100% consumer-driven nomination and voting model, the awards celebrate individuals and organizations that have built true public trust.



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MEET THE JURY



MR. CLEOPHAS NTAKIJE

With over a decade of hands-on leadership in agribusiness, he has built resilient value chains, managed field operations, and reduced credit risk for smallholder farmers across East Africa. As a dedicated project manager, he is driven to scale climate-smart agriculture and strengthen farm-to-market systems.

Please give a warm welcome to the agribusiness specialist and One Acre Fund alumnus from Tanzania.



DR. PETER OKOTH

An applied business leadership scholar with deep technical expertise in sustainable agriculture, trade, and enterprise, he seamlessly connects research with field execution to uplift rural livelihoods and transform farm-level operations. He drives impact by directing high-level programs focused on resilient food systems and enterprise finance.

Join us in welcoming the Country Director at Self Help Africa Kenya, from Kenya.



MRS. IQUO UKOH

Combining deep consumer insights across FMCG with a track record of driving brand growth in food, home care, and personal care markets across Nigeria and West Africa, she is a strategic marketer and business builder who translates market research into high-impact campaigns and measurable sales results.

Please welcome a seasoned marketing executive and srategist from Nigeria.



MRS. CAROLINE ODERA

She builds impactful startups and hubs that turn bold ideas into real-world change, mentoring entrepreneurs and driving innovation across communities. As a dedicated leader and innovation champion, she creates clear pathways for young founders to scale and thrive, shaping national innovation networks and leading teams that transform ambition into action.

Please welcome the Founder and Team Lead of **WISEHUB** Entrepreneurship, from Kenya.



MR. ABDALLAH SMITH

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MR. MORO SEIDU

He leads an organization that integrates education, agriculture, and healthcare to drive lasting community change through practical solutions that uplift families and schools. Under his visionary leadership, communities across Ghana gain vital access to education and sustainable livelihoods fueled by innovation in the cocoa sector.

Please give a warm welcome to the CEO of Cocoa360, from Ghana.

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AWARD CATEGORIES

BRAND

Carbonated Soft Drink Brand of the Year
Best Seasoning Brand of the Year
Beverage Brand of the Year
Cereal Brand of the Year
Noodles Brand of the Year
Rice Brand of the Year
Cooking Oil Brand of the Year
Liquor Brand of the Year
Beer Brand of the Year
Malt Brand of the Year
Dairy Brand of the Year
Tomato Paste Brand of the Year
Water Brand of the Year

MEDIA & INFLUENCE

Food Reality Show of the Year
Food Artist of the Year
Food Influencer of the Year (Male)
Food Influencer of the Year (Female)
Food Journalist of the Year
Food Festival of the Year
Food Critic of the Year
Nutritionist of the Year
Overall Best Food Campaign

AGRICULTURE

Farmer of the Year
Agri-Preneur of the Year
Best Country in Agriculture
Rising Star in Agriculture
Agri-Innovation of the Year
Best State in Agricultural Investment
Best Country in Agricultural Investment

TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

Food Stylist of the Year
Street Food Joint of the Year
Fast Food Restaurant of the Year
Bakery of the Year
Gourmet Restaurant of the Year
Food market of the Year
Indigenous Food Restaurant of the Year
Best Airline Food
Best Hotel Food

CHEF/CULINARY

Best Overall Chef (Male)
Best Overall Chef (Female)
Best Gourmet Chef
Best Food Artist
Best Mixologist
Rising Star
Foodpreneur of the Year
Rising Star
Best Culinary School

FOOD SUPPORT SERVICES

Banking Support / Digital Payment of the Year
Best Kitchen Gadgets Brand of the Year
Food Logistics Brand of the Year

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01. Chef / Culinary Category

Best Overall Chef - Male

Nominee Name	Country
Abiro Wisdom Seidu Napaana	Ghana
Wisdom Adzakpa	Ghana
Chef Ombachi Dennis	Kenya
Dennis Chuili	Kenya
Chef Fregz	Nigeria
Chef Tolulope Eros	Nigeria
Wa muchef	Rwanda
Chef Arsene	Rwanda
Sele Bonge	Tanzania
Charles	Tanzania

Best Overall Chef - Female

Nominee Name	Country
Chef Gigi	Ghana
Chef Faila	Ghana
Akoko Val	Kenya
Moyosore Oluwa Odunfa-Akinbo	Nigeria
Hilda Baci	Nigeria
Sabine Rudasingwa	Rwanda
Chef Amandine	Rwanda
Komba Tasty Food	Tanzania
Glory Julius Mbise	Tanzania

Best Gourmet Chef

Nominee Name	Country
Chef Xorlali	Ghana
Moses Kulavi	Kenya
The Roaming Chef	Kenya
Chef Fregz	Nigeria
Chef Stone	Nigeria
Chef Fiston	Rwanda
Chef Rama Sindayigaya	Rwanda

Best Mixologist

Nominee Name	Country
Abed Poku	Ghana
Nana Yaw	Ghana
Billy Kigocha	Kenya
Mixologist John	Kenya
Adesope Adedoyin Ademola	Nigeria
Braide Ifeanyi	Nigeria
Emmanuel Mugisha	Rwanda
Mugisha Derrick	Rwanda

Best Food Artist

Nominee Name	Country
George's Kitchen	Tanzania
Komba Tasty Food	Tanzania
Shem Cooks	Kenya
Chef Arsene	Rwanda
Wa muchef	Rwanda

Best Pastry Chef

Nominee Name	Country
Alvina Araba Annamoaba Parby	Ghana
Robert Tetteh Doyi	Ghana
Chef Arva Mohamedbhai	Kenya
Wangechi Kimata	Kenya
Chef Chuchay	Nigeria
Chef Cupid	Nigeria

Best Culinary School

Nominee Name	Country
Dainess Chefs School	Ghana
Cakehearts International Hospitality Institute	Kenya
Kenya Utalii College	Kenya
Hospitality Business School	Nigeria
Red Dish Chronicles Academy	Nigeria
Cakehearts International Hospitality Institute	Tanzania

Foodprenuer of the year

Nominee Name	Country
Mukase Chic	Ghana
Chef Abbys	Ghana
Chef Sandieburnie	Kenya
Ali Mandhry	Kenya
Amoke Oge	Nigeria
Ofada Boy	Nigeria
Kukukuku	Tanzania
Shishi Food	Tanzania

Rising Star

Nominee Name	Country
Francis Mawunyo Kpelley	Ghana
Lucys254	Kenya
Stanley Odom	Kenya
Chef Eugenie	Rwanda
Ernestina Mwalongo	Tanzania
Munir Mohammed Shambe	Tanzania
Balogun Idris	Nigeria
Daniel Ochuko	Nigeria

02. Tourism / Hospitality Category

Food Stylist of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Akoko Val	Kenya
Busayo Ishola-Seinde	Nigeria
Deborah Sofowora	Nigeria
Mukase Chic	Ghana

Street Food Joint of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Best Pilau	Kenya
Amoke Oge	Nigeria
Korede Spaghetti	Nigeria
Samaki Samaki	Tanzania
Sele Bonge	Tanzania



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Fast Food Restaurant of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Papa Krem's	Ghana
Broadspices	Kenya
Chicken Inn	Kenya
Bukka Hut	Nigeria
The Place Food	Nigeria
Déjà Vu	Rwanda
Mad Burning	Rwanda

Bakery of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Hot Oven	Ghana
The Good Baker	Ghana
Cake City	Kenya
Le Grenier à Pain	Kenya
Cakes and Cream	Nigeria
Old English	Nigeria
Camellia	Rwanda
Fresh Today Market	Rwanda
Azam	Tanzania
Royal Oven	Tanzania

Gourmet Restaurant of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
RSVP	Nigeria
Slow	Nigeria
Lilly Fine Dining - Kigali	Rwanda
Amell in Dar	Tanzania

Food Market of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Legon Night Market	Ghana
Local Producers Markets	Kenya
Mile 12 Market	Nigeria
Nyabugogo Market	Rwanda

Indigenous Food Restaurant

Nominee Name	Country
Azmera Restaurant	Ghana
The Northern Bazar	Ghana
Mama Oliech Restaurant	Kenya
The Carnivore Restaurant	Kenya
Amala Place Abuja	Nigeria
Amoke Oge	Nigeria
Jollof Bistro	Rwanda
Master Grill	Rwanda
Amell in Dar	Tanzania
Shishi Food	Tanzania

Best Airline Food

Nominee Name	Country
Africa World Airlines	Ghana
Jambojet	Kenya
Kenya Airways	Kenya
Arik Air	Nigeria
ValueJet	Nigeria
RwandAir	Rwanda
Air Tanzania	Tanzania

Best Hotel Food

Nominee Name	Country
Kempinski Hotel	Ghana
Lancaster Hotel	Ghana
Radisson Upperhill	Kenya
Sankara Hotel	Kenya
Eko Hotel	Nigeria
Sheraton Hotel	Nigeria
Kigali Marriott Hotel	Rwanda
Four Points	Rwanda
Kilimanjaro Hotel	Tanzania
Desderia Hotel	Tanzania

03. Brands Category

Carbonated Soft Drink Brand

Nominee Name	Country
American Cola	Ghana
Bel Cola	Ghana
Pepsi	Kenya
Safari Lemonade	Kenya
Fanta	Nigeria
Pepsi	Nigeria
Coca-Cola	Rwanda
Coca-Cola	Tanzania

Noodles Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Golden Penny Noodles	Nigeria
Indomie	Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Rwanda
Mimee	Ghana

Best Seasoning Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Gino	Ghana
Sankofa Natural Spices	Ghana
Tropical Heat	Kenya
Royco	Kenya
Knorr	Nigeria
Maggi	Nigeria
Maggi	Rwanda
Royco	Rwanda

Breakfast Cereal Brand

Nominee Name	Country
Cerelac	Ghana
Yumvita Cereal	Ghana
Weetabix	Kenya
Golden Morn	Nigeria
NASCO Cornflakes	Nigeria
Kellogg's	Tanzania



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Rice Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Cindy Rice	Ghana
Royal Aroma Rice	Ghana
Pishori	Kenya
Royal Aroma Rice	Kenya
Big Bull Rice	Nigeria
Mama's Pride	Nigeria
Billo Super Rice	Tanzania

Beer Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Club Beer	Ghana
Star Beer	Ghana
Guinness	Kenya
Tusker Lager	Kenya
Star	Nigeria
Trophy	Nigeria
Skol	Rwanda
Heineken	Rwanda
Safari Lager	Tanzania
Serengeti	Tanzania

Water Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Bel Aqua Mineral Water	Ghana
Voltic Mineral Water	Ghana
Aquafina	Kenya
Keringet	Kenya
Aquafina	Nigeria
Nestle Pure Life	Nigeria
Inyange	Rwanda
Vitalo	Rwanda
Hill Water	Tanzania
Kilimanjaro Mineral Water	Tanzania

Liquor Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Johnnie Walker	Ghana
Captain Morgan	Kenya
Chrome	Kenya
Hennessy	Nigeria
Martell	Nigeria
Jameson	Rwanda
Konyagi	Tanzania

Malt Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Beta Malt	Ghana
Malta Guinness	Ghana
Bavaria	Kenya
Tusker Malt	Kenya
Malta Guinness	Nigeria
Maltina	Nigeria
Bavaria Smalt	Rwanda

Cooking Oil Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Frytol Vegetable Oil	Ghana
Unoli Oil	Ghana
Fresh Fri	Kenya
Golden Fry	Kenya
Golden Penny Oil	Nigeria
Power Oil	Nigeria
Sunola Oil	Rwanda
MT Meru Soyco	Rwanda
Sundrop Oil	Tanzania

Dairy Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Cowbell	Ghana
Dano Milk	Ghana
Brookside	Kenya
Tuzo	Kenya
Dano Milk	Nigeria
Peak Milk	Nigeria
Inyange	Rwanda
Mukamira	Rwanda
Asas Dairy	Tanzania

Tomato Paste Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Tasty Tom Tomato Paste	Ghana
Gino	Ghana
Kenylon	Kenya
Peptang	Kenya
Gino	Nigeria
Sonia Tomato Paste	Nigeria
Sorwatom	Rwanda

Herbs and Spices Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Nuvi Blends	Ghana
Sankofa Natural Spices	Ghana
Tropical Heat	Kenya
Gino Herbs & Spices	Nigeria
Spices Rwanda Ltd	Rwanda
Eden Food Packs	Tanzania

Beverage Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Milo	Ghana
Nescafé	Kenya
Milo	Nigeria
Twisco	Nigeria



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04. Food Support Services

Fintech / Financial Services Brand

Nominee Name	Country
MoMo	Ghana
M-Pesa - Vodacom	Kenya
Moniepoint	Nigeria
OPay	Nigeria
Equity Bank	Rwanda
MoMo	Rwanda
M-Pesa - Vodacom	Tanzania
Yas	Tanzania

Food Logistics Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Uber Eats	Kenya
Chowdeck	Nigeria
Glovo	Nigeria
Vuba Vuba	Rwanda

Best Kitchen Gadgets Brand of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Binatone	Ghana
Von	Kenya
Buchy Mix	Nigeria
Kenwood	Nigeria
Philips	Rwanda

05. Media Category

Food Reality Show of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Mcbrown's Kitchen	Ghana
The Taste Off	Kenya
MasterChef Nigeria	Nigeria
Street Food Naija	Nigeria
DJ Pink	Rwanda

Food Festival Show of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Kenkey Fest	Ghana
Nairobi Street Food Festival	Kenya
Knorr Jollof Fest	Nigeria
GTCO Food & Drink	Nigeria
Nyama Choma Festival	Tanzania

Food Critic & Nutritionist Categories

Food Critic of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Hungryman Food Reviews	Ghana
Opeyemi Famakin	Nigeria
Shaheed Ali Khan	Kenya

Nutritionist of the Year

Nominee Name	Country
Esther Obeng Mensah	Ghana
Brighton Onyango	Kenya

Food Influencer of the Year - Male

Nominee Name	Country
Opeyemi Famakin	Nigeria
Brian Nwana	Nigeria
Muonjanji wa Taifa	Tanzania
Amageneous	Tanzania
Wa muchef	Rwanda
Chef Ombachi Dennis	Kenya

Food Influencer of the Year - Female

Nominee Name	Country
Bibiana Gyasi (Cheflifestyle)	Ghana
Chef Abbys	Ghana
Ifeyinwa Mogekwu (Ifys Kitchen)	Nigeria
Tolani Tayo Oshikoya (Diary of a Kitchen Lover)	Nigeria
Diko by Monalisa	Tanzania
DJ Pink Rwanda	Rwanda
Sabine Rudasingwa	Rwanda
Boina	Kenya





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06. Agriculture Category

Farmer of the Year

Nominee Name	Country	What They Do
Virginiah Ngoiri	Kenya	Kenyan farmer from Kibiko Ngong who advocates for youth participation in agriculture and has built a sustainable enterprise producing onion cucumbers, and lentils.
Agbeyewa Farms	Nigeria	Cultivates 1,500 hectares of cassava; described by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture as the largest cassava producer in Nigeria.
Yemisi Iranloye	Nigeria	Founder/CEO of Psaltry International; empowered 5,000+ cassava farmers and pioneered Africa's first cassava-sorbitol factory (24-tonne daily capacity).
Franco Farm	Tanzania	Tanzanian producer of fruit seedlings, vegetable seeds, and seed for livestock feed/pasture.
Kibondo Green Farm	Tanzania	Agribusiness engaged in sustainable farming and produce distribution.
Alhaji Mashud Mohammed	Ghana	Exceptional scale/diversity across food/tree crops, cattle, small-ruminant, poultry, and fish enteprises; employs 51 permanent and 1,000+ casual staff.
Charity Akortia	Ghana	Greenworth Farms operator across several districts, employing 277 people (64 permanent staff); strong contributor to national agricultural supply.
Dieudonné (Diego) Twahirwa - Gashora Farm PLC	Rwanda	Built Rwanda's largest chilli export business (exports to UK, US, Belgium, France, India, Netherlands, Switzerland) starting from a $150 tomato farm.

Agri-Preneur of the Year

Nominee Name	Country	What They Do
Mjasi Enterprises	Tanzania	Focuses on producing nutritious, chemical-free food products and agribusiness development.
Mohammed Dewji	Tanzania	Leading industrialist and investor driving large-scale agricultural investments across East Africa.
Nana Owusu Achiaw Brempong	Ghana	Large mixed-farming and processing operation with long experience, resilience, and a substantial workforce.
Robben Asare	Ghana	Strong youth-led farming profile with high growth potential and agricultural innovation value.
Brookside	Kenya	East Africa's largest dairy processor; partners with 200,000+ farmers across 27 counties with 30+ years of leadership.
Esther Kimani	Kenya	Built hardware for smallholders, cutting crop losses by ~30% and raising yields by ~40%.
Abdulsamad Rabiu	Nigeria	BUA Foods Plc leader; major agribusiness and food manufacturing investment in large-scale sugar cane and rice projects.
Chi Farms	Nigeria	Integrated agribusiness operating across poultry, aquaculture, hatcheries, veterinary services, and food processing since the 1980s.
Sina	Rwanda	Built Rwanda's best-known agro-processing business (400+ staff, 3,000+ supplier families). Producer of Akabanga, Rwanda's top food export brand.

Rising Star in Agriculture

Nominee Name	Country	What They Do
Valentina Gabriel	Tanzania	Involved in grain marketing and agricultural education, helping youth learn about agribusiness opportunities and value chains.
Franco Farm	Tanzania	Produces and supplies quality seedlings and seeds to help local farmers improve yields and pro ductivity.
Denis Mutwiri	Kenya	Agriculture content creator and practitioner sharing practical farming knowledge via social media platforms.
Olivia Okinyi - Econasi Limited	Kenya	Works with 500 small-scale pineapple farmers, raising farmer incomes by ~40% while diverting agricultural waste from landfills.
Fareeda Mustapha PureLube	Ghana	Drives local cashew value addition, creates jobs, and solves input-cost problems by converting agri cultural waste streams.
Wobil Technologies	Ghana	Agtech company driving digital solutions and yield optimization for smallholder farmers.

Presco Foods	Nigeria	Integrated agribusiness managing 26,000+ hectares of oil palm plantations and processing facilities, employing 9,000+ people.
Simply Green Farm	Nigeria	Sustainable vegetable producer using drip irrigation, greenhouse technology, and smart irrigation for premium produce.
Josiane Mujawayezu - Amazing Insect Ltd	Rwanda	Serves 5,000+ customers and works with 96 agricultural cooperatives across Rwanda using insect-based solutions.
Goodluck Mutoni - Goodness of God Ltd	Rwanda	Contract farming specialist producing specialty crops for branded consumer goods.

Agri-Innovation of the Year

Nominee Name	Country	What They Do
Dairy Sense	Kenya	Provides affordable, on-site milk testing (98% accuracy) to reduce milk rejection and improve farmer revenues.
Real IPM	Kenya	Kenya Global rights holder for ICIPE-licensed biopesticide isolates (Mazao Regain, Mazao Sustain) registered across East/West Africa.
Mayala Samson Lunyili	Tanzania	Provides climate-smart farming advice in Swahili to smallholders via USSD platforms (no smartphone required).
Prime Mushroom	Tanzania	Tanzania Operates smart mushroom production tech validated via pilot facilities and academic mentorship in the USA before regional rollout.
Cowtribe (Peter Awin, Alima Bawah)	Ghana	Distributed 47M+ vaccine doses, protecting 1M+ livestock across 190+ agrovet retailers in Ghana.
3farmgate	Ghana	Digital trade platform connecting smallholder producers directly to processors and markets.



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