

## Kampala Declaration

### Why in News?

The African Union Summit on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program recently concluded in Kampala, with adopting the transformative Kampala Declaration for Africa's agri-food systems.

- **Kampala Declaration** - It solely *focusing on agricultural production to a broader "agri-food systems" approach*.
- This holistic view considers the entire food value chain, from production to consumption, encompassing factors like nutrition, sustainability, and resilience.
- **Adopted by** - African leaders at the Extraordinary African Union Summit on the *Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP)* held in Kampala, Uganda, on January 11, 2025.
- **Key Features of the Kampala Declaration:**
- **Sustainable and Resilient Agri-food Systems** - The core objective is to create a food system that is not only productive but also environmentally sustainable and resilient to shocks.
- **Addressing Malnutrition** - The declaration emphasizes combating all forms of malnutrition, including undernutrition (stunting, wasting), micronutrient deficiencies, and even rising obesity rates.
- **Climate-Smart Agriculture** - Promoting climate-resilient agricultural practices is crucial. This includes adopting climate-smart technologies, improving water management, and enhancing soil health.
- **Intra-African Trade** - Boosting intra-African trade in agricultural products is seen as key to improving food security and economic growth.
- **Empowering Smallholder Farmers** - The declaration recognizes the critical role of smallholder farmers and aims to empower them through access to technology, markets, and finance.

**Malabo Declaration** is the previous framework for African agricultural development, fell short of its goals, particularly in eradicating hunger and malnutrition.

- **Significance** - The strategy will also see *Africa reduce post-harvest loss by 50 %*, triple intra-African trade in agro-food products and inputs by 2035.
- It will also raise the share of locally processed food to 35% of agro-food GDP by 2035.
- The adoption of the strategy is seen as a pivotal moment that will lay the groundwork for agro-food systems across the continent, and enable countries to act.

## References

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