Hand-in-Hand Initiative Investment Forum

The Hand-in-Hand (HIH) Initiative supports governments in developing and implementing sustainable agrifood investment programs aimed at transforming their agrifood systems to address poverty (SDG1), hunger and malnutrition (SDG2), and inequality (SDG10). This Initiative reaches its culmination with the annual Hand-in-Hand Initiative Investment Forum, hosted at FAO Headquarters every October as part of the World Food Forum. The Investment Forum serves as a platform for governments to present their investment opportunities to impact investors, multilateral development banks, foundations, the private sector, donors, and other development partners. Additionally, it facilitates one-on-one dialogues between investors and governments, fostering the advancement of sustainable agrifood investment opportunities. Through the HIH Initiative Investment Forum, FAO proudly promotes increased investment in agrifood system transformation to achieve the goals outlined in the 2030 Agenda.

LIST OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES 2026

AFRICA – RAF

#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS
1	**Angola**	Avocado, palm oil and coffee
2	**Benin**	Rice, soybean and poultry
3	**Cabo Verde (SIDS)**	Fisheries
4	**Côte d'Ivoire**	Poultry, livestock, maize, rice, cashew nut and yam
5	**Djibouti**	Vegetables, dates, aquaculture, meat slaughterhouse and fodder production
6	**Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**	Maize, coffee, cocoa, poultry and aquaculture
7	**Eswatini**	Food processing facility, aquaculture production, grain production and seed multiplication facility
8	**Ethiopia**	Mechanization of small holder agriculture, animal feed production, ranch development and grandparent stock poultry
9	**Ghana**	Cassava, poultry, rice and soybean

10	**Kenya**	Coffee
11	**Liberia**	Rice, cassava, maize and cocoa
12	**Madagascar**	Rice, maize, soybean, onions, red meat - six special economic zones on rice, maize, soybean, market gardens and fodder
13	**Malawi**	Aquaculture, honey and chilli
14	**Mozambique**	Rice
15	**Nigeria**	(tentative) Ginger, red meat, cassava, tomato, maize, dairy and aquaculture
16	**Rwanda**	Tea, small livestock, coffee, Irish potato and avocado and chili
17	**Sierra Leone**	Rice, poultry, cassava and palm oil
18	**Uganda**	Hides, skins & leather facilities, one-stop and mechanization centres, dairy processing facilities, animal feed facilities, maize processing facilities
19	**Zambia**	Soybean, beef and honey
20	**Zimbabwe**	Irrigation, mechanization, horticulture, aquaculture

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC – RAP

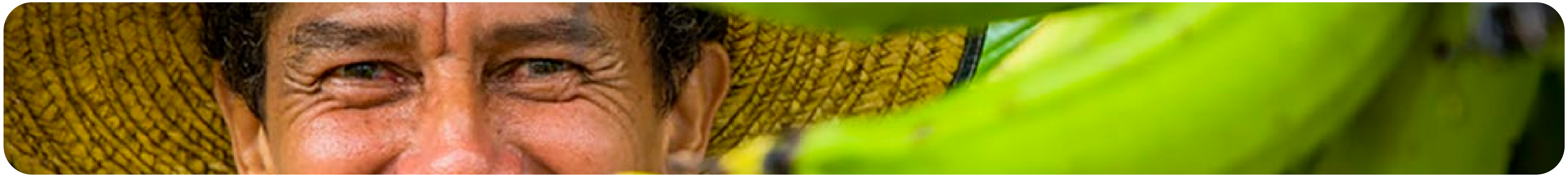
#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS
1	**Fiji**	Coconut, cocoa, pineapple and breadfruit
2	**Mongolia**	Meat, sheep wool, cashmere, camel milk, seabuckthorn
3	**Nepal**	Large cardamom, sichuan pepper, highland potato, pangasius fish, yak cheese, orange, ginger, mountain wild honey
4	**Pakistan**	Olives and dairy
5	**The Philippines**	Coffee, cacao, bamboo and jackfruit
6	**Sri Lanka**	Cinnamon extract, sea cucumber, coffee and black pepper
7	**Tonga**	Kava, cassava, and bele

NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS
1	**Jordan**	Horticulture, stone fruits and citrus

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA – REU

#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS
1	**Tajikistan**	Apricot, pasture restoration, seed centre and aquaculture



LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN – RLC

#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS
1	**Bolivia (Plurinational State of)**	Cocoa, Amazonian fruits, regenerative livestock, and High-Andean camelids
2	**Chile**	Wheat and digital connectivity
3	**Colombia**	Sustainable livestock and agro-industrial processes Integrated agro-industrial, logistics and commercialization hub for smallholder agricultural value chains
4	**Cuba**	Coffee and honey
5	**Ecuador**	Cocoa, regenerative livestock, and blue transformation for the tuna sector
6	**El Salvador**	Coffee
7	**Guatemala**	Integrated Rural Development (including economic development for coffee, cocoa and cardamom producers, soil and water management, and road infrastructure
8	**Haiti**	SPECIAL EVENT - Investment program built around three pathways: agroforestry coffee, renewable-energy processing and digital market access
9	**Mexico**	Sugar cane for ethanol

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS
1	**Amazonia** 8 countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela	Traceability in non-timber forest products
2	**African SIDS** 5 countries in Indian Ocean: Union of the Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelle + la Reunion + Madagascar: Indian Ocean Commission states 3 countries in Atlantic ocean: Cabo Verde, Guinea Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe (Community of Portuguese speaking states)	Integrated value chain development, blue transformation, science technology and innovation pilots and scale-up, market and trade integration
3	**Dry Corridor** 8 countries: Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama	Micro-, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and digital ecosystems for access to markets
4	**Pacific Islands (SIDS)** 12 countries: Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Nauru, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and Papua New Guinea	Biosecurity and pest management Value chain infrastructure (taro, coconut and fishery) digitalization, certification and traceability (GI)
5	**Southern Africa** 11 countries: Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Irrigation (Public investment into community small reservoirs, private sector investment solar pumps), mechanization hire service hubs, agroprocessing, seeds, market integration and trade