

CNFA and GSI partner to provide solutions to improve farm productivity and food security in Africa

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This partnership will notably strive to significantly reduce the multi-billion dollar food losses that occur yearly due to insufficient and inadequate post-harvest infrastructures in Sub-Saharan Africa. It will also leverage CNFA's close proximity to thousands of smallholder farmers in Africa with GSI's cutting-edge, scalable technologies for grain and perishable storage.

GSI, a global brand of AGCO, is a world class manufacturer of grain storage, material handling, conditioning and drying equipment, as well as a full line supplier of swine and poultry production equipment. GSI Group, LLC President Tom Welke and CNFA President and CEO Sylvain Roy released the following statement:

"This partnership has the potential to dramatically improve smallholder farmers' incomes and nutritional status by reducing their post-harvest losses. An alliance between CNFA - a premier agricultural non-profit development organization - and GSI - a world-class agribusiness company - demonstrates how working together and merging our collective years of experience, can result in new and innovative approaches to address food losses. We believe that our partnership can significantly impact millions of rural households' food security and help strengthen the local economy."

CNFA and GSI are currently developing solutions and technologies to be introduced in the near future. Among the most promising innovations will be the introduction of a village-level, solar-powered cold storage for perishables that will allow smallholder farmers to reduce waste and losses, while improving their access to new and existing markets.

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