



## JOINT COMMUNIQUE

### COMMON GROUND DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

We, Representatives from civil society, private sector and farmers' organisations, gathered in Kampala on October 17th and 18th, 2023 for the Regional Common Ground Dialogue on Sustainable Agriculture, hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) of the Republic of Uganda, in collaboration with the Association

for Strengthening Agriculture Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

On this day 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2023, we recognize:

#### Past Strides and Current Challenges:

While acknowledging past strides towards increasing agricultural production and productivity, we cannot ignore their detrimental impact on land health. Soil fertility depleted, landscape degradation, above ground





## Areas of convergence and agreed implementation while

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1. endeavor to proceed with Common Ground Dialogues, bridging together agriculture and conservation sectors, with a view to advocate for ambitious commitments at international events, including Rio Conventions and WCC2025.

2. endeavor to bridge the gap between agriculture and conservation



8. commit to approach public and private financial partners to develop and fund a joint programme of work.
9. Commit to nominate Hon. Maj. (Rtd) Fred BWINO KYAKULAAGA Minister of State of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, to be the champion and ambassador

The participants committed to these resolutions, driven by the conviction that a sustainable future lies in the harmonious coexistence of agriculture and conservation. Agreed that the Kampala Regional Common Ground dialogue serves as a beacon guiding their shared journey toward a resilient and sustainable agricultural landscape.

Signed on this day ..... 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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