Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate doubles investment, triples innovation sprints and partners and previews road ahead at COP27

Friday, 11th November 2022, Sharm El-Sheikh, EGYPT: The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM for Climate), a global initiative launched last November at the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) by the United Arab Emirates and the United States, today announced a doubling of increased investments by partners in climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation and a tripling of innovation sprints and partners since launch of the initiative at COP26.

With the support of over 275 government and non-government partners, AIM for Climate announced an increased investment of more than $8 billion, up from $4 billion at COP26, representing a doubling of investments. The increased investment is comprised of over $7 billion from Government Partners with contributions from Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, the European Commission, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Lithuania, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United States, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Vietnam, and over $1 billion investment from Innovation Sprints.

AIM for Climate announced 22 innovation sprints – initiatives led and funded by partners to achieve a specific outcome or output in agricultural innovation. There are now 30 innovation sprints that generally align with one or more focal areas: smallholder farmers in low- and middle-income countries, emerging technologies, agroecological research and methane reduction. Learn more about the AIM for Climate Innovation Sprints here.

The investments are enabled and supported by a tripling of AIM for Climate coalition of partners to this growing initiative, which now stands at over 275 partners, comprising governments, businesses, academia, non-profits, think tanks and more. The series of announcements at COP27 underpin AIM for Climate's overarching goal to significantly increase investment in and other support for climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation over the period of 2021 to 2025.

Diversity, gender equity, and inclusion are critical to the success of AIM for Climate, which recognizes the wide range of participants necessary to achieve its goal and seeks to create a dialogue and draw on diverse knowledge, experiences, and cultures. Leveraging its expanding partner network, AIM for Climate announced the launch of the 'AIM for Climate Innovation Hub', which connects partners and invigorates the conversation around climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation through cross-collaboration and information exchange.

On 12 November at COP27’s Adaptation & Agriculture Day, AIM for Climate will unveil details of the AIM for Climate Summit taking place in Washington, D.C., from May 8-10, 2023. Supported by the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) the AIM for Climate Summit will convene government and non-government partners to increase and accelerate investment in climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation and to spotlight opportunities for climate solutions in the lead-up to COP28 in the United Arab Emirates. This premier global event, exclusively for AIM for Climate partners, will provide a game-changing platform to raise ambition, build collaborations, and share knowledge on climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation.

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About AIM for Climate
The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM for Climate) is a voluntary global initiative that unites participants in support of a common GOAL: to significantly increase investment in and support for climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation over five years (2021-2025) to address global hunger, food security, and climate change. Led by the United States of America (U.S.) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), AIM for Climate has united 42 governments and more than 235 non-governmental partners since it was launched at the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26).

AIM for Climate seeks to drive more rapid and transformative climate action in the agricultural sector, empowering agriculture to be part of the solution to address the climate crisis, build resilience to its impacts, and create co-benefits of climate action. AIM for Climate’s impact will aid climate mitigation, poverty alleviation, and agricultural adaptation, recognizing that smallholder farmers, especially women, and communities from low- and middle-income countries are most susceptible to the negative effects of climate change.

AIM for Climate government partners provide the crucial foundation of the initiative through a wave of new public investment in climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation. But other sectors, including business, philanthropy, and other non-government partners, are invited to build upon that foundation with innovation sprints – investments in specific, impactful, expedited efforts – or by providing critical knowledge for identifying investment gaps, challenges, and opportunities for collaboration.

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