



AfricaFertilizer.org

*“To feed our people
we must first feed our soil.”*

– Olusegun Obasanjo



AfricaFertilizer.org is an IFDC initiative that works with IFA, AFAP, FAO and the AUC to facilitate the exchange of information about soil fertility, fertilizers and good agriculture practices in Africa



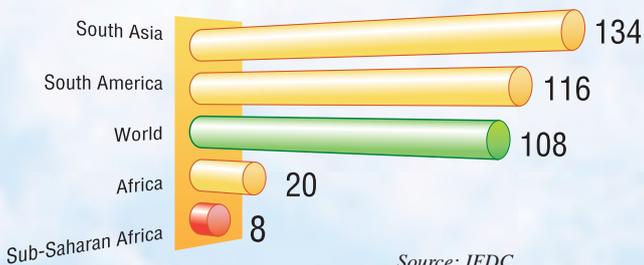
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Food Security in a Global Forum

The Green Revolution, which tripled staple crop production in Asia and Latin America, bypassed Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) – the world’s only region in which per capita food production has decreased over the past 30 years. Africa is plagued with chronic food insecurity and poverty. Former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan called for a “uniquely African Green Revolution – a revolution that will help the continent in its quest for dignity and peace.”

Fertilizer use in SSA is the world’s lowest, averaging less than 8 kilograms per hectare annually. African farmers must have mineral fertilizers to bring life back to the depleted soils and to feed the continent. But small-scale farmers, who comprise the vast majority of the farming population, have little access to fertilizers, and few can afford them. The African farmer must pay two to four times the average world market price for fertilizers.

Fertilizer Use in Select Regions of the World, 2008/09 (kg/ha)



Source: IFDC

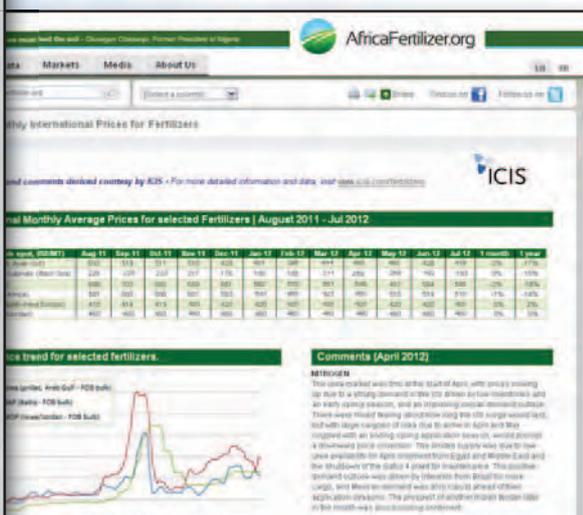
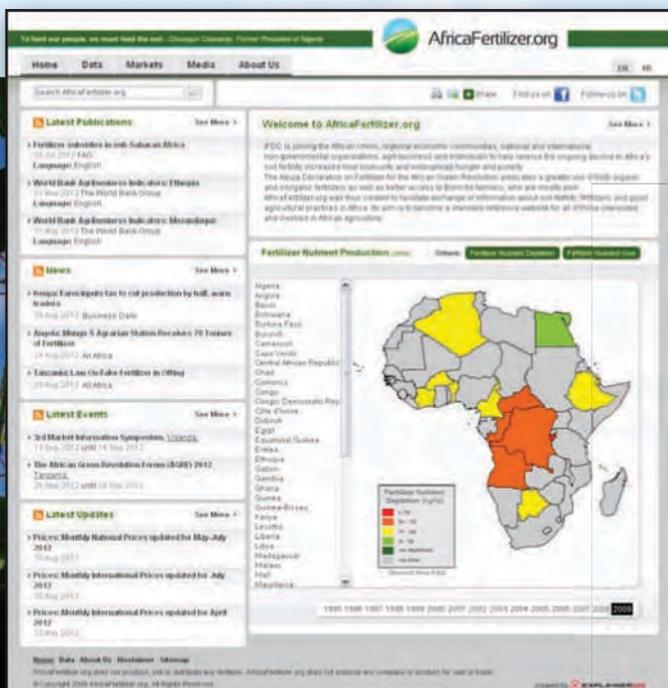
The Africa Fertilizer Summit (AFS), held in 2006, was the largest and most comprehensive effort ever to address Africa’s soil fertility crisis. AFS delegates adopted the *Abuja Declaration on Fertilizer for an African Green Revolution*, which calls for the elimination of all cross-border taxes and tariffs on fertilizer, encourages its local manufacture (using Africa’s substantial fertilizer raw materials) and better access to information on fertilizers for farm organizations, researchers, policymakers, extension specialists, the agro-input industry, the private sector, donors, funding agencies and the media.

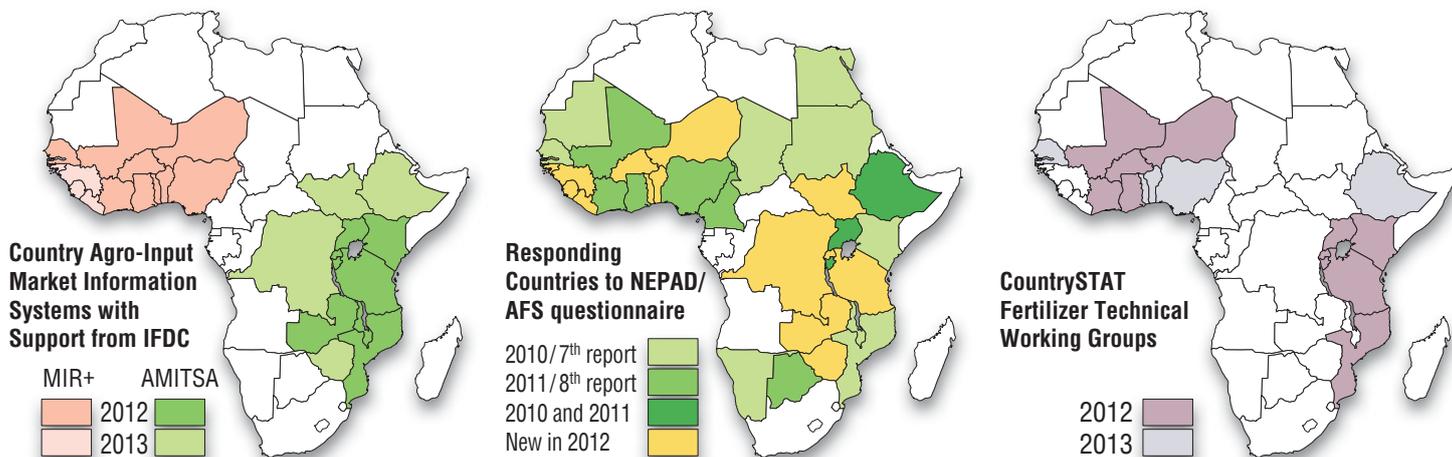
Making Fertilizer Information Available to All

Launched by IFDC in 2010, the AfricaFertilizer.org initiative (AFO) goal is to contribute to the development of a sustainable and profitable agriculture sector in Africa. The initiative encourages and coordinates partnerships and data-sharing mechanisms that provide information in two primary areas:

- **Fertilizer statistics**, such as production, trade, consumption, prices, production capacities and fertilizer use per crop.
- **Fertilizer market intelligence**, including fertilizer policies and regulations, subsidy programs, business and product directories, publications and news.

AFO sources, aggregates, filters and shares information on fertilizer through a web-based portal – www.africafertilizer.org.





Partnering to Provide More Information on Fertilizers in Africa

AfricaFertilizer.org evolved from aggregating and disseminating existing information on fertilizers to providing support to partners, programs and activities that increase the availability and quality of such information.

AfricaFertilizer.org is an IFDC initiative that works in partnership with the International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA), the recently launched African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership (AFAP), the Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) through its **CountrySTAT** program and the African Union Commission (AUC) and its **NEPAD** Planning and Coordination Agency.

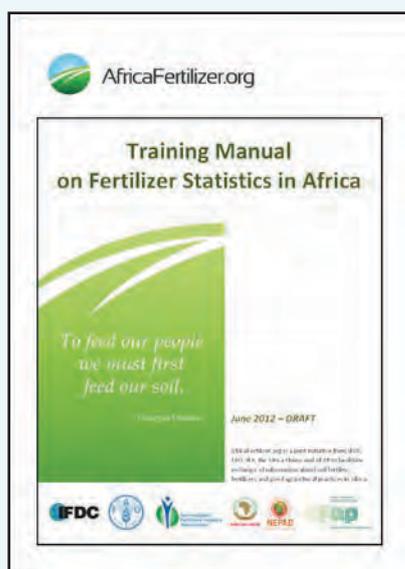
Gathering & Sharing Fertilizer Data & Information with African Communities

AFO offers a solid combination of information plus media channels and tools – from comprehensive websites and searchable online statistics to policies (with NEPAD), market news, product catalogs, and business directories; it also now includes social media and mobile applications.

AFO is interacting with major international databases such as FAOSTAT and IFADATA, fertilizer intelligence agencies, and several regional and national agro-input market information systems – reaching 10,000 agro-dealers and millions of farmers across West and East Africa.



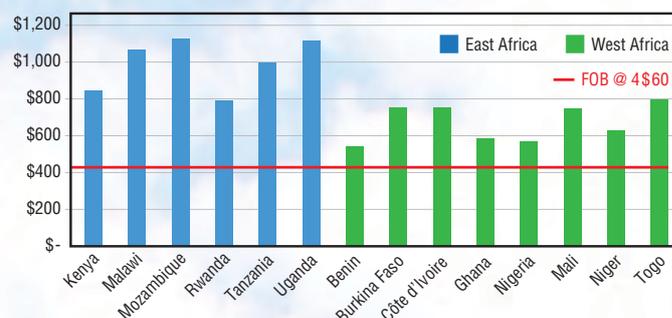
CountrySTAT/AFO Partnership



Fertilizer statistics on trade, production and consumption are often unavailable or unreliable. Beginning this year, AFO partners have co-authored a manual on fertilizer statistics in Africa. With CountrySTAT, AFO has supported the formation of national **Fertilizer Technical Working Groups** (FTWG). Statisticians, customs officers,

private importers and fertilizer experts are trained and invited to share data, information, intelligence and best practices. To date, FTWG are active in 11 countries, accounting for 70 percent of the fertilizer consumed in SSA – and will cover 90 percent of SSA in 2013. ■

Average Retail Price of Urea (US\$/ton) in April 2012



Supporting AFO Partners' Field Programs

- Mapping, profiling and surveying production, storage capacities and agro-dealer networks
- Organizing specialized **trainings** and **conferences**
- Deploying innovative **web and mobile applications** for fertilizer market information, supply chain and/or crop management
- Promoting AFAP **Agribusiness Partnership Contracts**

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IFDC is a public international organization addressing critical issues such as international food security, the alleviation of global hunger and poverty, environmental protection and the promotion of economic development and self-sufficiency. IFDC focuses on increasing productivity across the agricultural value chain in developing countries. This is achieved by the creation and transfer of effective and environmentally sound crop nutrient technology and agribusiness expertise.

www.ifdc.org

The International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA) represents the global fertilizer industry, which provides the crop nutrients that allow farmers everywhere to meet the world's growing food, feed, fibre and bioenergy needs in a sustainable manner. The IFA Africa Forum is composed of IFA members with a long-term interest in developing fertilizer use to improve soil fertility, agricultural production and human nutrition and alleviate poverty in Africa.

www.fertilizer.org

The African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership (AFAP) is a non-profit that unites the expertise and dedication of the public and private sectors to create competitive and sustainable fertilizer markets for African smallholder farmers.

www.afap-partnership.org

FAO statistics (FAOSTAT) collates and disseminates food and agricultural statistics globally. **CountrySTAT** is a web-based information technology system for food and agriculture statistics at the national and sub-national levels. The CountrySTAT program currently covers 21 Sub-Saharan African countries and Regional Economic Communities (UEMOA, EAC).

www.fao.org | faostat.fao.org | www.countrystat.org

NEPAD is a programme of the **African Union Commission (AUC)**. Its Planning and Coordination Agency is coordinating the Fertilizer Support Programme, which aims to affect policy and markets at country and regional levels, and to improve access to fertilizer and provide incentives to farmers to make wider use of fertilizer across Africa.

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