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Newsletter: Legislative Developments in the Agri-food Sector across 12 African Countries (2024–2025): Morocco, Algeria, Senegal, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Congo, Cameroon, Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, Angola, South Africa, and Côte d'Ivoire

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Morocco (in association with Concordial Morocco)

Recent Developments:

In April 2024, the Moroccan government reduced VAT on basic food products to 10% to ease household costs.

(Source: Ministry of Finance press release, April 2024).

In September 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture allocated MAD 10 billion to hydro-agricultural infrastructure to enhance drought resilience.

(Source: Decree No. 2-24-150, published in the Official Bulletin)

Outlook for 2025:

By June 2025, the government plans to connect 2 million farmers to digital agricultural platforms to boost productivity—an opportunity for Morocco's AgriTech sector.

(Source: 2024–2026 Digital Strategic Plan)

A reform of agricultural insurance aims to cover 2.5 million hectares by December 2025.

(Source: Agricultural Insurance Program, Ministry of Agriculture)

Algeria



Recent Developments:

In March 2024, the government subsidized fertilizers and seeds to support 150,000 smallholder farmers.

(Source: Official statement from the Ministry of Agriculture)

In June 2024, an agreement with the European Union was signed to modernize supply chains and agri-food technologies.

(Source: European Commission Report, June 2024)

Outlook for 2025:

By the end of 2025, five agricultural industrial zones will be operational to boost production.

(Source: National Rural Development Program)

A national food product traceability system will be deployed by October 2025 to enhance food safety.

(Source: Presidential Decree No. 24-458)

Senegal

Recent Developments:

In May 2024, the Senegalese Parliament passed a law granting tax incentives to agri-food companies. (Source: Law No. 2024-15, published in the Official Journal)

In August 2024, an agreement with the World Bank was signed to support 1.5 million small farmers.

(Source: World Bank press release, August 2024)

Outlook for 2025:

Senegal plans to build 10 new agricultural silos by November 2025 to reduce post-harvest losses.

(Source: Agricultural Development Program, APIX Senegal)

An initiative to increase the share of organic farming will be launched by July 2025.

(Source: Ministry of Agriculture)

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Recent Developments:

In November 2024, the agriculture budget increased by 16%, reaching CDF 3.8 billion for 2025.

(Source: 2025 Draft Finance Law)

In December 2024, the government launched the construction of three agro-industrial parks to boost local production.

(Source: President Tshisekedi's statement)

Outlook for 2025:

The Agricultural Code will be revised by the end of 2025 to attract more foreign investment.

(Source: Ministry of Agriculture)

A national irrigation program will be deployed in semi-arid regions by November 2025 to improve yields.



(Source: Official government press release)

Congo

Recent Developments:

In July 2024, the government subsidized organic fertilizers to improve food crop yields.

(Source: Ministry of Agriculture press release)

In October 2024, a partnership with the FAO was signed to promote sustainable farming practices.

(Source: Congo–FAO Agreement, October 2024)

Outlook for 2025:

Training programs will be implemented by June 2025 to introduce modern irrigation techniques.

(Source: Agricultural Modernization Program)

The government aims to double cassava production through mechanized agriculture projects by December 2025.

(Source: FAO Report)

Cameroon

Recent Developments:

In June 2024, the government adopted a plan to rehabilitate 500 km of rural roads to improve market access for producers.

(Source: Presidential Decree No. 2024-250)

In August 2024, tax incentives were offered to local agri-food companies.

(Source: Ministry of Finance press release)

Outlook for 2025:

A cassava and maize processing project will be launched by October 2025 with support from the African Development Bank.

(Source: AfDB Cameroon)

The government plans to strengthen agricultural cooperatives via an operational support fund starting in April 2025.

(Source: Ministry of Agriculture)

Kenya

Recent Developments:

In May 2024, Kenya reduced fertilizer prices by 50% through an EU-supported program.

(Source: Ministry of Agriculture press release)

Outlook for 2025:

Three irrigation dams will be completed by November 2025 to enhance yields.

(Source: Strategic Agricultural Report)



A national organic product certification program will be launched by July 2025.

(Source: Ministry of Agriculture)

Angola

Recent Developments:

In March 2024, Angola signed an agreement with Brazil to import agricultural technologies.

(Source: Angola–Brazil Agreements)

Outlook for 2025:

Ten mechanized agricultural zones will be created by December 2025 to boost productivity.

(Source: Ministry of Agriculture)

A food export traceability system will be implemented by September 2025.

(Source: Presidential Decree)

South Africa

Recent Developments:

In April 2024, subsidies were allocated for cereal crops to counter food inflation.

(Source: Ministry of Agriculture press release)

Outlook for 2025:

South Africa aims to increase fruit and vegetable exports to Asia via bilateral agreements by September 2025.

(Source: Trade Cooperation Report)

Sustainable agricultural practices will be implemented on 50% of large-scale farms by December 2025. (Source: National Agricultural Development Strategy)

Côte d'Ivoire

Recent Developments:

In March 2024, Côte d'Ivoire enacted a law requiring 50% of cocoa to be processed locally by 2026.

(Source: Law No. 2024-1)

Outlook for 2025:

Two new cocoa processing plants will be operational by July 2025.

(Source: Ministry of Trade)

A partnership with the EU will train 5,000 farmers in sustainable techniques by December 2025.

(Source: Côte d'Ivoire–EU Cooperation Program)