

Press Release

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Welcome to the 12th edition of agrofood Nigeria 2027 in Lagos

West Africa's No. 1 annual business platform for the agrofood industry!

(Heidelberg / Lagos) Back for its 12th edition, agrofood Nigeria returns to the Landmark Centre in Lagos from 16 to 18 March 2027, showcasing the incredible momentum of Nigeria's agrofood market. This is the place where innovation meets opportunity – bringing together industry leaders, decision-makers, and top suppliers across the entire value chain.

Organised by fairtrade Messe in cooperation with their local partners Createo urban, thousands of professionals from across Nigeria and West Africa are expected to attend this key industry event.

Nigeria and West Africa investing heavily in agro, food, beverage and packaging technology and ingredients

- With imports of [food & packaging technology](#) of €265 million in 2024, Nigeria is West Africa's largest importer of such technologies. (VDMA)
- With €121m in 2024, Nigeria is the West Africa's largest importer of [packaging technology](#). (VDMA)
- The [enormous population growth](#) from 238 million in 2025 to 411 million in 2050 demands high sustainable investments in Nigeria's food industry. Accordingly, the demand for [food and beverage ingredients](#) is rising continuously.
- Despite significant investments in local food production, [Nigeria's food imports](#) totaled US\$4.5bn in 2024, positioning the nation as one of Africa's foremost food importers. Nigerian food exports made up for US\$3.1bn. (WTO)

NEW: South Africa as guest of honour 2027

The organisers are delighted to announce that South Africa will be the guest of honour at agrofood Nigeria 2027.

Strong international presence: 137 leading exhibitors from 17 countries

The 2026 edition featured the largest international participation in the event's history, with [137 leading exhibitors from 17 countries](#). Exhibitors came from Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Poland, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States.

By enabling direct engagement with international solution providers, agrofood Nigeria promotes technology transfer, strengthens supply chains and supports informed investment decisions across Nigeria and the wider West African market. For a comprehensive overview, please refer to the [2026 Post Show Report](#).



Bigger. Bolder. More targeted than ever.

With its specialised partial fairs – agro, food + bev tec, food ingredients, packaging & food + hospitality – agrofood Nigeria offers a focused, future-driven experience for professionals from farm to fork, reflected in the hall layout for maximum impact.

- Hall 1: food + bev tec & packaging
- Hall 2: agro & food + hospitality
- Hall 3: food ingredients – spotlighting innovation, functionality & flavor

A trusted platform - agrofood Nigeria gains strong support from local and global institutions

With backing from over 20 respected organizations, including international chambers, government ministries, trade agencies, and industry associations, agrofood Nigeria 2026 reinforces its position as West Africa's leading business and innovation hub for the agrofood and packaging sectors.

For more information about the event:

Please visit www.agrofood-nigeria.com

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About the organiser fairtrade - Valuable business contacts

Founded in 1991, fairtrade has long been one of the leading organisers of professional international agrofood & plastprintpack trade fairs in Africa and the Middle East. Over the decades, more than 36,000 exhibitors and 1.5 million trade visitors have expressed their confidence in us.

With our international trade shows, we take innovative ways to connect emerging markets with solution providers from across the globe. Facilitating valuable business contacts between our exhibitors and trade visitors - that's what we at fairtrade stand for.

fairtrade is managed by its founder Martin März and his son Paul, who joined the company in 2016, and builds on a highly motivated team of experienced and young professionals, many of them qualified in-house over three years in partnership with the German Cooperative State University to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration - Exhibition, Convention & Event Management or Media & Communication Management.

ISO 9001:2015 certified and a member of UFI The Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, fairtrade strives for high customer satisfaction with excellent service and innovative products.

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