



WORLD CONGRESS
ON RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL FINANCE

Building Resilient Local Agrifood Systems

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TO ALIDE MEMBERSTO ATTEND THE 8TH WORLD CONGRESS ON
RURAL & AGRICULTURAL FINANCE IN AFRICA – 29-31 OCTOBER 2025

13th May 2025

A congress convened every three years

jointly by Regional Agricultural Credit Associations (RACAs), namely:

- The Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE),
- Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA)
- African Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (AFRACA),
- the Near East–North Africa Regional Agricultural Credit Association (NENARACA) and
- Confédération Internationale du Crédit Agricole (CICA).

AFRACA hosts the event on 29 - 31 October 2025 in Mombasa, Kenya.

Side meetings and exhibitions start earlier on 27-28 October 2025.



KEY OBJECTIVE

Bring together member financial institutions & key development actors from all continents to share best practices on topical global development issues with the purpose of raising critical policy recommendations to increase the flow of finance to rural and agricultural sectors *to help achieve global goals-SDGs.*



Theme: “Building Resilient Local Agrifood Systems: *The Role of Robust Financing Mechanism and Policy*”.



CONCEPT

- ❖ Significant SMEs involvement in agric. Local Farmers produce 70%-80% of the world's food. In Africa, Food Processors receive 95% of total smallholder supply, yet have little access to funds.
- ❖ Food systems annual financing gap expected to reach USD 350 billion by 2030 (IFPRI, 2022 Global Food Policy Report).
- ❖ Threats, including Climate change – Extreme heat, floods etc affecting Food Systems across entire value chains





CONCEPT

- ❖ Food Systems being championed by global leaders, Govts, RACAs, DPs, Private sector etc.
- ❖ Need for appropriate financing models & policies locally sensitive
- ❖ Need for Innovative risk management strategies in Rural and Africa finance
 - Alide has some great contribution to give.



THE 8TH WORLD CONGRESS

- A. Global Session with global speakers
- B. Special Sessions by Regional Associations
- C. Side Meetings Include:
 - 1. Youth Policy on Agrifood systems
 - 2. Assessment of African Public Development Banks' (PDBs)
use of Technology, Innovation & Policy



3. Promoting Effective Regional Associations & Development Partners' Collaboration Towards Achieving Global Development Goals
4. Other Partner Side Meetings & Exhibition
Invite members/ Development Partners to organize side meetings and exhibitions to tell their achievements, results of research or future program/strategy.

D. Excursion



EXPECTED PARTNERSHIP ROLE FROM ALIDE

- ❖ Share your expertise on the topic with the rest of the World – through Alide session and side meetings/ exhibition etc.
- ❖ Opportunity to learn from your peers from other Regions
- ❖ Build networks with other DFIs and Partners from other continents
- ❖ Invite other partners to support and participate in the event
- ❖ Promote the Congress in in your sub-regions via your various Media Channels



Venue: Mombasa – Kenya

Attractions



- ❑ Mombasa is Kenya's second-largest city, and offers visitors a captivating blend of history, culture, and natural beauty.
- ❑ Conference delegates should not miss **Fort Jesus**, a 16th-century Portuguese fortress & UNESCO World Heritage site that showcases the city's strategic maritime history.
- ❑ Pristine **beaches** like Nyali, Bamburi, and Diani offer perfect relaxation spots with their white sands and turquoise waters.
- ❑ For nature enthusiasts, **Haller Park** presents a remarkable ecological success story where a former quarry has been transformed into a wildlife sanctuary.
- ❑ The **tropical climate** ensures warm temperatures year-round, averaging 26-30°C (79-86°F), with brief afternoon showers during the rainy seasons (April-June and October-November).



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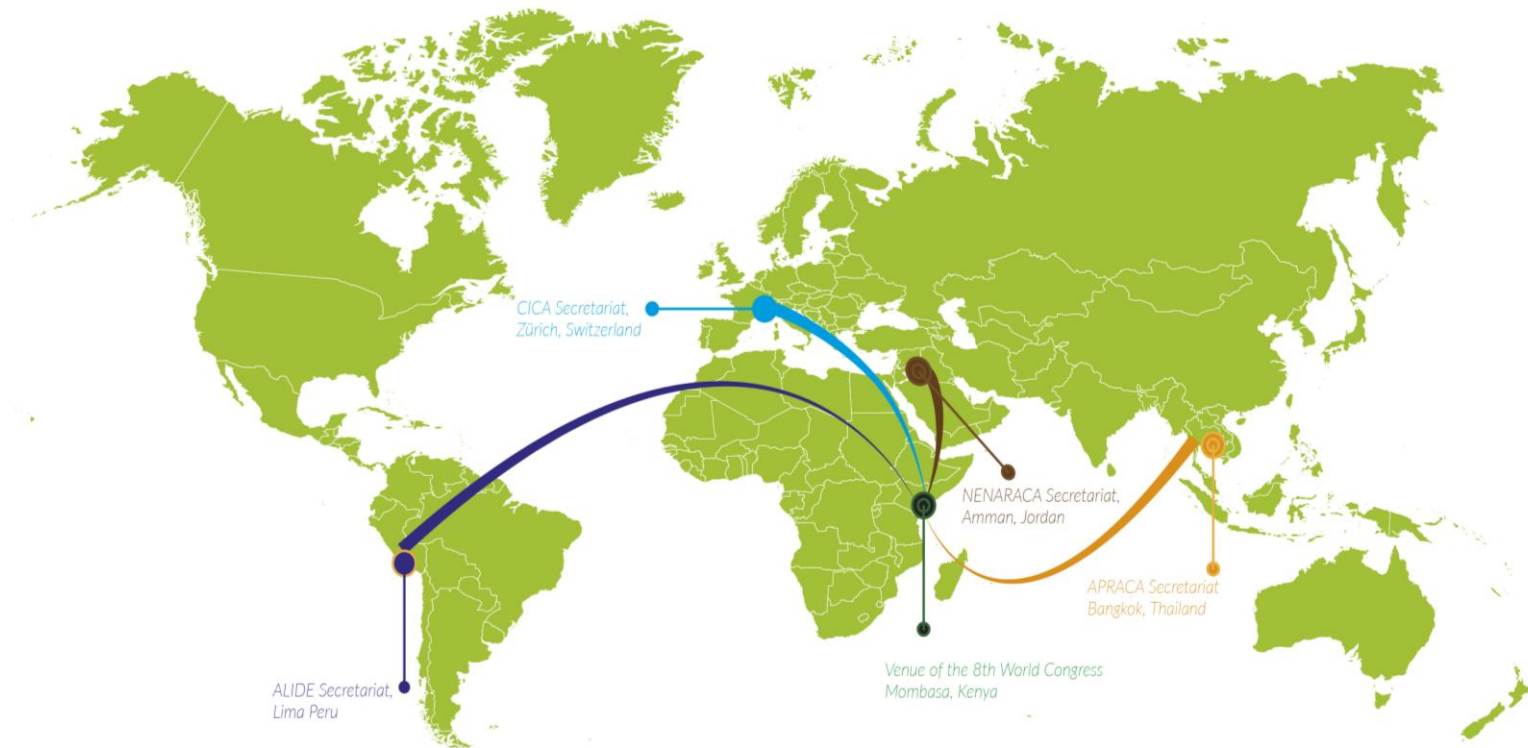


What Specific Support is Needed From RTC for 8WC25?

- ❖ Share your expertise on the topic with the rest of the World.
- ❖ Learn from your peers.
- ❖ Promote the Congress in your sub-regions via your various Social Media Channels
- ❖ Invite other partners to be interested to participate
- ❖ Build networks with other DFIs and Partners from other continents
- ❖ We are building a coalition to host the 8WC.



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Amman, Jordan

APRACA Secretariat
Bangkok, Thailand

Venue of the 8th World Congress
Mombasa, Kenya

ALIDE Secretariat,
Lima Peru



8WC WEBSITE LINK

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<https://world-congress.afraca.org/>

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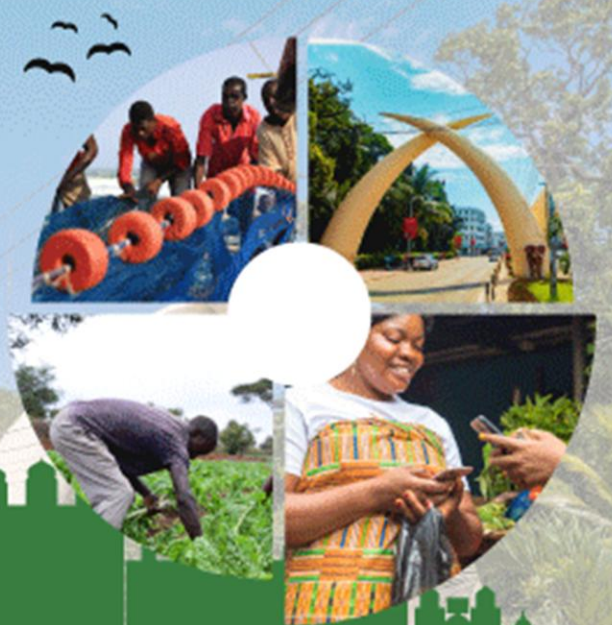
27th - 31st October, 2025

at Sarova Whitesands Beach
Resort & Spa, Mombasa, Kenya

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