

Kenya launches online farmer platforms

The Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) has launched an e-service platform and three mobile apps for chicken, dryland crop and pasture seed farmers. As a result, the organisation is now providing farmers with timely, high-level research and agro-weather data for specific value chains, advising farmers on the best agronomics practices for their geographical areas.

"Before the internet infrastructure and connection upgrades, we could spend days and incurred huge travelling and phone call costs in delivering information from our research centres across the country to the headquarters' data centre for processing and dissemination to farmers," said Boniface Akuku, KALRO's Director of ICT.

Kenya's innovation in agriculture and information delivery has received global recognition, with *Planet of the Apps*, a TV reality show about apps and talented developers, set to featuring KALRO's app this weekend.

"This is great recognition of our efforts to develop apps that support agriculture," said Akuku.

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