

Jane Karuku

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As the President of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Ms Jane Karuku oversees one of Africa's largest grant-making organizations in the food security and agricultural development sector. AGRA seeks to trigger a uniquely African Green Revolution that transforms agriculture into a highly productive, efficient and sustainable system that will assure food security and lift millions out of poverty.

Ms Karuku took up the presidency of AGRA in April 2012 after serving as Deputy Chief Executive and Secretary-General of Telkom Kenya. During her tenure at Telkom Kenya, she was credited with the transformation of the organization. She worked closely with the Chief Executive and the parent company Orange to reposition Telkom Kenya as a respected competitive and viable player in the telecommunications industry in Kenya.

Ms Karuku has an over 20-year proven track record as a management leader and has held senior positions in a number of international corporate organisations including Cadburys Limited, where she worked as the Managing Director for East and Central Africa. At Cadburys, she was responsible for operations in 14 countries across Africa and during her tenure she conceived and implemented a highly successful growth programme for the business in this period.

Prior to that Ms Karuku worked with Farmers Choice Kenya and Kenya Cooperative Creameries. She sits on various boards including Barclays Bank -Kenya, Junior Achievement-Kenya, United States International University-Kenya, the Global Reporting Initiative and the East African Breweries Ltd. She earned an MBA in Marketing from the National University of California, USA and holds a degree in Food Science and Technology from the University of Nairobi.