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QITAF Holding Launches the "Green Silk Road" Initiative to Advance Food Security and Strategic Trade Between the UAE and Tanzania

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QITAF Holding, a wholly owned subsidiary of **Abu Dhabi National Investment and Development P.J.S.C. (ADID)**, has announced a strategic initiative under the name **"Green Silk Road"**, aimed at developing an integrated ecosystem connecting the agricultural capabilities and natural resources of the United Republic of Tanzania with regional and international markets, with the United Arab Emirates serving as a key hub for trade, investment and food security.

The initiative is envisioned as a **public-private partnership**, bringing together relevant institutions and strategic partners in Tanzania, including the **National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA)** and the **Tanzania Mercantile Exchange (TMX)**. It is designed to support the development of an integrated value chain spanning agricultural production, aggregation, storage and strategic food reserves, processing and value addition, digital commodity trading, logistics, and access to regional and global markets.

The Green Silk Road: Connecting Resources, Markets and Opportunity

The name **"Green Silk Road"** reflects an ambitious vision to build new bridges of economic and commercial cooperation between the **United Arab Emirates and the United Republic of Tanzania**, inspired by the historic values of connectivity, exchange and trade between nations and peoples.

The name also embodies a forward-looking approach to a more sustainable future—one in which **Africa's agricultural resources are connected to global markets** through strategic partnerships that strengthen food security while creating new opportunities for sustainable growth and shared prosperity.

An Integrated Farm-to-Global-Market Ecosystem

Within the food security and agriculture pillar, the initiative seeks to cooperate with **NFRA** to strengthen agricultural production, enhance supply chains and strategic food reserves, develop storage and processing capabilities, and increase the value added to agricultural products.

The initial phase is expected to focus on a number of strategic crops, including **wheat, soybeans and basmati rice**, with the potential for future expansion into **cashew nuts, tea, vanilla, cocoa**, and other high-value agricultural commodities.

On the trading side, the initiative envisages cooperation with **TMX – Tanzania Mercantile Exchange** to further develop a modern digital commodity trading ecosystem capable of enhancing market transparency and efficiency while connecting farmers and producers more effectively with domestic, regional and international markets.

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The longer-term vision is not limited to agricultural products. Subject to applicable regulatory frameworks and approvals, the platform could potentially expand to additional commodity and asset classes, including **carbon credits, minerals and other strategic commodities**.

A Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development

The **Green Silk Road** is intended to establish a sustainable economic model that creates shared value across the entire ecosystem—from farmers and producers to processors, traders, investors and end markets.

The initiative seeks to support agricultural and processing infrastructure, enhance storage and strategic reserve capacity, create employment opportunities, increase exports, promote value-added industries and contribute to greater food security and economic resilience in both Tanzania and the UAE.

It also seeks to reinforce the UAE's position as a global hub for **trade, investment, logistics and food-security innovation**, while leveraging Tanzania's significant agricultural potential and strategic position as a gateway to African markets.

In the longer term, the **Green Silk Road** is envisioned as a scalable economic and trade corridor capable of connecting **African production with capital, technology and global markets**, creating a new model of cooperation that brings together food security, investment, sustainable development and international trade.

About QITAF Holding

QITAF Holding is a wholly owned subsidiary of **Abu Dhabi National Investment and Development P.J.S.C. (ADID)**. The company focuses on developing strategic investments and projects across food security, agriculture, AgriTech, FoodTech, food processing, supply chains and commodity trading, supporting the UAE's ambition to build a more sustainable, resilient and competitive food ecosystem.



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