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Khalid Bomba: Short bio

Khalid Bomba is the Founding Chief Executive Officer of the Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA), an independent government agency modeled after the Nodal Agencies which were integral during the take-off phase of many Asian countries during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The ATA is tasked with catalyzing the transformation of Ethiopia's agriculture sector using an innovative combination of mandate areas which seek to enhance the capacity of other government organizations and private sector actors to deliver sustainable results. Since its creation in 2010, the organization has initiated over 40 different projects, many of which have gone to scale and reached millions of farmers across Ethiopia. This includes the 8028 Farmer Hotline which has over 5 million registered users and the EthioSIS, national digital soil fertility map, which has transformed the way in which farmers manage critical natural resources.

Prior to joining the ATA, Khalid held senior level and executive positions in a diverse set of public, private and development institutions such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and JP Morgan. Khalid received his BA from Swarthmore College, an MSc from Oxford University and a second MSc from the London School of Economics.