

## FIRAT and NAB-CCM collaborate to transform Africa's cold chain landscape

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The Foresight Institute of Research and Translation (FIRAT), Rwanda and the National Accreditation Body for Cold Chain Management (NAB-CCM), India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cold chain systems across Africa.

Under this strategic five-year partnership, FIRAT will serve as NAB-CCM's exclusive implementation partner on the continent. This will help in leading efforts to enhance infrastructure, professional training, facility accreditation, Industry outreach and research initiatives in public health.

"This collaboration brings awareness and implementation of cold chain standards to Africa's doorsteps. By combining NAB-CCM's global expertise with our local insight, we're creating resilient, future-ready solutions tailored to African realities," said Kudirat Adedeji, Managing Director of FIRAT.

Avinash Verma, Founder of NAB-CCM, added, "Our mission is to empower communities through accredited cold chain professionals. Partnering with FIRAT allows us to scale that mission, advancing sustainability, health and education across Africa."

FIRAT is dedicated to advancing cutting-edge research, translating innovative findings into real-world solutions, and fostering innovation across diverse disciplines.

Its mission is to drive the sustainable development of Nigeria, Rwanda, and African nations, empowering communities and shaping a brighter future through knowledge, collaboration, and transformative impact.

NAB-CCM is the first-of-its-kind ecosystem dedicated to advancing cold chain management. It is a collaborative initiative driven by partnerships between academia, industry and government, focused on providing education, training, awareness, certification, incubation and accreditation within the cold chain community.

NAB-CCM ensures that businesses and its workforce involved in manufacturing, storage, transportation and handling of temperature-sensitive goods are well-trained and audited for best practices.

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