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The banner features the AWARD logo (African Women in Agricultural Research and Development) on the left and the AGRA logo (Sustainably Growing Africa's Food Systems) on the right. The central text reads "She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF)". Below this, a photograph shows two women in traditional African attire working with plants. Text on the left side of the photo reads: "Applications are now open for the inaugural SHEAF Fellowship!" and "Application deadline: Date: January 31, 2026". At the bottom left, a URL is provided: <https://bit.ly/SHEAF26>.

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December 16, 2025 - The call to apply for the She Leads African Food Futures (SHEAF) Fellowship is now open. The Fellowship targets applicants from Kenya,

Malawi, and Senegal for an immersive career development program that will integrate leadership development, mentoring, network development, and technical excellence.

Fellows will be drawn from diverse organizations, including government ministries and agencies, non-governmental organizations, academia, research, the private sector, civil society, regional and sub-regional organizations, among others.

SHEAF Fellowship targets African women at different stages of their careers who are actively engaged in finding solutions that address gender inequalities in agri-food systems policies and programs.

Successful applicants will receive customized training in leadership, gender, and agrifood systems, coupled with mentoring, coaching, and peer learning support to sharpen their skills in designing and implementing gender-responsive agrifood systems policies and programs.

The Fellowship will build a vibrant network of African women professionals from varied disciplines to drive policy and programmatic change for equitable agri-food systems in sub-Saharan Africa. Up to 25 Fellows will be selected, with a special focus on women working in AGRA-supported organizations and programs.

Application for the Fellowship is strictly via an online form [here](#)

The call for applications closes at midnight on January 31, 2026, East Africa Time (GMT+3). Applications will NOT be accepted after this date.

Applicants should carefully read the application guidelines for more information on eligibility criteria and application process.