

Weekly Innovation Briefing: September 29 – October 5, 2025

This consolidated report merges Daily Brief 1 and Daily Brief 2 into a single document, highlighting the six highest-scoring global innovation developments for the week, using Tharaka Invention Academy’s evaluation rubric.

1. 10-Million Farmer Science Network (AGRIIP)

Date of event: October 2, 2025

Date of report: October 2, 2025

The JR Biotek Foundation of Nigeria launched AGRIIP, a 10-year initiative linking 10,000 scientists with 10 million African farmers to co-develop climate-resilient and demand-driven crops. AGRIIP combines indigenous knowledge and modern agritech to preserve 30 heritage grains and develop new bioproduct ventures.

Why it matters: AGRIIP redefines agricultural innovation in the Global South by empowering African-led science and entrepreneurship over the priorities of somebody like billionaire Bill Gates. It offers a replicable model for participatory R&D that directly benefits local communities and strengthens regional resilience.

Source: JR Biotek Foundation (<https://jrbiotekfoundation.org>)

Impact	Novelty	Scalability	Policy Shift	Relevance to TIA	Ethical/Cultural	Time Horizon
5	5	5	4	4	5	2

2. WHO Consolidated Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) Guidelines

Date of event: October 5, 2025

Date of report: October 5, 2025

WHO, FIGO, and ICM released unified guidelines on postpartum haemorrhage—51 recommendations covering prevention, diagnosis, and treatment—based on the largest dataset to date. The guidance aims to standardize maternal care globally and launched alongside the first World PPH Day.

Why it matters: PPH is the leading cause of maternal mortality in Africa. Consolidated global guidelines create pathways for innovators developing low-cost medical tools, simulation training, and frugal health technologies for resource-limited environments.

Source: WHO (<https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2025/10/05/default-calendar/xxv-figo-world-congress-of-gynecology-and-obstetrics>)

Impact	Novelty	Scalability	Policy Shift	Relevance to TIA	Ethical/Cultural	Time Horizon
5	4	4	4	5	4	5

3. African Climate Summit Outcomes

Date of event: September 8–10, 2025

Date of report: October 5, 2025

African leaders pledged over \$100 billion to accelerate the Green Industrialisation Initiative and fund 1,000 climate innovations annually through a new Africa Climate Fund. The summit also unveiled a Model Climate Law for Africa to embed climate responsibility and indigenous knowledge into national policies.

Why it matters: This marks a continental shift toward policy-driven innovation and self-determined climate action, creating opportunity for African inventors in renewable energy, agriculture, and green manufacturing.

Source: Modern Ghana (<https://modernghana.com>)

Impact	Novelty	Scalability	Policy Shift	Relevance to TIA	Ethical/Cultural	Time Horizon
5	4	5	5	3	4	3

4. Kenya Plans to Halve Mobile Money Fees

Date of event: September 29–October 1, 2025

Date of report: October 1, 2025

Kenya's draft National Financial Inclusion Strategy proposes to cut mobile money fees by 57% by 2028 and introduce an open, interoperable payments framework connecting banks and wallets nationwide.

Why it matters: Lower transaction fees and interoperability expand opportunities for small entrepreneurs and startups, strengthening Africa's leadership in digital financial innovation.

Source: CIO Africa, TechAfricaNews

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5	5	5	5	4	3	4

5. IFPRI Global Food Policy Report – Africa Launch

Date of event: October 1–2, 2025
Date of report: October 2, 2025

IFPRI’s Africa launch of the 2025 Global Food Policy Report emphasized inclusive, farmer-led design and showcased solar AI crop-disease detectors and digital market integration for millions of smallholders.

Why it matters: It validates data-driven, inclusive agricultural innovation and offers applied models for TIA learners to study resilience and participatory problem-solving.

Source: IFPRI (<https://www.ifpri.org/blog/ifpri-2025-global-food-policy-report-africa-launch-charting-a-course-for-agrifood-system-transformation>)

Impact	Novelty	Scalability	Policy Shift	Relevance to TIA	Ethical/Cultural	Time Horizon
4	4	4	4	5	4	4

6. Right Livelihood Awards Highlight Grassroots Innovation

Date of event: October 2, 2025
Date of report: October 2, 2025

The 2025 Right Livelihood Awards honored Sudan’s Emergency Response Rooms and Taiwan’s civic-tech pioneer Audrey Tang for decentralized problem-solving in conflict and governance.

Why it matters: Civic innovators can adapt these frameworks for post-crisis recovery and governance. The recognition underscores ethical, participatory models central to the Invention School ethos.

Source: AP News (<https://apnews.com/article/sweden-right-livelihood-award-sudan-myanmar-taiwan-2b5582af8cf6832a3801166a241b3c07>)

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4	4	4	3	4	5	5

Meta-summary

Across these six developments, innovation is being reframed as system-level problem-solving rather than invention alone. From health to finance, climate, and agriculture, the common thread is lowering barriers so ordinary actors can operate more effectively. This

week's brief reflects Africa and Asia's growing leadership in inclusive, contextual innovation rooted in both indigenous knowledge and emerging technology.