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This initiative is aligned with **Her Excellency President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan's 2023 directive to the SAGCOT Centre CEO**, emphasizing the importance of expanding the SAGCOT model nationwide. The President issued the directive to the SAGCOT CEO **as a member of Tanzania's Presidential Advisory Council for Food and Agriculture**.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, **Hon. David Silinde commended** the collaboration, highlighting **Tanzania's achievement of 128% food self-sufficiency in the 2023-2024 fiscal year**. However, he emphasized that further efforts are needed to strengthen the sector. The newly launched initiatives will focus on removing regulatory barriers, attracting private investment, and scaling up the AGCOT model to drive sustainable agricultural transformation in Tanzania.

"Tanzania is committed to transforming agriculture to ensure food security, reduce poverty, and drive economic growth," said Hon. Silinde. "With Norway's support, these projects will play a key role in achieving our goals."

🗣️ "This partnership drives food security, poverty reduction, and inclusive growth." – Hon. David Silinde, Deputy Agriculture Minister

🗣️ "Together, we're unlocking agriculture's potential to create jobs and uplift communities." – H.E. Tone Tinnes, Norwegian Ambassador

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🗣️ "AGRA is dedicated to equipping Tanzania's smallholder farmers with essential resources and support, aiming to cultivate a resilient and sustainable agricultural sector." – Vianey Rweyendela, AGRA Country Director.

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