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**Bill & Melinda Gates Agricultural Innovations Achieves  
Certificate of Successful Audit Completion Under the  
Excellence Through Stewardship Global Audit Process**

**ST. LOUIS (December 14, 2023)** — Bill & Melinda Gates Agricultural Innovations (Gates Ag One) has successfully completed its inaugural audit under the Excellence Through Stewardship (ETS) Global Audit Process, administered by the Global Stewardship Group.

The ETS Global Audit Process ensures that members have stewardship programs and quality management systems for the full life cycle of agricultural biotechnology products that are consistent with the Excellence Through Stewardship initiative.

Gates Ag One, a non-profit affiliate of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was set up to help accelerate the development of improved crops that can close the yield gap. It is committed to stewarding agricultural innovations to ensure they are available and accessible to serve the priorities of smallholder farmers in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

The Global Stewardship Group is a global non-profit organization that offers programs to companies and organizations with a variety of needs when it comes to plant biotechnology stewardship. GSG offers programs for management of transgene technology, other plant breeding innovations such as genome editing, as well as stewardship education.

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**About Gates Ag One:**

Bill & Melinda Gates Agricultural Innovations (Gates Ag One) is a non-profit organization that accelerates breakthrough agricultural research to meet the urgent and neglected needs of smallholder farmers in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Out of the conviction that all lives have equal value, Gates Ag One serves the interests of smallholder farmers, who are most exposed to climate shocks yet lack the access that others have to the latest agricultural innovations. Gates Ag One works to level the playing field and empower smallholder farmers to transform their agricultural productivity, nutrition security and climate resilience. Learn more at [gatesagone.org](http://gatesagone.org).

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