

# AGRF2018 Newsletter

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into Sustainable Agribusiness

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Dear Delegate,

**It's now two weeks to the 2018 AGRF!**

This year's Forum is shaping up really well; we look forward to seeing you in Kigali.

PROGRAMME

**50+**  
EXCITING SESSIONS  
PACKED INTO A 4 DAY  
EXPERIENCE

**JOIN CLOSE TO  
300 SPEAKERS**  
FROM BOTH PUBLIC &  
PRIVATE SECTORS



**The final Programme will be out this week!**

On the menu, we have over 50 sessions and close to 300 speakers from the public and private sectors. Some of the exciting sessions include:

## **Presidential Summit, Saturday 8 September 2018**

H.E. President Paul Kagame has invited eight other Heads of State to the AGRF. The Heads of State will take part in the Presidential Summit focusing on their endeavours to improve state capability for agriculture, increase agribusiness investment, and promote regional and international trade.

## **Pitch AgriHack 2018, Thursday 6 September 2018**

The 2018 winners of the **'Pitch AgriHack 2018'**, a competition that supports young agricultural agripreneurs build viable businesses and boost innovation for a more sustainable agricultural sector will be announced at the AGRF. Winning innovations will be awarded up to €15,000, as well as mentoring and networking opportunities. Pitch Agrihack is organised by CTA with the support of AfDB and in collaboration with AGRA.

REGISTRATION

**Registration is now closed!** For those of you who are already pre-registered, be sure to confirm your space. We urge you to complete your registration by paying the registration fee (where applicable) and uploading a copy of your passport as well as a passport-sized photograph. These will be used for your accreditation badge.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

With close to 300 expected speakers, discussions at the Forum will definitely be engaging! Below is a cross section of the speakers representing the public and private sectors:



### Hon. Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto

is the Minister of Food and Agriculture, Ghana. He will offer insights into Ghana's transformational **Planting for Food and Jobs (PFJ)** initiative which is revolutionising farming in Ghana.



### Naoko Ishii

has served as the CEO and Chairperson for the Global Environment Facility (GEF) since August 2012. Previously, Ms. Ishii was the Deputy Vice Minister of Finance of Japan, where she was responsible for Japan's international financial and development policies, and for its global policies on environmental issues such as climate change and biodiversity.



### Mostafa Terrab

has served since June 2008 as Chairman and CEO of the OCP Group, a global leader in the phosphate sector. Mr. Terrab's distinguished career has spanned the public, private and university sectors and a range of expert fields. climate change and biodiversity.



### Onyeka Akumah



is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Farmcrowdy – a start-up he founded in September 2016 and is referred to as Nigeria's first Digital Agriculture platform. Impacting the lives of over 1,500 small-scale farmers already in their first 5 months, Farmcrowdy's focus is on increasing food production, impacting 50,000 small scale farmers in Nigeria in the next five years and engaging two million Nigerian youths to participate in agriculture.



## EXHIBITION

This year's AGRF features over 40 exhibition booths for partners to showcase their innovations, products or services. Join the OCP Group, Syngenta, the Government of Rwanda, AGRA, Yara, AECF, CIP, The Clinton Foundation, and others who have secured their spots. Please get in touch with [agr@cube.rw](mailto:agr@cube.rw) and [AMuthoni@agra.org](mailto:AMuthoni@agra.org) to book yours.

## TRANSPORT & ACCOMMODATION

As you register, please also secure your accommodation. We have negotiated discounted rates with select hotels in Kigali that will only apply for the duration of the conference. Click on this [link](#) to make your booking. Transport for delegates will also be provided to and from the airport and daily, on a schedule, from your hotel to the Kigali Convention Center (KCC), the venue of the meeting. Please contact Emmanuel Nsekanabo [emmanuel.nsekanabo@gotravelcart.com](mailto:emmanuel.nsekanabo@gotravelcart.com) if you require further assistance.

## COMMUNICATIONS



The communications and media drumbeat for the Forum is on. Last week, Dr. Kanayo Nwanze, former IFAD President and AGRA Board Member spoke with Rwandan and pan-African media on the status of the African agriculture transformation and the AGRF 2018 as an opportunity to take stock of achievements and deliver deals to enable new pathways to sustainable agribusinesses. You can watch his interview with CBC-Africa here. A joint Communications Working Group has been set up to drive the entire communications operation for the Forum. To be part of

this process, please contact [wnjoroge@agra.org](mailto:wnjoroge@agra.org).

We are starting to feature videos by our partners that profile some ongoing projects of transformation on the continent. Visit the partners' videos section of **AGRF TV** for more.

## NEED ASSISTANCE?

Please see this [logistical note](#) for more information.

If you still have a question, please contact us at [registration@agr.org](mailto:registration@agr.org) or +27 79 946 8557.

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