AGRF2019 FORUM PROGRAM

GROW DIGITAL
LEVERAGING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION TO DRIVE SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN AFRICA

AFRICAN GREEN REVOLUTION FORUM 2019
3-6 SEPTEMBER
ACCRA, GHANA

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The AGRF, together with its many follow-on activities, is designed to energize political will and to keep top level agenda items, including Malabo Declaration commitments and related indicators from the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP), the Sustainable Development Goals, and Africa’s Agenda 2063 high on the list of Heads of State and ministers. AGRF rallies these leaders and various stakeholders around a common purpose – to unleash the full potential of Africa’s millions of smallholder farmers and agripreneurs who provide about 80% of the food and agricultural products consumed across the continent and generate millions of jobs and inclusive economic growth.

Initially established as an annual “African Green Revolution Conference” by Yara International ASA in Norway in 2006, the conference moved to the African continent in 2010 with the championing of the late Kofi Annan to take an African identity as the African Green Revolution Forum. This ensured the leadership and broader engagement of African stakeholders in the continent’s agricultural transformation agenda.

The Forum now consists of an annual event combined with thematic platforms and many activities throughout the year to ensure continuous progress over time. It has cultivated an unrivalled power to convene top leaders, implementers, thinkers, and investors in African agriculture across private, public, development and non-profit partners, and academic and research sectors.

Past editions were hosted by Heads of State in Tanzania in 2012, in Mozambique in 2013, in Ethiopia in 2014, in Zambia in 2015, in Kenya in 2016, and in Cote d'Ivoire in 2017. AGRF 2018 in Rwanda was the biggest yet, in terms of delegates, countries represented, and outcomes. Under the leadership of H.E. President Kagame and the theme of Lead. Measure. Grow. Enabling New Pathways to Turn Smallholders into Sustainable Agribusinesses, AGRF 2018 brought together over 2,800 delegates from 79 countries with a resounding mission to transform agriculture in Africa. With energy at a new high, the Forum raised awareness and political commitment around the CAADP Biennial Review and the importance of evidence-based leadership and policy making, as well as pledged to deliver billions of dollars in new investments for agriculture and agri-business, with aims to triple trade in agriculture between African countries.

By helping scale up the required policies, programs, and investments, the forum supports governments and partners in the African agricultural landscape to transform the lives of millions of smallholder farmers and put a good number of countries on the path to inclusive economic growth through sustainable agricultural transformation. This results in significant impacts on food security, nutrition, job creation, rural development, resilience, incomes, and empowering individuals and countries to drive their own future.

AGRF is the world’s premier forum for African agriculture, pulling together stakeholders in the agricultural landscape to discuss and commit to programs, investments, and policies to achieve an inclusive and sustainable agricultural transformation across the continent.
Africa is on the move, with signs of progress and growing prosperity for millions of its people significantly driven by agriculture - but a lot more still needs to be done. The continent has witnessed sustained economic growth and a modernization of its economy for more than two decades powered by an increasingly inclusive agricultural transformation and by rapid growth in digital innovations. Its economy grew by 35% between 2000 and 2014 and poverty rates are falling, with the percentage of people living on less than $1.90 a day declining from 54% in 1990 to 41% in 2013.

This is, indeed, Africa’s century!

Sustained agricultural transformation will remain at the centre of driving Africa’s progress and development; no matter how far we look into the future and how much the world continues to innovate.

Evidence from elsewhere in the world backs this up. Nearly every country in the world has gone through an agricultural revolution on the path to its wider economic transformation, including in Europe during the 18th century, the US in the 19th century, and much of Asia and Latin America from as recent as the 1950s.

Africa will be no exception. African countries must complete the same journey, but they should not take the same path. They can do it faster, more effectively, and in a sustainable manner by building on local realities, lessons from the past and from elsewhere, and through innovations of today and tomorrow.

Digital technologies are emerging as one of the most important of these changes. Their unprecedented growth and adoption has ushered in the era of disruptive digital innovation, knowledge economies and big agri-data. For example, mobile-based technologies have become an integral part of life in most parts of Africa with more than 44% of sub-Saharan Africans on mobile phone subscriptions. It is projected that there will be 634 million unique mobile subscribers across Sub-Saharan Africa by 2025, over 50% of the population.

From our day-to-day lives, we know that the digital world is at our fingertips and is increasingly becoming a reality on our farms. It is no longer a niche issue. Indeed, today, digitalization transcends every sphere of our life. Overall, with more innovation, farmer-centric products and services can now be deployed with great success. The goal, ultimately, is to adopt digital technologies in ways that positively impact whole agricultural and food systems.

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In so many ways, digital technology is disrupting the systems we know and charting new possibilities. As farm production becomes more efficient and is done by less people, research and experiences in other regions of the world have shown that food systems spread well beyond farms to touch almost every aspect of life in society. African youth who miss this train of change are missing employment and other economic opportunities. Investors who miss this are missing a tremendous source of profit. Governments that miss this are going to delay the implementation of the essential policies and investments their countries need to drive sustained, widespread and inclusive economic growth and social development. Development partners who miss this are going to miss one of the single best investments to drive job creation, promote rural development, stem migration and insecurity, build resilience and adapt to climate change, and strengthen self-reliance.

The digital era offers many new innovations and breakthroughs – seemingly every year – that will allow the African continent to get ahead of the curve, and more efficiently and sustainably unlock the full potential of its smallholder farmers and agribusiness sector.

Practical application of digital innovations such as big data, block chain, and drones to name a few. Farmers will demonstrate how digital innovations are transforming their household businesses and communities. The Forum also looks to broker connections between actors – both private and public sector – so that the forum unlocks the next wave of concrete actions on the continental agenda.

This is not simply a case of ‘out with the old, in with the new’. Progress will be greatest for those who learn to bring the two together. We must seize this moment to achieve our aspirations. With the right policies, programmes, and investments, we can ensure that smallholder farmers prosper, that our women are empowered, that our youth enter and shape a vibrant agri-food economy, that our food systems become more sustainable and nutritious, and that we build a prosperous Africa.

**AGRF 2019 will serve as a landmark moment for Africa’s agriculture where African leaders and partners will align to:**

- Leverage digital transformation for evidence-based decision-making and program implementation for sustainable food systems.
- Mobilize billions of dollars in agribusiness investment for farmers, SMEs and the private sector.
- Triple intra-regional trade in alignment with the African Continental Free Trade Agreement.
- Make policy and investment commitments to strengthen resilience in the face of climate change where African Heads of State can lead the way into the UN Climate Action Summit.

**Expected Outcomes:**

- **Political and policy commitments** To agriculture by governments who will showcase their progress and lessons learned.

**Key Outcomes**

- **Billions of dollars mobilized** In investment and finance from the private sector based on previous commitments.
- **New programs and investments** From the private sector and development partners.
- **New partnerships and alliances** Formed by dozens of public, private, and non-state actors across the sector to scale up progress.
- **Knowledge sharing and learning** From compelling evidence across the continent and globally.
- **Generation Africa launched** A platform to promote youth engagement and entrepreneurship.
- **2019 Africa Food Prize Winner announced** To recognize individuals or institutions for outstanding contribution to African agriculture.
AGRF2019 Partners Group

The AGRF Partners Group is made up of 22 leading actors in African agriculture all focused on putting farmers at the center of the continent’s growing economies. The members of the AGRF Partners Group are: African Development Bank (AfDB), African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership (AFAP), Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), African Union, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, CGIAR, Corteva Agriscience, Technical Center for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA), Department for International Development, UK (DFID), Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), IDH the Sustainable Trade Initiative, Grow Africa -a Centre of Excellence of the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), International Development Research Centre (IDRC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), MasterCard Foundation, OCP Africa Group, Rockefeller Foundation, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU), Syngenta, UPL, USAID, and Yara International ASA.

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Becoming an AGRF Partner or Sponsor

There are many opportunities of becoming a strategic partner and join the AGRF Partners Group to drive a shared vision on inclusive transformation in Africa. As a sponsor in different categories, for instance, you will help shape and drive the event in ways aligned to your organization’s vision and strategy. In addition to this strategic engagement, sponsors get visibility and institutional benefits.

We look forward to welcoming you to the AGRF Partners Group.

Below are the opportunities to position your organization or company as market leader at this event, and to explore the range of branding and exhibition opportunities that this platform offers:

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If interested, please contact the AGRF Secretariat at secretariat@agrf.org. New partners are admitted throughout the year, but the AGRF Partners Group welcomes expressions of interest before end of 2019 to enable the best opportunities for engaging in the annual Forum.
Program Overview

**Day 1**

Monday 2 September 2019
- Select Stakeholder Organized Events (self-organized)

**Day 2**

Tuesday 3 September 2019
- Plenary - Leveraging Digitalization for Sustainable Food Systems
- Deal Room Launch - Driving Private Sector Investment for Africa’s Rapidly Growing Food Systems to Achieve the SDGs
- Select Partner/Stakeholder Organized Events
- Special Event - Generation Africa: GoGettaz Agripreneur Prize Finals
- Plenary - The Role of Private Sector in Ag, Launch of the Africa Agriculture Status Report (AASR)
- Masterclass - Agriculture Smart Farming for Africa in 2030
- AGRF Exhibition
- B2B Meetings and AGRF Deal Room/Marketplace

**Day 3**

Wednesday 4 September 2019
- AGRF Partners Breakfast (by invitation only)
- Policy Symposium 1 – Increasing Adaptation and Resilience of African Food Systems
- Policy Symposium 2 – Key Food Trade Policy and Regulatory Reforms that Encourage Evidence Gathering and Sharing between Actors
- Policy Symposium 4 - Scaling Models for Agricultural Transformation
- Ministerial Roundtable – Supporting CAADP Priorities for Progress
- Masterclass - Blockchain for Smallholder Agriculture - Hype or Reality
- Project Showcase – Marketplace of Ag-Tech Solutions
- Presidential Summit
- Africa Food Prize Award Ceremony and AGRF Gala Dinner (by invitation only)
- AGRF Exhibition
- B2B Meetings and AGRF Deal Room/Marketplace

**Day 4**

Thursday 5 September 2019
- Plenary – Advancing Digital Strategies at Country Level
- Special Event - Hard Talk - CEO Roundtable on Tough Topics in African Agribusiness
- Special Event – Investing in Agriculture in Ghana - Raising Efficiency and Productivity for Economic Growth
- Special Event – Scaling up Nutrition - The Path to the 2020 Nutrition for Growth Summit
- Select Partner/Stakeholder Organized Events
- Project Showcase - What’s Needed to Grow Digital? - Digital Agriculture Infrastructure
- Masterclass - Proving the Business Case of Smallholder D4Ag solutions
- Plenary - The Great Debate - Getting Value from a Continental Free Trade Area; Where are we on the Journey from Idea to Reality?
- AGRF Exhibition
- Agri-Pitches
- B2B Meetings and AGRF Deal Room/Marketplace

**Day 5**

Friday 6 September 2019
- Select Partner/Stakeholder Organized Events
- B2B Meetings and AGRF Deal Room/Marketplace
- Plenary – Closing Ceremony and AGRF Communiqué
Monday, 2 September 2019

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<td>✷ DRONE TECHNOLOGY FOR AGRICULTURE: ON-FIELD DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE KPONG IRRIGATION SCHEME [ORGANIZED BY CTA – FIELD VISIT DEPARTING FROM AICC]</td>
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## LOCATION: AUDITORIUM

This session will launch the AGRF 2019 as a key platform to continue advancing the continental agenda, particularly by taking advantage of the digital era. It will present the key findings of The Digitalization of African Agriculture Report - 2018/2019, which will be followed by a panel discussion to help expand on the areas in which further investment in digitalization can accelerate progress towards increasing smallholder productivity, profitability and resilience and create greater opportunities for youth and women. It will aim at proposals for concrete actions to mainstream D4Ag into the African agricultural transformation agenda. The session will include key announcements by organizations that are bringing the promise to life by coming through on commitments for African agriculture.

FACILITATOR: Mr. Henry Bonsu, Broadcaster and International Conference Host

### SEQUENCE 1: Welcome and Opening Remarks on AGRF Theme

- AGRF Opening Video
- Welcome Remarks - Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA and AGRF Secretariat
- Framing Remarks - Hon. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner, Agriculture and Rural Economy, African Union Commission
- Introductory Remarks - Hon. Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto, Minister of Food & Agriculture, Ghana
- Keynote Opening Remarks - H.E. Mahamudu Bawumia, Vice President of Ghana

### SEQUENCE 2: Presentation of The Digitalization of African Agriculture Report

- Framing Remarks and Key Findings
  - Mr. Michael Hailu, Director, CTA
  - Mr. Michael Tsan, Partner, Dalberg
- Panel Discussion:
  - Dr. Nick Austin, Director, Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
  - Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation
  - Ms. Amrote Abdellah, Regional Director, Microsoft 4Afrika
  - Ms. Su Kahumbu, Founder, iCow
  - Mr. Jerome Barbaron, AME Territory Head, Syngenta

### SEQUENCE 3: Statements of Coming through on Commitments

- Dr. Stefan Schmitz, Deputy Director-General, Department of Food, Rural Development and Natural Resources, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Commissioner for the special initiative “ONE WORLD - No Hunger”
- Dr. Simeon Ehui, Director, Food and Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank
- Mr. Prabdeep Bajwa, President, Africa and Middle East, Corteva

### SEQUENCE 4: Official Report Launch and Opening Ceremony Photo

CHAIRS: IDRC and AGRA with support of AECF, BMGF and USAID

LOCATION: OTI (TENT 2)

This session’s objective is to inform women smallholders and women in agribusiness about available digital platforms that are valuable to them. Digital platform players get the opportunity to demonstrate value of their solutions to women and identity potential opportunities for scaling up.

MODERATOR: Ms. Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg, Director, African Women in Agricultural Research (AWARD) and Member, Malabo Montpellier Panel
Tuesday, 3 September 2019

DEAL ROOM LAUNCH - DRIVING PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT FOR AFRICA’S RAPIDLY GROWING FOOD SYSTEMS TO ACHIEVE THE SDGS

11:30 – 13:30

CHAIRS: IFAD and AGRA with support of AfDB, AFAP, BMGF, FAO, Grow Africa, OCP and USAID

LOCATION: GREATER ACCRA / INVESTMENT CENTER MAIN STAGE

In recent years we have seen a growing effort to mobilize and support inclusive private and public investments in African agriculture with different levels of success. What has become evident is that unlocking agriculture investment opportunities will require a holistic and systemic approach that addresses multiple bottlenecks around a single investment or a portfolio of investments. This is only possible through a collaborative and streamlined approach by African governments, development partners, private sector and other value chain actors. The panel will be discussing how a joint effort of critical stakeholders and eco-system approach can support crowding in inclusive investments in agriculture in order to strengthen African food systems and achieve the SDGs.

FACILITATOR: Ms. Jennifer Baarn, Head of Partnerships, AGRA

SEQUENCE 1: Keynote Remarks – Coming through on Agribusiness Investment

Dr. Gilbert Houngbo, President, IFAD

SEQUENCE 2: Key Speakers

Mr. Kebour Ghenna, Executive Director, Pan African Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Sean de Cleene, Head of Food System Initiative, World Economic Forum
Mr. Matthew Brooke, Policy Officer, Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition, European Commission
Mrs. Victoria Chelangat Sabula, CEO, AECF
Mr. Jerry Parkes, Managing Principal, Injaro Investments
Mr. Wanjohi Ndagu, Co-Managing Partner, Pearl Capital Partners
Ms. Shiru Mwangi, East Africa Regional Director, CEO, Acumen
Ms. Leticia Osafo-Addo, CEO, Samba Food

SEQUENCE 3: Agribusiness Deal Room Launch

Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta, Minister of Finance, Ghana
Rt. Hon. Lord Paul Boateng, Former British MP, Cabinet Minister and High Commissioner to South Africa, Current Chair of the AECF Board
Ms. Vanessa Adams, Vice-President, Country Support and Delivery, AGRA

SEQUENCE 4: Official Deal Room Launch Photo Opportunity

HOW WILL THE DATA REVOLUTION DELIVER BETTER AGRONOMY AT SCALE FOR AFRICAN SMALLHOLDER FARMERS?

11:30 – 13:00

CHAIRS: AFAP, OCP and YARA with support of AfDB, AGRA, BMGF, Corteva, FAO, Syngenta, UPL, and USAID

LOCATION: VOLTA (COMMITTEE HALL 1)

This round table will convene interested parties from across these sectors to discuss a proposed excellence in agronomy platform and the following questions:

What are the key public information goods (e.g. crop yield prediction maps or extension apps) that need to be generated to stimulate/improve public and private sector investment in seed, fertilizer and other markets? What kinds of investments would reduce these informational bottlenecks? Who is best placed to deliver these public goods?

What kinds of investments are needed to take agronomy to scale in Africa? What should the respective roles be of governments, public research institutions, the private sector and national governments?
MEGATRENDS DRIVING AGRIFOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION IN AFRICA: THE EVOLVING ROLE OF LOCALLY-LED POLICY ANALYSIS CAPACITY

11:30 – 13:00

CHAIRS: AfDB, ReNAPRI, AAP/MSU

LOCATION: AHAFO (COMMITTEE HALL 2)

The purpose of this session is to explore the evolving capacity development challenges and ways of responding to these challenges within the context of rapid agri-food systems transformation in sub-Saharan Africa. The side event will disseminate high-level messages for continued targeted capacity building for African governments and other stakeholders.

MODERATOR: Prof. Thomas Jayne, Co-Director, AAP, and Director, ReNAPRI

SEQUENCE 1: Keynote Remarks

Mr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, AFDB

SEQUENCE 2: PRESENTATIONS

- Sustainable Intensification Challenges, AAP, Michigan State University
  Dr. Sieglinde Snapp, Associate Director, Center for Global Change and Earth Observation

- The Rise of Medium-Scale Farms in Africa
  Prof. Adebayo Aromolaran, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Adekunle Ajasin University, APRA

- Tractors, Markets and the State: A Bumpy Quest for Modernization
  Dr. Milton Ayieko, Director, Tegemeo Institute and RENAPRI

- Changing Employment Dynamics in Africa
  Dr. Abebe Shimeles, Director and Manager, Development Research Division, African Development Bank

SEQUENCE 3: Reactions from Thought Leaders and the Audience

- Dr. Baba Dioum, Forestry Engineer and environmentalist, Senegal
- Dr. Candida Nakhumwa, Country Director, Agriculture Transformation Initiative, Malawi

SEQUENCE 4: Closing Remarks

- Dr. Baba Dioum, Forestry Engineer and environmentalist, Senegal

CHAIR: Prof. Titus Awokuse, Chairperson, Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University

CHAIR: Prof. Richard Mkandawire, Africa Director, Alliance for African Partnership; Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
TIME | SESSION DESCRIPTION
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11:30 - 13:00 | HARNESSING THE DIGITAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDENDS IN AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS FOR RURAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**CHAIRS:** AfDB and CTA with support of FAO, IFAD, MCF, USAID, SACAU, Syngenta and Yara

**LOCATION:** BONO (TENT 1)

IFAD's Rural Development Report 2019 (RDR) titled Creating Opportunities for Rural Youth suggests that Africa has the youngest and fastest-growing population in the world. Not only is Africa home to a larger proportion of young people, the report projects that the continent will have even more youth by 2050 - over 350 million. There is therefore an urgent need to address widespread poverty and provide employment and livelihood opportunities for the large and growing number of young people who are poor and concentrated in rural areas with limited employment options. The main challenge is how best to invest in the future of these young people to ensure sustainable rural livelihoods?

**MODERATOR:** Mr. Kofi Acquaye, Coordinator for Africa, YPARD - Young Professionals for Agricultural Development

**SEQUENCE 1:** Framing Remarks - How Can Rural Youth Prosper in Changing AgriFood Systems and Digital Dividend?
- Mr. Francis Obirikorang, CEO, Agrocenta

**SEQUENCE 2:** Keynote Remarks
- Mrs. Reeta Roy, President and CEO, Mastercard Foundation

**SEQUENCE 3:** Panel Discussion
- Hon. Christophe Bazivamo, Deputy Secretary General, EAC
- Mr. Isaac Sesi, Co-Founder, Sesi Technologies
- Mr. Ade Freeman, Regional Program Leader, FAO
- Dr. Mel Oluoch, Ethiopia Regional Director, Sasakawa Africa Association
- Mr. Abdulsalam Toheed, CEO, Farmignite
- Ms. Sonita Tossou, CEO Fenou Foods

**SEQUENCE 4:** Closing Reflections
- Hon. Ignatius Baffour Awuah, Minister of Employment and Labour Relations, Ghana
- Mr. Oswald Jumira, Group Head of Innovation Partnerships, Liquid Telecom

11:30 - 13:00 | MASTERCLASS - AGRICULTURE SMART FARMING FOR AFRICA IN 2030

**CHAIRS:** BMGF, CTA

**LOCATION:** ASHANTI (MEETING ROOM 1)

This session will paint a vision of the future for Smart Farming, explore some examples of Smart Farming solutions in practice today that are working at scale and end with a discussion about how to accelerate forwards the vision of a smallholder Smart Farm by 2030.

**MODERATOR:** Dr. Debisi Araba, Regional Director, Africa, CIAT

**SEQUENCE 1:** Framing Remarks
- Mr. Stewart Collis, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**SEQUENCE 2:** Moonshot Presentations
- Mr. Krishna Kumar, Founder & CEO, CropIn.
- Mr. Hamza Rkha Chaham, Co-Founder, SOWIT
- Mr. Heike Baumüller, Senior Researcher, Department for Economic and Technological, ZEF
- Mrs. Leesa Shrader, Agrinfin Accelerate Director, Mercycorps

**SEQUENCE 3:** Reactions from Policymakers and Investors
- Mr. Alain Sy Traore, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS
- Ms. Amnrote Abdella, Regional Director, Microsoft 4Afrika

11:30 - 13:00 | ESTABLISHING THE INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL COUNCIL FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (BY INVITATION ONLY)

**CHAIR:** FAO

**LOCATION:** GREATER ACCRA / INVESTMENT CENTER BOADROOM 1

The main objective of this session is to initiate discussions on opportunities that an international Digital Council for Food and Agriculture will bring to the sector, once established, and touches upon the scope of the council and its mission.
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EMERGING CROPS TO END HUNGER INITIATIVE
(BY INVITATION ONLY)

13:00 – 14:20

CHAIR: CGIAR System Organization

LOCATION: ASHANTI (MEETING ROOM 1)

Crops to End Hunger (CtEH) is a CGIAR initiative to accelerate the development, delivery and wide-scale use of new crop varieties that meet the food, nutrition and income needs of both producers and consumers, respond to market demands and provide resilience to pests, diseases and new environmental challenges arising from climate change.

During the event, CGIAR will introduce CtEH, an initiative that will change the future of food security with the potential for a major impact in Africa, with the participation of high-level representatives of core funders and stakeholders.

MODERATOR: Mr. Elwyn Grainger-Jones, Executive Director, CGIAR System Organization

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

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- Mr. Enock Chikava, Deputy Director Agriculture, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Dr. Stefan Schmitz, Deputy Director-General, Department of Food, Rural Development and Natural Resources, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Commissioner for the special initiative “ONE WORLD - No Hunger”
- Dr. Nteranya Sanginga, Director General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- Ms. Betty Kiplagat, Government and Industry Affairs Lead, Africa and Middle East, Corteva
- Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo, Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa

TIME SESSION DESCRIPTION

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

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- Dr. Nteranya Sanginga, Director General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- Ms. Betty Kiplagat, Government and Industry Affairs Lead, Africa and Middle East, Corteva
- Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo, Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa

16:30 – 17:00 SPECIAL EVENT – GENERATION AFRICA: GOGETTAZ AGRIPRENEUR PRIZE FINALS

LOCATION: OTI (TENT 2)

This side session includes a series welcome remarks, a pitching competition led by Generation Africa and a select group of qualified judges. This will be followed by a fireside chat with a leader in agribusiness and finally a moderated panel discussion.

FACILITATOR: Ms. Sherrie Silver, UN IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth

SEQUENCE 1: Welcome Remarks

Welcome to Generation Africa

- Ms. Sherrie Silver, UN IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth

Special Welcome Remarks

- Hon. Owusu Afriyie Akoto, Minister of Food and Agriculture, Ghana

SEQUENCE 2: Moderated Panel Discussion: Supporting Africa’s Generation

MODERATOR: Ms. Ada Osakwe, Founder Niuli, Generation Africa Ambassador

- Mr. Strive Masiyiwa, Chairman, Econet
- Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, CEO, Yara International
This session focuses on how digital platforms and innovations are promoting adaptation and resilience across food systems. It looks at evidence from applications of successful programs that are starting to have real impact and/or impact at scale.

**MODERATOR:** Ms. Astou Dia, Associate Partner and Office Director for Côte d’Ivoire, Dalberg Advisors

**SEQUENCE 1:** Keynote Remarks

- Dr. Martin Kropff, Director General, CIMMYT

**SEQUENCE 2:** Fire-starter Presentations

- Ms. Ingabire Muziga Mamy, Managing Director, Charis Unmanned Aerial Solutions Ltd
- Mr. David Bergvinson, Chief Science Officer, aWhere

**SEQUENCE 3:** Special Appearance, Performance and Introductions to Distinguished Judges

- Mr. Eazi, Singer, Songwriter, Entrepreneur, and IFAD Advocate
- Ms. Sherrie Silver, UN IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth
- Mr. J. Derobie, Singer and Dancehall Artist
- Mr. Guiltybeatz, DJ and Producer

**SEQUENCE 4:** GoGettaz Agripreneur Prize Finalist Pitches

- Ms. Leah Bessa, Gourmet Grubb, South Africa
- Mr. Steven Betcha, Ngomalands, DR Congo
- Mr. Piwai Chikasha, Alley Capital Group, Zimbabwe
- Ms. Starlin Farah, Ecodudu Limited, Kenya
- Mr. Bertin Fokou, Distribution Express (DITEX), Cameroon
- Mr. Bright Benjamin Igboke, ColdHubs, Nigeria
- Ms. Bonolo Monthe, Maungo Craft, Botswana
- Ms. Lilian Nakigozi, Women Smiles, Uganda
- Mr. Job Oyebisi, FarmCorps, Nigeria
- Ms. Siny Samba, Le Lioneau, Senegal
- Mr. Isaac Sesi, Sesi Technologies Limited, Ghana
- Ms. Affiong Williams, Reelfruit, Nigeria

**SEQUENCE 5:** Special Performance

- Ms. Sherrie Silver, UN IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth

**VOTE OF THANKS**
EVIDENCE - BASED LEADERSHIP AND DATA SYSTEMS

14:30 – 16:30
LOCATION: VOLTA (COMMITTE HALL 1)
MODERATOR: Mr. Robert Ouma, Development Economist

SEQUENCE 1: Keynote Remarks
- Dr. Shenggen Fan, Director General, IFPRI

SEQUENCE 2: Firestarter Presentations
- Hon. Prof. Hamadi Iddi Boga, Principal Secretary State Department of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya
- Ms. Victoria Coleman, CEO, Atlas AI
- Mr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu, Head of CAADP, NEPAD

SEQUENCE 3: Panel Discussion
- Mr. Chris Shepherd-Pratt, Policy Chief, Bureau for Food Security, USAID
- Mr. André Laperrière, CEO, GODAN
- Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, RUFORUM
- Mr. Davis Adieno, Director of Programs, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Ms. Sessie Burns, Manager, CGIAR Platform for Big Data Inspire Challenge
- Mr. Samuel Eduardo Varas Guevara, CIO, FAO

SEQUENCE 3: Panel Discussion
- Hon. Salifou Ouedraogo, Minister of Agriculture and Water Development, Burkina Faso
- Mr. Michel Lavollay, Founder, Public Private Partnership Europe
- Ms. Ethel Delali Cofie, Founder, Women in Tech Africa
- Mr. Dennis Rangi, Director General, Development, CABI
- Prof. David Hughes, UN Fellow in Plant Production and Protection, FAO
- Dr. Emmanuel Nkurunziza, Director General, RCMRD

BOOSTING ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACCELERATING ACTION TO SUPPORT NUTRITION-SENSITIVE SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

14:30 – 16:30
LOCATION: BONO (TENT 1)
CHAIRS: FOLU and Harvest Plus with support of AfDB, CIAT, DFID, FAO, Rockefeller Foundation and SACAU

In this session, speakers will call for concerted government commitment and increased accountability to build nutrition-sensitive sustainable food systems. Speakers will explore how committed leaders can – and in some cases already are – delivering on recent global calls to action like the EAT-Lancet report, the African Development Bank’s recently launched Continental Nutrition Accountability Scorecard, and Japan’s 2020 Nutrition Summit in Tokyo as part of the 2020 Olympics.

MODERATOR: Dr. Babatunde Olumide Omilola, Manager, Public Health, Security and Nutrition Division, African Development Bank

SEQUENCE 1: Keynote Remarks
- Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, GAIN

SEQUENCE 2: Panel discussion – Taking stock of the Nutrition Accountability Scorecard
- Dr. Barbara Wells, Director General, CIP
- Dr. Roy Steiner, Senior Vice President, Rockefeller Foundation
- Dr. Debisi Araba, Regional Director for Africa, CIAT
- Mr. John Bee, Regional Head of Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, Nestlé
- Dr. Isatou Jallow, Board Member, CGIAR

SEQUENCE 3: Panel discussion – Moving to Action
- Hon. Gerda Verburg, Coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement
- Mr. Abdou Tenkouano, Executive Director, CORAF
- Mr. Fokko Wientjes, Vice-President Nutrition in Emerging Markets & Food Systems Transformation, DSM
- Mr. Alexander Dodoo, Director General, Ghana Standards Authority

SEQUENCE 3: Closing Keynote Remarks
- Hon. Gabriel Mbairebe, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Cameroon
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PLENARY - THE ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN AG, LAUNCH OF THE AFRICA AGRICULTURE STATUS REPORT (AASR)

LOCATION: AUDITORIUM

This year’s report will focus on the role of private sector in agriculture transformation. Specifically, the report will highlight the trends and progress, as well as challenges and constraints of private sector firms in the upstream and midstream/downstream off-farm components of the agri-food system. It will show how policies have shaped the structure, conduct, and performance of agribusiness and food industry private sector firms. The report will highlight policy institution and political will aspects needed for supporting the development of good policies that will facilitate private sector development that stimulates inclusion of MSMEs and small farms in supply chains in Africa.

FACILITATOR: Mr. Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, Founder and CEO, Africa Consulting and Trading

SEQUENCE 1: AASR Report Overview and Key Findings
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA
- AASR Findings – Dr. Tom Reardon, Professor of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, MSU

SEQUENCE 2: Fireside Chat – Priorities to Drive Private Sector in African Agriculture
- Dr. Donald Kaberuka, Former President, African Development Bank
- Alhaji Aliko Dangote, Chairman, Dangote Group

SEQUENCE 3: Moderated Panel Discussion – How We Move Forward on Key Recommendations
- Hon. Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto, Minister of Food & Agriculture, Ghana
- Dr. Abebe HaileGabriel, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa, FAO
- Mrs. Ndidi Nwuneli, Partner & Co-Founder, Sahel Capital
- Mr. Robert Coleman, Managing Director, Dangote Rice Ltd
- Ms. Lucy Muchoki, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry

SEQUENCE 4: New Commitments to Unlock the Role of Private Sector in Agriculture
- Farm Fit Fund
  - Ms. Maura Barry, Sr. Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Food Security, USAID
  - Mr. Joost Oorthuizen, CEO, IDH
  - Mr. Christian Byron, Vice-President Supply Chain and Plantations, Unilever
  - Mr. Jaidev Shroff, Global CEO, UPL
  - Dr. Roy Steiner, Senior Vice President, Rockefeller Foundation

SEQUENCE 5: Official Launch of AASR and Commitments Photo

AGRF OFFICIAL WELCOME RECEPTION

LOCATION: FOYER

ORGANIZERS: AGRF Partners Group, The Government of Ghana and AB-InBev

Start your first evening of AGRF 2019 by enjoying beverages with your fellow delegates. The reception will begin immediately following the afternoon plenary and serve as a time for networking with both long-standing and new colleagues.
AGRF PARTNERS BREAKFAST (BY INVITATION ONLY)

POLICY SYMPOSIUM 1 – INCREASING ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE OF AFRICAN FOOD SYSTEMS

CHAIRS: FAO and AGRA with support of DFID and CGIAR

LOCATION: GREATER ACCRA / INVESTMENT CENTER MAIN STAGE

09:00 – 10:30

SESSION 1

SEQUENCE 1: High-Level Panel Discussion – Initiatives to Strengthen Adaptation and Resilience

- Prof. Dr. Patrick V. Verkooijjen, CEO, Global Center on Adaptation (GCA)
- Hon. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Co-Chair, Global Commission on the Economy and Climate, and Former Finance Minister of Nigeria

SEQUENCE 2: High-Level Panel Discussion – Institutions Driving the Agenda

- Hon. Eysu Abraha, State Minister of Agriculture, Ethiopia
- Dr. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility (GEF) & Commissioner, Global Commission on Adaptation
- Hon. Ronald (Ron) Strikker, The Netherlands’ Ambassador to Ghana
- Dr. Mohamed Béavogui, General Manager, African Risk Capacity
- Mr. Dominique Burgeon, Resilience Director and Strategic Programme Leader, FAO
- Dr. Lindiwe Sibanda, Managing Director, Linds Agricultural Services, Zimbabwe and Co-Chair GACSA

SEQUENCE 3: Moving to Action

- Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, CEO, Yara International and Chair, WBCSD Food and Nature Program Board
- Hon. Ezzeddin Abu Steit, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt

SESSION 2 - TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO DRIVE ADAPTATION

SEQUENCE 1: Framing Remarks and Overview of Emerging Recommendations

FACILITATOR: Mr. Andrew Cox, Chief of Staff & Strategy, AGRA

- Dr. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility (GEF) & Commissioner, Global Commission on Adaptation
- Dr. Nick Austin, Director, Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

SEQUENCE 2: Panel Discussion on Recommendations to Improve Adaptation and Resilience at Household Level for Farmers and Pastoralists

MODERATOR: Dr. Bruce Campbell, Director, Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) & Senior Advisor, Global Center on Adaptation

SPEAKERS:
- Dr. Dennis Garrity, Chair, Global EverGreening Alliance
- Mr. Robin Buruchara, Director, the Pan-African Bean Research Alliance (PABRA)
- Ms. Anne Shongwe, South Africa Representative, UN Women
- Dr. Michele Leone, Senior Program Specialist, Agriculture and Food Security, IDRC
- Dr. Iain Wright, Deputy Director General, International Livestock Institute (ILRI)

SEQUENCE 3: Panel Discussion on Recommendation to Improve Adaptation and Resilience at System Level for Farmers and Pastoralists
### POLICY SYMPOSIUM 2 – KEY FOOD TRADE POLICY AND REGULATORY REFORMS THAT ENCOURAGE EVIDENCE GATHERING AND SHARING BETWEEN ACTORS

**CHAIRS:** AGRA and DFID with support of AfDB, BMGF, CTA & USAID

**LOCATION:** VOLTA (COMMITTEE HALL 1)

**09:00 – 10:30**  
**SESSION 1 - EVIDENCE-BASED FOOD TRADE POLICY AND REGULATORY REFORMS - ROLE OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS**

The session aims at exploring current initiatives including tools and mechanisms that are assisting countries in establishing functional systems that assist Governments in improving policy predictability and making informed and transparent policy decisions.

**MODERATOR:** Dr. Fadel Ndiame, Senior Advisor to the President, AGRA

**SEQUENCE 1:** Report Launch & Framing Remarks
- Mr. Holger Kray, Head, Africa Agriculture Policy Unit, World Bank
- Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Africa Director, IFPRI
- Prof. Thomas Jayne, Co-Director, AAP, and Director, ReNAPRI

**SEQUENCE 2:** Keynote Remarks
- Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, Executive Chairman, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

**SEQUENCE 3:** High Level Panel Discussion on Options for Better Regional Food Trade
- Hon. Alan Kyeremateng, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA
- H.E. Mr Sindiso Ngwenya, Former Secretary General, COMESA
- Mr. Harry Hagan, Senior Economic Adviser, Africa Division, DFID
- Mr. Mahesh Patel, Chairman, Export Trading Group
- Mr. Ken Ukaoha, Esq. Secretariat President, National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANTS)
- Mr. Daniel Moore, Director, West Africa Regional Mission, USAID

**SEQUENCE 4:** Closing Remarks and Moving to Action
- Hon. Christophe Bazivamo, Deputy Secretary General, EAC

**11:00 – 13:00**  
**SESSION 2 - DATA INNOVATIONS THAT ENHANCE EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING**

**MODERATOR:** Mr. David Phiri, Sub-Regional Coordinator for Eastern Africa, FAO

This session aims at exploring these various tentacles of evidence-based policy making for food trade. The effort will help bring to light the various initiatives that have been successful and how can be coordinated scaled within the region in support of more transparent and predictable food trade policy formulation.

**FACILITATOR:** Mr. Mehrdad Ehsani, Rockefeller Foundation

**SEQUENCE 1:** Framing Remarks
- Mr. Tom Kehoe, Deputy Director, Africa Agriculture, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
It is 12 years since M-PESA was launched in Kenya. Twelve years of excitement around digital rails that can deliver financial services such as payments, savings, insurance, pensions and loans to the hundreds of millions of unreached people including smallholder farmers. The session will analyse what the digital revolution has meant for smallholder farmers and seek to restate or reformulate a vision for smallholder finance in the digital era.

**SESSION 1 - DEVELOPING A VISION ON SMALLHOLDER FINANCE IN THE DIGITAL ERA**

**MODERATOR:** Mrs. Hedwig Siewertsen, Head of Inclusive Finance, AGRA

**SEQUENCE 1:** Keynote Remarks
- Mrs. Rodger Voorhies, President, Global Growth & Opportunity, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**SEQUENCE 2:** High Level Panel Discussion
- Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Country Manager, AFEX Nigeria
- Dr. Tesfai Tecle, Senior Advisor, Kofi Annan Foundation
- Ms. Antoindia Stroeh, Senior VP, Government and Development Mastercard Advisors
- Ms. Sara Mbagu-Bhunu, Director for East and Southern Africa division, IFAD
- Mr. Kwesi Korboe, Executive Director, GIRSAL Bank of Ghana
- Mr. Aliyu A. Abdulhameed, Director General, NIRSAL, Nigeria

**SEQUENCE 3:** Moving to Action
- Hon. Christopher MT Kibanzanga, State Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda
- Mrs. Greta Bull, CEO, Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest (CGAP)
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<td>This session at the AGRF will serve as an opportunity to officially release the Scaling Up Sourcebook, which collects the key lessons, best practices, outstanding challenges and the way forward in delivering impact at scale. It will be an opportunity for the AGRF community to feature some of these with policymakers, companies, implementing partners, and farmers across the landscape and also advance the agenda towards new scaling priorities and coalitions.</td>
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The Masterclass is intended as a briefing to provide the Audience with an overview of the following:
- An idea of the breadth of applications in use which impact agriculture in Africa.
- The potential positive and negative effects on smallholders.
- Some of the initiatives being undertaken to ensure inclusive developments.
- Highlight challenges, constraints and opportunities in blockchain applications for smallholder farmers.
- Show possible ways forward to best apply and influence blockchain developments in Africa.

HOST: Mr. Benito Eliasi, Capacity Development Advisor, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)

MODERATOR: Mr. Ken Lohento, Senior programme coordinator ICT4Ag, CTA

SPEAKERS:
- Mr. Henk van Cann, Co-Founder, Blockchain Workspace. “Overview of the Reality of Blockchain and Applications in Agriculture”
- Ms. Dorothy Rambim, Head of Department Computer Science Department, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), Kenya. “Potential from a Developer: Application in Dairy Chain”.
- Ms. Nurvitria Kristofikova, Development Consultant, AgUnity. “Reality from an Operator: Blockchain for Smallholder Identity and Certification Use in the Value Chain”.
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| 10:30 – 11:00 | COFFEE BREAK AND PRESS CONFERENCE |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE – SUPPORTING CAADP PRIORITIES FOR PROGRESS |
| LOCATION: OTI (TENT 2) | Invitation only roundtable discussion forum for political and development partners to discuss the latest strategic policy framework for the agricultural transformation of the African continent. |
| CHAIR & HOST: | H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia
| Hon. Dr. Ovusu Afriyie Akoto, Minister of Food and Agriculture, Ghana | BRIEF REMARKS: |
| ➢ Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, Executive Chairman, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change | HONORARY GUEST: |
| ➢ H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner, African Union Agriculture and Rural Economy |
11:00 – 12:30 PROJECT SHOWCASE – MARKETPLACE OF AG-TECH SOLUTIONS

LOCATION: ASHANTI (MEETING ROOM 1)

Agricultural transformation remains one of Africa’s most pressing priorities but has been difficult to achieve. In this context, digitalization for agriculture (D4Ag) can be a game changer in supporting and accelerating agricultural transformation across the continent. D4Ag has the potential to not only support agricultural transformation but to do so both sustainably and inclusively.

MODERATOR: Mr. Ken Lohento, Senior Programme Coordinator, ICT4Ag, CTA

SEQUENCE 1: Explaining the Gains of Agri Marketplaces and Illustrating some African Success Stories

- Ms. Hillary Miller-Wise, Founder and CEO, Tulaa
- Mr. Ben Njenga, Co-Founder and Director of Operations, Apollo Agriculture
- Mr. Daniel Huba, Incubation Lead – Agriculture, MasterCard Lab

SEQUENCE 2: The Challenges Yet To Overcome

- Mr. Aboubacar Sidy Sonko, Founder and CEO, Mlouma
- Mr. Johnathan Barnow, Associate Vice-President, Strategic Initiatives, TechnoServe
- Mr. Kamal-Deen Yakub, CEO, TroTro Tractor

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 – 17:30 PLENARY – PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT

LOCATION: AUDITORIUM

FACILITATOR: Mr. Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, founder and CEO, Africa Consulting and Trading

PART 1: Setting the Scene

- Summit video
- Welcome Remarks - Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA
- Framing Remarks - Mr. Strive Masiyiwa, Executive Chairman, Econet, and Chairman, AGRF Partners Group
- Special Remarks – Mrs. Nane Annan, Kofi Annan Foundation
- Special Remarks – H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, former Prime Minister, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

PART 2: Presidential Address

- Introductory Remarks - Hon. Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto, Minister of Food and Agriculture, Ghana
- Presidential Remarks – H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President, Republic of Ghana

PART 3: Heads of State & Government Panel Discussion

- H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President, Republic of Ghana
- H.E. Faure Gnassingbé, President, Togolese Republic
- H.E. Yemi Osinbajo, Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria
- H.E. Edouard Nkirente, Prime Minister, Republic of Rwanda
- H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, President, Republic of Niger
- H.E. Alassane Ouattara, President, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
- H.E. Alpha Condé, President, Republic of Guinea

MODERATOR: Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, Executive Chairman, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

PART 4: Advancing the Continental Agenda - Partners Commitments

- Dr. Elwyn Grainger-Jones, Executive Director, CGIAR System Organisation
- Mrs. Reeta Roy, President, Mastercard Foundation
- Dr. Gilbert Houngbo, President, IFAD
- Hon. Ezzeddin Abu Steit, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt and delegated representative of the Government of Egypt

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LOCATION: KEMPINSKI HOTEL

- ARRIVAL AND PROCESSION OF H.E. PRESIDENT OF GHANA AND HEADS OF STATE & GOVERNMENT
- WELCOME BY THE FACILITATOR AND POSITIONING OF THE EVENING – Mr. Henry Bonsu, Broadcaster and International Conference Host
- AFRICAN FOOD PRIZE FRAMING REMARKS AND RECOGNITION OF THE 2019 GO GETTAZ AGRIPRENEURSHIP PRIZE WINNERS
  - Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO of Yara International as founding partners for the Africa Food Prize and GoGettaz Agripresneurship Prize
  - Mr. Strive Masiyiwa, Executive Chairman, Econet, and Chairman, AGRF Partners Group
- VIDEO OF THE AFRICA FOOD PRIZE LAUREATE(S)
- AWARDING OF THE AFRICA FOOD PRIZE BY H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of Nigeria and Chair of the Africa Food Prize Committee
- KEYNOTE REMARKS BY AFRICA FOOD PRIZE LAUREATE(S)
- DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT
Thursday, 5 September 2019

09:00 – 11:00

PLenary – Advancing Digital Strategies at Country Level

LOCATION: AUDITORIUM

The development, use, and scale-up of digital solutions for agriculture depends on an enabling environment. Sound national digital strategies for agriculture require individual and collective action by governments and the private sector – including small start-ups and large private sector companies – as well as agriculture value chain actors in rural and urban areas. In mid-late 2000, UNECA led the development of national/sub-regional ICT policy, strategy and plans across the continent. In 2016, ITU/FAO/CTA issued a guide for developing e-agriculture strategies at national/regional levels. With the recognition of data as the foundation for digital solutions and services, there is increasing call for strategies and approaches to manage data including farmer data. Over the past months, several knowledge products have been commissioned by various institutions including the MaMo Panel and the World Bank that explore this subject.

This session will discuss how governments and tech leaders are coming together to meet these and what lessons can be applied from other countries.

FACILITATOR: Mr. Henry Bonsu, Broadcaster and International Conference Host

SEQUENCE 1: Welcome and Framing Remarks
- Dr. Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg, Director, African Women in Agricultural Research (AWARD) and Member, Malabo Montpellier Panel
- Dr. Parmesh Shah, Global Lead for Rural Livelihoods and Agricultural Jobs, World Bank

SEQUENCE 2: Keynote Remarks
- Rt. Hon. Edouard Ngirente, Prime Minister, Republic of Rwanda

SEQUENCE 3: High-Level Panel Discussion on Country Digital Strategies
- Hon. Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, Minister for Communications, Ghana
- Hon. Mamadou Sangafowa-Coulibaly, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Côte d’Ivoire
- Hon. Koutéra Noël Bataka, Minister of Agriculture, Togo
- Hon. Dr. Gerardine Mukeshimana, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda
- Hon. Dr. Gerardine Mukeshimana, Principal Secretary State Department of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya

SEQUENCE 4: High-Level Partner Panel on the Impact on the Ag Sector
- Mrs. Jennifer Blanke, Vice-President, Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank
- Ms. Maura Barry, Sr. Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Food Security, USAID
- Mr. Stefan Fürnsinn, SVP Digital Farming, Yara International
- Mr. Moustapha Cisse, Staff Research Scientist and Lead, Google
- Mr. Lawani Arouna, Chairman, PNOPPA
- Dr. Thomas Mensah, Ghanaian Inventor
- Mr. Sam Nkusi, Group Executive, Liquid Telecom

11:00 – 11:30

COFFEE BREAK AND PRESS CONFERENCE

11:30 – 13:30

SPECIAL EVENT – Scaling Up Nutrition - The Path to the 2020 Nutrition for Growth Summit

LOCATION: OTI (TENT 2)

SEQUENCE 1: Keynote Remarks: Hon. Gerda Verburg, Coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

SEQUENCE 2: First Lady’s Address: H.E. Rebecca Akufo-Addo, First Lady of Ghana

SEQUENCE 3: Firestarter Presentations by Young Women Leaders
- Ms. Vera Osei-Bonsu, Start Right Infant and Child Nutrition Network
- Ms. Sheila Alumo, Managing Director, Eastern Agricultural Development Co. Ltd
- Dr. Mercy Lungaho, Nutritionist, CIAT Africa

SEQUENCE 4: Continental and Country Perspectives
**Session Description**

**11:30 – 13:30**

**SPECIAL EVENT – HARD TALK - CEO ROUNDTABLE ON TOUGH TOPICS IN AFRICAN AGRIBUSINESS**

**LOCATION: GREATER ACCRA - MAIN STAGE (INVESTMENT CENTER)**

**CO-MODERATORS:**
- Mr. Frank Braeken, Board member, AGRA
- Mr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD

**ROUND TABLE SPEAKERS**
- Ms. Diane Karusisi, CEO, Bank of Kigali
- Mr. Njack Kane, CEO, Intervalle Geneve SA
- Mr. Tiahmo Rauf, CEO, MANY
- Mr. Tom Gambrah, CEO, Premium Foods Ltd
- Mr. Makoto Goda, President and CEO, NIPPON Biodiesel Fuels, and Special Envoy for TICAD and the Working Group on Agriculture of the Japan-Africa Business Group
- Hon. Alan Nyere Mateng, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
- Hon. Cristina Duarte, Board member, AGRA and former Minister of Finance, Cape Verde
- Hon. Kutera Noël Bataka, Minister of Agriculture, Togo
- H.E Chileshe Kapwepwe, Secretary General, COMESA
- Hon. Muthomi Njuki, Chair Agriculture Committee, Council of Governors of Kenya
- Ms. Gayle Smith, President & CEO, ONE Campaign
- Mr. Geoffrey Kirenga, CEO, SAGCOT Center Ltd

**11:30 – 13:00**

**SOUTH-SOUTH – POLICY AND INNOVATIONS: LEARNING FROM CHINA AND BEYOND**

**LOCATION: VOLTA (COMMITTEE HALL 1)**

South-South Cooperation provides a large and growing opportunity for supporting the agenda of inclusive agricultural transformation on the African continent. For instance, over the past forty years, China has pursued a successful path of agricultural and economic development that has lifted 700 million of its farmers out of poverty. Israel and Brazil also offers valuable lessons on agricultural transformation learning, advanced digital-enabled agri-tech, and suitable irrigation and mechanization technology. This session aims to deepen the understanding of experience and learnings from China, Israel, Brazil, and other regions across the global south, and share key insights and implications from African leaders on how to domesticate these learnings, and address current bottlenecks to promote south-south knowledge sharing.

**MODERATOR: Prof. Xiuli Xu, Dean of China Institute for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture (CISSCA) at China Agricultural University**

**SEQUENCE 1: Introduction of the Objective and Agenda**
- Ms. Xinqing Lu, Associate Partnerships Officer, China-Africa cooperation program, AGRA

**SEQUENCE 2: Keynote presentation on China's experiences and learning**
- Prof. Jikun Huang, Economist, Founder and Director of the Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy (CCAP), Peking University
**SESSION DESCRIPTION**

**SEQUENCE 3:** Panel Discussion

- Hon. Rigobert Maboundou, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Dr. Peter Carberry, Director General, ICRISAT
- Dr. Wendy Singer, Executive Director, Start-Up Nation Central
- Mr. Joao Bosco, President, Africa Brazil Institute
- Mr. Geng Wang, Director of International Cooperation Division, Foreign Economic Cooperation Center, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China
- Mr. Lisandro Martin, Director for West and Central Africa Division, IFAD

**DIGITAL DISRUPTION: OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY, ACCESS TO INPUTS, SERVICES AND MARKETS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR**

**CHAIRS:** AFAP, OCP & YARA with support of AfDB, AGRA, BMGF, Corteva, FAO, UPL, USAID and Syngenta

**LOCATION:** AHAFO (COMMITTEE HALL 2)

The pace of digital disruption over the last two decades has been breathtaking, transforming every sector of economy including agriculture. By using diverse technologies - smartphones, GPS, satellite imagery, big data, artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things - farmers can optimize crop growth and farm productivity. This panel will consider how digital disruption will be transforming the Ag ecosystem.

**MODERATOR:** Ms. Jihane Ajijti, Head of Business Development, OCP Africa

**SEQUENCE 1:** Fireside Chat – How is Ghana facing the ag digital revolution?

- Ms. Nana Serwah Amoako, Special Advisor, Government of Ghana

**SEQUENCE 2:** Panel discussion

- Hon. Omary T. Mgumba (MP.), Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Tanzania
- Mr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, AFDB
- Dr. Shamie Zingore, Africa program director, IPNI
- Ms. Deepti Mathew, COO, Ignitia
- Mr. Jehiel Olive, CEO, Hello Tractor
- Mr. Karim Lotfi Senhadj, CEO, OCP Africa
- Mr. Felistars Obonyo, Business Development Manager, EA, Syngenta

**SEQUENCE 3:** Q&A

**LOCATION:** BONO (TENT 1)

**SEQUENCE 1:** Launch of Pitching Session – Welcome Addresses

- Mr. Michael Hailu, Director, CTA
- Mr. Faycal Benameur, Senior Vice President of OCP, East Africa
- Mr. Matthew Brooke, Policy Officer, Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition Unit, European Commission
- Mr. Parmesh Shah, Global Lead for Rural Livelihoods and Agricultural Jobs, World Bank

**SEQUENCE 2:** Presentation of the Activity

- Mr. Ken Lohento, Senior Programme Coordinator, ICT4Ag, CTA

**SEQUENCE 3:** Growth opportunities for start-ups: The Impulse Acceleration Programme for African Start-ups

**Keynote Remarks:**

- Mr. Adnane Alaoui Souloumani, Program Manager, Mohammed VI Polytechnique University
- Mr. Reda El Andaloussi, Advisor, Impulse Program

**SEQUENCE 4:** Agrihack Pitches (cont.)

- Facilitation – Impact Hub Accra
Although Agriculture in Ghana employs almost half of the population and contributes approximately 20 percent of GDP, it is dominated by traditional smallholder farms, which typically cover fewer than two hectares with primitive farming methods. With Government placing agricultural transformation at the centre of Ghana’s economic modification, the special event will highlight the key investment areas, led by technology, that will serve as the most achievable pathway to raising the efficiency and productivity within the sector to the necessary standards for sustainable economic growth.
Entrepreneurship is a powerful source of economic growth and opportunity, and in Africa there are more women entrepreneurs than men entrepreneurs. But women’s businesses continue to experience significantly lower profits than men’s due to pervasive gender gaps in policy, business training and financial resources. This session brings together entrepreneurs, researchers, and private sector and development partners working to support women entrepreneurs in the agriculture sector. We will discuss new evidence on the underlying causes of the gender profit gap, and opportunities to address these gaps so that women’s businesses thrive. Women entrepreneurs will share their own stories about the challenges and opportunities in running agro-enterprises. Organizations supporting women’s entrepreneurship will discuss what is working and what is not, and their key recommendations for future programming.

MODERATOR: Ms. Vicki Wilde, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Sequence 1: Panel Discussion
- Ms. Irene Ochem, Founder & CEO, AWIEF
- Ms. Edith Wheatland, CEO, Rockland Farms
- Ms. Talash Huijbers, CEO, Insectipro
- Dr. Emma Naluyima, Founder, Animal Care Centre Entebbe

Sequence 2: Current Evidence on Women’s Entrepreneurship
- Ms. Leesa Shrader, Director of the AgriFin Accelerate Program, Mercy Corps
- Michael O’Sullivan, Senior Economist and Deputy Head, World Bank’s Africa Gender Innovation Lab (GIL)

Sequence 3: Advancing the Agenda
- Ms. Hixonia Nyasulu, AGRA Board Member
- Dr. Renaud De Plaen, Program Leader for Agriculture and Food Security, IDRC
- Ms. Meredith Soule, Technical Division Chief, USAID
14:30 - 16:30  
E-COMMERCE - MODELS TO SCALE UP

LOCATION: VOLTA (COMMITTEE HALL 1)

E-commerce is thriving in Africa and is offering many new innovations and breakthroughs that will allow the African continent to get ahead of the curve. Meanwhile, China, in the past decades, has become a world leader in digitalization areas such as big data, e-commerce, artificial intelligence, ICT hardware etc. In particular, rural e-commerce has transformed China’s agriculture development, re-shaped agriculture value chain and accelerated rural development. In 2018, total sales of agri-food products on Alibaba online platform from Chinese poverty-stricken provinces reached $12.5 billion. This session aims to share China’s inclusive agri-business models, practices and policies, and identify potentials, gaps and road map to promote rural e-commerce development for agricultural transformation in Africa.

MODERATOR: Prof. Kevin Chen, Senior research fellow and head of the East and Central Asia Office of the IFPRI, Chair Professor at Zhejiang University

SEQUENCE 1: Framing Remarks - Mr. Holger Kray, Head Africa Policy Unit, World Bank

SEQUENCE 2: Keynote Presentation

- Prof. Fengying Nie, Professor, Deputy director, Agricultural Information Institute (AII) of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)

SEQUENCE 3: Video of China Shuyang Horticulture Industry - A real-life example of rural commerce transforming rural development

SEQUENCE 4: Presentation: Internet + Agriculture in China: Reflections on Policy, Capacity and Investment Gaps

- Prof. Kevin Chen, Senior research fellow and head of the East and Central Asia Office of the IFPRI, Chair Professor at Zhejiang University

SEQUENCE 5: Panel Discussion

- Mr. Keith Agoada, Co-Founder CEO, Producers Market
- Mr. Grant Brooke, CEO, Twiga Foods
- Mr. Ore Odusanya, Managing Director, Jumia Ghana
- Mr. Uche Ogboi, CEO, Lori Systems
- Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Country Manager, AFEX Nigeria

SEQUENCE 6: Q&A & Wrap-up

14:30 – 17:00  
PEOPLE, HEALTH AND NATURE: A SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN TRANSFORMATION AGENDA FOOD AND LAND USE (FOLU) COALITION ROUNDTABLE

LOCATION: OTI (TENT 2)

High-level representatives will explore how actors from a range of sectors can collectively raise ambition and drive action in the key areas of opportunity highlighted in the FOLU report.

MODERATOR: Mr. David Nabarro, FOLU, 4SD

SEQUENCE 1: Keynote Speeches, including key messages from the SSA Paper

- H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner, African Union Agriculture and Rural Economy
- Dr. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility (GEF) & Commissioner, Global Commission on Adaptation
- Hon. Eyasu Abera, State Minister of Agriculture, Ethiopia

SEQUENCE 2: Introduction to the Food and Land Use Coalition

- Mr. Jeremy Oppenheim, Partner, SYSTEMIQ

SEQUENCE 3: Panel Discussion

- Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, GAIN
- Dr. Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General, Bioversity International
- Ms. Sandi Roberts, Director, Smallholder Development Unit, AgDevCo
- Mr. Arne Cartridge, Senior Adviser and Head of Global Initiatives, Tara International
- Ms. Petra Hans, Head of Portfolio Agricultural Livelihoods, IKEA Foundation
This session will address new and emerging models for scaling better varieties of seed in Africa. It will first look at examples for public-private partnerships that have evolved over time for often difficult seed crops, and then address the challenge for jumpstarting seed systems in underserved countries.

**LOCATION:** CENTRAL (MEETING ROOM 3)

**MODERATOR:** Dr. Rob Bertram, Chief Scientist, Bureau for Food Security, USAID

**SEQUENCE 1:** Presentation - “Models of public-private partnerships for early generation seed - Synthesized learnings from studying ten seed systems”
- Mr. Jason Nickerson, Senior advisor Context Global Development (CGD)

**SEQUENCE 2:** Panel Discussion
- Mr. Issoufou Kapran, ICRISAT West Africa Seed Systems Lead
- Dr. Nteranya Sanginga, Director General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- Mr. Enock Chikava, Deputy Director Agriculture, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Mr. George Bigirwa, Interim Vice-President, Program Development & Innovation, AGRA
- Mr. Ben Ben Kemetse, Managing Director M&B Seeds
- Ms. Gloria Boakyewaa Adu, Maize Breeder, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Crops Research Institute

**SEQUENCE 3:** Presentation “Extending the Benefits of Improved Seed to All of Africa’s Farmers”
- Dr. Joseph DeVries, President, Seed Systems Group

**SEQUENCE 4:** Panel Discussion and Launch of the Seed Systems Group
- Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Africa Director, IFPRI
- Hon. Gaston Cossi Dossouhoui, Minister of Livestock, Farming, and Fishing, Benin
- Hon. Mme Madjidiane Padja Ruth, Minister of Agriculture, Chad
- Hon. Koutéra Noël Bataka, Minister of Agriculture, Togo
- Dr. Namanga Ngongi, Board Chairman, AFAP
- Ms. Betty Kibaara, Associate Director, Rockefeller Foundation
- Prof. Eric Danquah, Founding Director of WACCI, University of Ghana

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**14:30 – 16:30 MASTERCLASS – PROVING THE BUSINESS CASE OF SMALLHOLDER D4AG SOLUTIONS**

The overall objective of this masterclass is to demonstrate how big data analytics can drive the interest of the private sector into investing in smallholder digital agriculture.

**MODERATOR:** Dr. Benjamin Kwasi Addom, Team Leader, ICTs for Agriculture, CTA

**KEYNOTE SPEECH:** Ms. Ndidi Nwuneli, Partner & Co-Founder, Sahel Capital

**SPEAKERS:**
- Mr. Gerald Otim, Founder & CEO, Ensibuuko
- Mr. Dick Kamuganga, President, The Uganda National Farmers Federation
- Mr. Sidhartha Samal, Vice President, Olam
- Sir Gordon Conway, Professor of International Development, Imperial College London
- Mr. Adnane Alaoui, Impulse/ University Mohamed 6 Polytechnic, Morocco
- Ms. Sara Boettiger, Senior Advisor, McKinsey & Co
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**CHAIRS:** AGRF in partnership with BBC

**LOCATION:** AUDITORIUM

A blend of political and business leaders will debate the importance of implementing a continental free trade area and how close to reality it is. What can a free trade area offer to farmers and agriculture stakeholders. What are the barriers stopping quicker adoption and implementation? Can they really be overcome? Our speakers will bring their many years of experience in building businesses or negotiating cross-border relationships to debate whether the concept is workable, deliverable and desirable and how quickly improved results can be seen for farmers and businesses.

**MODERATOR:** Mr. Georgie Ndirangu, Reporter, BBC News

**DEBATERS**

- Mr. Mostafa Terrab, Chairman and CEO, OCP Group
- Hon. Jean Claude Kassi Brou, President, ECOWAS Commission
- H.E. Chileshe Kapwepwe, Secretary-General, COMESA
- H.E. Lionel Zinsou, Former Prime-Minister of Benin and Founder/Managing Partner SouthBridge
- Ms. Gayle Smith, President & CEO, ONE Campaign
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**CHAIRS:** AFAP, OCP and YARA with support of AfDB, AGRA, BMGF, Corteva, FAO, UPL, USAID and Syngenta  
**LOCATION:** VOLTA (COMMITTEE HALL 1)  
**MODERATOR:** Mr. Øystein Botillen, Stakeholder Relations and Business Development Manager, Yara  
**SEQUENCE 1:** Keynote Speaker  
- Prof. Martin Van Ittersum, Professor Plant Production Systems, WaCASA, Wageningen University  
**SEQUENCE 2:** Panel Discussion  
- Hon. Momodou Fbye Jabang, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, The Gambia  
- Mr. Albin Hubscher, President & CEO, IFDC  
- Dr. Rebbie Hawara, Head of Soil and Fertilizer Systems, AGRA  
- Ms. Marie Claire Kahangabo, Coordinator AFFM Secretariat, African Development Bank  
- Mr. Emiliano Mroue, CEO, WARC Group  
- Mr. Bram Govaerts, Director, CIMMYT  
- Mr. Mark Kofi Fynn, Agribusiness Advisor, AUC  
**SEQUENCE 3:** Closing Remarks  
- Mr. Antonio Saraiva, Head of Business Sustainability, AME, Syngenta  
- Dr. Christian Witt, Senior Program Officer in the Agricultural Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation |

| 09:00 - 11:00 | **YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE: SHOWCASING AND SCALING MODELS FOR AGRIPRENEURSHIP**  
**CHAIRS:** AfDB and CTA with support of FAO, IFAD, MCF, USAID, SACAU, Syngenta and Yara  
**LOCATION:** GREATER ACCRA / INVESTMENT CENTER MAIN STAGE  
Across the continent, young agripreneurs are recognizing untapped opportunities in the agrifood sector. Yet, ideally, they would be fostered by a supportive ecosystem to progress faster and more successfully along their journey. The ambition of scaling digitally-enabled, environmentally conscious, market-led ventures to deliver jobs and healthy food, while respecting the natural environment, can only be realized through collaborative efforts to educate, support and invest in young talent. This session will explore how ecosystem actors can support agripreneurs to scale sustainable solutions through collaborative action.  
**SEQUENCE 1:** Opening Remarks  
- Mr. Dalumuzi Mhlanga, Chief of Staff, Econet  
- Mr. Oswald Jumira, Group Head of Innovation Partnerships, Liquid Telecom  
**SEQUENCE 2:** Panel Discussion: Inspiring Stories from Young Agripreneurs  
- Mr. Isaac Sesi, Co-Founder, Sesi Technologies  
- Ms. Starlin Farah, COO, Ecodudu Ltd  
- Mr. Patrick Ofosu-Agyemang, CEO, AgroInnova  
- Ms. Sonita Tossou, CEO, Fenou Foods  
**SEQUENCE 2:** Discussion Groups: How to Support Agripreneurs to Scale Solutions  
- Information, Inspiration and Education  
  - Firestarters:  
    - Mr. Michael Hairu, Director, CTA  
    - Mr. Shingi Jena, Consultant Econet Group  
    - Ms. Ndidi Nwuneli, Founder, LEAP Africa  
  - Rapporteur: Ms. Anu Paasiano, Director, Global Initiatives Strategy and Business Development, Yara International |
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09:00 – 11:00 | DIGITALIZATION FOR FARMER-LED MECHANIZATION AND IRRIGATION FOR SMALLHOLDER SYSTEMS

**CHAIRS:** FAO and IWMI with support from AU, IFAD and UPL

**LOCATION:** BONO (TENT 1)

This session will unpack the opportunities made possible by digitalization, for expanding farmer-led mechanization and irrigation systems in Africa. Such systems are made of public policy and investment; technologies; financing; supply and services; and capacity of farmers - that in combination enable smallholders, as individuals or cooperatives, to: afford, own (or hire), operate & maintain, and benefit from irrigation and/or mechanization systems. Therefore, this session will bring together policy-makers, private sector, development partners, technology R&D actors, and farmers. The focus is to discuss how digitalization such as embedding software and sensors in machinery, equipment and the soil, and linking the same to remote sensing and mobile communication, can accelerate access and beneficial utilization of sufficient mechanization and irrigation by smallholders in Africa.

**MODERATOR:** Prof. Nuhu Hatibu, Regional Head, East Africa, AGRA

**SEQUENCE 1:** Ministerial Remarks

- Hon. Christopher MT Kibanzanga, State Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda
- Hon. Onyoti Adigo Nyikwec, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, South Sudan

**SEQUENCE 2:** Digitalization for Farmer-Led systems of Mechanization

**Framing Remarks**

- Dr. Joseph Mpagalile, Agric. Engineer (Sustainable Mechanization), UN FAO Regional Office for Africa
- Mr. Geoff R. Andersen, Director, Regional Ag Strategic
Friday, 6 September 2019

NOURISHING AFRICA: DRIVING A NUTRITION-LED AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION IN AFRICA (FOOD SYSTEMS & NUTRITION TWG)

CHAIRS: FOLU & Harvest Plus with support of AfDB, CIAT, DFID, FAO, Rockefeller Foundation and SACAU

LOCATION: AHAFO (COMMITTEE HALL 2)

In this session, speakers from civil society, public and private sectors will highlight the opportunities and benefits of integrating nutrition into Africa’s agricultural revolution. They will seek to demonstrate the critical importance of placing nutrition at the heart of interventions, policies and strategies to boost agricultural yields, increase value-adding activities, generate jobs. They will emphasize the potential to deliver win-wins across sectors by building food systems that nourish Africa’s population of over 2 billion by 2050. Critically, they will share examples of success from their rich experience and expertise in the sector.

MODERATOR: Dr. Lindiwe Sibanda, Managing Director, Linds Agricultural Services, Zimbabwe

SEQUENCE 1: Keynote Remarks – Prof. Sandy Thomas, Director, Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition

SEQUENCE 2: Firestarter Presentations

- Ms. Mwandwe Chileshe, Food Security and Hunger Associate, Global Citizen
- Ms. Khadija Mohammed, Founder and CEO, Kwanza Tukule Foods

SEQUENCE 3: Panel Discussion

- Hon. Alhaji Mohammed Sabo Nanono, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nigeria
- Mr. Arun Baral, CEO, HarvestPlus
- Mr. Rémy Ejel, Market Head, Central and West Africa, Nestlé
- Dr. Moses Mwangi, CEO, Equatorial Nut Processors

SEQUENCE 4: Closing Remarks

- Hon. Alhaji Mohammed Sabo Nanono, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nigeria
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**CHAIRS:** Partnership for Recovery & Resilience (PfRR) in South Sudan

**LOCATION:** OTI (TENT 2)

For the past few years, the number of food insecure people in the world is on the rise, due to conflict and climate change. Many institutions are looking at how to adapt and strengthen resilience to climate change, but few have identified effective ways to engage in conflict areas. This session will explore a new effort in South Sudan for driving recovery and resilience, a first step toward development, of people and communities in a conflict environment through partnership. It will share lessons from the South Sudan Partnership for Recovery and Resilience with the intent of building awareness and support, and it will also explore implications and transferrable ideas for other countries and regions across the continent.

**SEQUENCE 1:** Framing Remarks
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA
- Mr. Patrick Diskin, Mission Director, USAID South Sudan

**SEQUENCE 2:** Keynote Presentation – South Sudan Partnership for Recovery and Resilience (PfRR)
- Ms. Hsiao Wei Lee, Senior Strategy Advisor and Head of Programme, World Food Programme South Sudan

**SEQUENCE 3:** Panel Discussion – The Partnership for Recovery and Resilience, and Lessons Learned
- **MODERATOR:** Mr. Jeff Hill, Director for Food and Agricultural Policy, USAID South Sudan
- **Speakers:**
  - Mr. Pierre Vauthier, South Sudan Country Representative, FAO
  - Mr. Henry Taban, Executive Director and Chairman, Rural Action Against Hunger, South Sudan
  - Mr. Vijay Parmar, Co-Founder & Director, Equatoria Teak, South Sudan
  - Ms. Hsiao Wei Lee, Senior Strategy Advisor and Head of Programme, World Food Programme South Sudan

**SEQUENCE 4:** Panel Discussion – The Challenges and Opportunities of Operating in South Sudan
- **MODERATOR:** Mr. Kamil Kamaluddeen, Country Director, UNDP South Sudan
- **Speakers:**
  - Mr. Alexander Davey, Country Director, Norwegian Refugee Council, South Sudan
  - Mr. Deng Kon, CEO, Good Vibes, South Sudan
  - Mr. Rubin Atim, Community Agriculture and Skill Initiative

**SEQUENCE 5:** Reactions and Implications for the Continental Agenda
- Dr. Abebe HaileGabriel, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa, FAO
- Hon. Omar Hussein Iid, Minister of Livestock and Pasture, Somalia
- Hon. Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, President, World Food Prize Foundation

**SEQUENCE 6:** Closing Remarks
11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 PLENARY – CLOSING CEREMONY

LOCATION: AUDITORIUM

FACILITATOR: Mr. Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, Founder and CEO, Africa Consulting and Trading

SEQUENCE 1: Framing Outcomes of AGRF 2019 – Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA

SEQUENCE 2: CTA Awards
- Mr. Michael Hailu, Director, CTA to coordinate Young agripreneurs pitches
- 2 Youth Award-Winning Pitches

SEQUENCE 3: Deal Room Announcements
- Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO, AU Development Agency
- 3 Concrete Deals Advanced at the Forum

SEQUENCE 4: AGRF 2019 Communiqué Key Points
- Hon. Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Ghana
- Special Remarks: H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Incoming Chairman of the AGRF Partners Group

SEQUENCE 5: AGRF Official Closing Remarks
- Hon. Yaw Osafo-Marfo, Senior Minister, Ghana

AGRF CLOSING VIDEO

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH & CLOSING PRESS CONFERENCE
Off Program Activities

B2B / Whova App

The AGRF 2019 App is now available on both iOS and Android. Download for free to:
- View the agenda and plan your schedule.
- Connect with other delegates and set up meetings.
- Receive updates such as last minute room change from the organizers.
- Receive the daily newsletter that highlights key moments of the Forum.
- Get presentation documents and slides when uploaded.
- Find someone to share a cab to the conference go to lunch/dinner together.
- Plan some social activities such as a morning run, city tour, or meet-ups with your fellow attendees.

Deal Room

The AGRF Deal Room is a transaction and deal-making platform that connects investment ready agricultural companies and projects to financiers, business services and ecosystem partners.

The primary aim of this matchmaking is to address access to capital by matching investment opportunities to investors and other financiers. Secondly, the dealroom will help mobilize technical support and partnerships that can help de-risk public and private investments, support growth and address markets issues. The platform will also provide public institutions with the opportunity to promote countries as an investment destination and showcase specific agricultural investment opportunities.

CTA Pitch Agrihack

CTA in partnership with AGRA, the OCP Group, GreenTec Group and with the contribution of the World Bank, FAO and other partners, is launching Pitch AgriHack 2019. Its ultimate objective is to contribute to the transformation of the agricultural sector and promotion of youth employment. The competition is open to founders of digital start-ups owners of platforms facilitating the delivery of digital services to the agricultural sector.

Exhibition

At this year’s exhibition, we will have a total of 36 booths comprising of 16 partners booths and 20 standard booths. We expect exhibitors from among AGRF partners, national, regional and global exhibitors. The exhibition will happen at the Accra International Conference Center in Accra.

Farmers School Lab Outdoor Exhibition: OCP in partnership with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Ghana (MOFA) have conjointly launched the Farmers School Lab program aiming to train smallholder farmers on good agriculture practices and conduct soil testing, using latest innovations to help farmers increase their yields and incomes. All AGRF participants are welcome to discover the Farmers School Lab caravan set-up and attend live soil testing demonstrations from September 3rd to September 6th all day long in the outdoor exhibition area.
Market Place

The Market will provide the opportunity for local vendors to sell their products. Items which will be on sale include:

- Bags
- Bracelets
- Necklaces
- Fabric
- Stools
- Wood Carvings
- Footwear (local sandals, slippers) among others

The following payment methods will be available to purchase from the Market Place vendors:

- Point of Sale Terminals: this will enable payment with international payment platforms such as VISA and MasterCard
- Accept payment in USD and GHS.
- In addition, we will have a registered forex bureau at the venue to facilitate forex trading.

Key AGRF2019 Contacts

Please direct all queries to the Information Desks at the venue or to the following contacts:

Registration:
- Fresh RSVP: +27 79 946 8557, +27 71 351 4614 or +250 783 441 675
- Email: registration@agrf.org

Accommodation:
- Voice & WhatsApp: +233 501586554 or +233 244363964
- Email Elie agrf@ibyservice.com or ask@ibyservice.com

Transport:
For transportation enquiries, please contact
- Email Teddy at teddy@charterhouseghana.com
- Call +233 2449 62 7169

General enquiries:
Email: agrf@agrf.org
AGRF Delegate Information Guide

1. Accommodation

Delegates will have access to preferential rates at partner hotels through a dedicated accommodation portal on the Forum website. You are advised to book your accommodation only upon receipt of confirmation email of your registration to AGRF.

Please note that bookings made without completing the registration process and receiving confirmation will be cancelled.

For accommodation enquiries, please contact Wilma at wilma@ibyservice.com or on +233 244363964 or Elie at agrf@ibyservice.com or on +233 50 158 6554

2. Transportation

Shuttle services for all registered international delegates will be provided from the airport to official AGRF preferred Hotels.

Transport will also be provided for registered delegates from the hotel to the venue of the event (Accra International Conference Centre) and to official social events for period 31st to 4th September 2019.

Inbound airport shuttle services for all registered international delegates will be provided from the airport to official AGRF preferred Hotels from 31st August to 4th September:

- Movenpick Hotel
- Kempinski Hotel
- Alisa Hotel
- La Palm Hotel
- Oak Plaza Hotel
- African Regent Hotel
- Tang Palace Hotel
- Accra City Hotel
- Central Hotel
- Labadi Beach Hotel
- Fiesta Residency
- Marriot Hotel
- Golden Tulip Hotel
3. Meals, Bar & Extras

At the AGRF, a light lunch with an accompanying soft drink will be served from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th September 2019. The AGRF Secretariat or the organizers will not cater for meals consumed at the hotels or bar services offered at the hotels. All other extras such as laundry, telephone, mini-bar, etc. will be charged to delegate’s personal account. Please note the hotels may require to put a hold on your credit card for the extras.

4. Emergency Services

In case of emergency, please refer to the numbers listed below.

- Fire Brigade (Toll Free): 192
- Ambulance (Toll Free): 193
- Ghana National Police (Toll Free): 191

5. Health Services

First aid and emergency services will be available at the venue of the Conference; Accra International Conference Centre. For more extensive medical services, delegates are advised to seek treatment at the following hospital:

- Ridge Hospital: +233 509497700
  +233 509497722
6. Telecommunications

The following Ghanaian mobile telecommunication service providers are available: MTN, Vodafone and AirtelTigo.

Mobile telephone service providers also provide gateway to internet using GPRS, 3G and 4G. Cell phone SIM cards are widely available. Every SIM card user/buyer in Ghana is expected by law to be registered prior to activation. SIM cards can be registered at the point of purchase.

7. Currency

The unit of currency is the Ghana Cedi (GHS). Exchange rates are subject to fluctuation. Central bank rates can be found on the National Bank of Ghana website: [https://www.bog.gov.gh/](https://www.bog.gov.gh/)

Forex Bureau services will be available at the venue and also at the airport and in all parts of the Accra City.

8. Banking Services

Banking hours are from 08:00 to 16:00 on weekdays and from 09:00 to 14:00 on Saturdays. Banking amenities are available at all commercial banks. Most banks have cash dispensing machines accepting Visa and MasterCard.

Most internationally recognized currencies and traveler's cheques can be exchanged at commercial banks, hotels and international airport. Major credit and debit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Local and regional banks hold agreements with a variety of credit card networks as follows:

- VISA, MasterCard, Union Pay – Most Banks
- Cirrus- Stanbic Bank and First Atlantic Bank
- Maestro- First Atlantic
- American Express- First Atlantic

9. Business & Shopping Hours

Public Offices open from 09:00 to 17:00 while business open from 8:00 to 17:00, Monday to Friday. Opening times on weekend for business range between 09:00 to 22:00.

AGRF2019 Partners Profiles

African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership

Established in 2013, initially as a special initiative of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, the African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership (AFAP) is a non-governmental organization with its headquarters in South Africa. AFAP works with private businesses to establish more competitive and sustainable fertilizer markets in Africa and to contribute to an African Green Revolution. Using an innovative partnership contract, AFAP joins industry and development interests to inspire productivity, food security and prosperity in Africa.

The African Development Bank Group

The African Development Bank Group (AfDB) is a multilateral development finance institution established to contribute to the economic development and social progress of African countries. The AfDB was founded in 1964 and comprises three entities: The African Development Bank, the African Development Fund and the Nigeria Trust Fund. The AfDB’s mission is to fight poverty and improve living conditions on the continent through promoting the investment of public and private capital in projects and Programmes that are likely to contribute to the economic and social development of the region. The AfDB is a financial provider to African governments and private companies investing in its regional member countries.

Alliance for a Green Revolution

Established in 2006 and headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) was founded through a partnership between the Rockefeller Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Today however, AGRA’s donor base has since expanded to include governments as well as other international organizations. AGRA works across the continent to help millions of smallholder farmers to boost their farm productivity and incomes. To date, AGRA has supported hundreds of projects, including efforts to develop and deliver better seeds, increase farm yields, improve soil fertility, upgrade storage facilities, improve market information systems, strengthen farmers’ associations, expand access to credit for farmers and small suppliers, and advocate for national policies that benefit smallholder farmers. AGRA aims to play a central role in transforming the agricultural sector in Africa and its food system.

In support of the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF), AGRA hosts the Secretariat and takes a lead role in facilitating the development of the annual theme of the conference and coordinating the work of the Thematic Working Groups.
The African Union

The African Union is a continental union consisting of all 55 countries on the African continent. It was established in 2001 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and launched in July 2002 in South Africa, with the aim of replacing the Organization of African Unity (OAU). The most important decisions of the African Union (AU) are made by the Assembly of the African Union, a semi-annual meeting of the Heads of State and Government of its member states. The AU’s executive/administrative branch or secretariat, the African Union Commission (AUC), is based in Addis Ababa and is made up of portfolios named Departments and consist of: Peace and Security; Political Affairs; Trade and Industry; Infrastructure and Energy; Social Affairs; Rural Economy and Agriculture; Human Resources, Science and Technology; and Economic Affairs. The Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA), in collaboration with NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Member States, is mandated to work with African institutions, civil society, private sector and development partners to support the implementation of AU decisions related to the development of the agricultural sector, rural economies and the environment in order to improve the livelihoods of African people and ensure food security and sound environmental management. It was established with the objective of promoting agricultural and rural development; and, strives to boost AU Member states’ rural economy development and agricultural productivity by supporting the adoption of measures, strategies, policies and programmes on agriculture.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people’s health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people—especially those with the fewest resources—have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Based in Seattle, Washington, the foundation is led by CEO Dr. Susan Desmond-Hellmann and Co-chair William H. Gates Sr., under the direction of Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett.

CGIAR

The CGIAR is a global partnership that unites organizations engaged in research for a food secure future. The name CGIAR comes from the acronym for the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. In 2008 CGIAR underwent a major transformation. To reflect this and yet retain our roots we have kept CGIAR as our name.

CGIAR research is dedicated to reducing rural poverty, increasing food security, improving human health and nutrition, and ensuring more sustainable management of natural resources. It is carried out by 15 Centers, that are members of the CGIAR Consortium, in close collaboration with hundreds of partner organizations, including national and regional research institutes, civil society organizations, academia, and the private sector.

The 15 Research Centers generate and disseminate knowledge, technologies, and policies for agricultural development through the CGIAR Research Programs. The CGIAR Fund provides reliable and predictable multi-year funding to enable research planning over the long term, resource allocation based on agreed priorities, and the timely and predictable disbursement of funds. The multi-donor trust fund finances research carried out by the Centers through the CGIAR Research Programs.

The CGIAR has almost 10,000 scientists and staff, unparalleled research infrastructure and dynamic networks across the globe. Its collections of genetic resources are the most comprehensive in the world.
Corina Agriscience™, the agriculture division of DowDuPont™, is the only major agriscience company completely dedicated to agriculture. By combining the colossal strengths of DuPont Pioneer, DuPont Crop Protection and Dow AgroSciences, it has harnessed agriculture’s brightest minds and expertise gained over two centuries of scientific achievement to enrich the lives of producers and consumers alike.

CTA

CTA is a joint international institution of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States and the European Union (EU). CTA operates under the framework of the Cotonou Agreement and is funded by the EU.

CTA’s activities contribute directly toward achieving the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with specific focus on:

- **Goal 1 No poverty:** End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
- **Goal 2 Zero hunger:** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.
- **Goal 5 Gender equality:** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- **Goal 8 Decent work and economic growth:** Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all.
- **Goal 13 Climate action:** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Food and Agriculture Organization

Founded in 1945, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations is an intergovernmental organization comprised of 194 Member Nations, two associate members and one member organization, the European Union. Headquartered in Rome, Italy, FAO is present in over 130 countries. FAO’s three main goals are: the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition; the elimination of poverty and the driving forward of economic and social progress for all; and, the sustainable management and utilization of natural resources, including land, water, air, climate and genetic resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

IDH

IDH convenes companies, CSOs, governments and others in public-private partnerships. Together we drive the joint design, co-funding and prototyping of new economically viable approaches to realize green & inclusive growth at scale in commodity sectors and sourcing areas.

Our approaches are designed to drive sustainability from niche to norm in mainstream markets, delivering impact on Sustainable Development Goals. We focus on creating positive impact on deforestation, living incomes and living wages, working conditions, toxic loading and gender.

IDH is supported by multiple European governments, including our institutional donors: BUZA, SECO and DANIDA and we work together with over 600 companies, CSOs, financial institutions, producer organizations and governments in 12 sectors and 12 landscapes in over 40 countries worldwide.
The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that was established as an international financial institution in 1977 as one of the major outcomes of the 1974 World Food Conference. IFAD is dedicated to eradicating rural poverty in developing countries. Working with rural poor people, governments, donors, non-governmental organizations and many other partners, IFAD focuses on country-specific solutions, which can involve increasing rural poor peoples’ access to financial services, markets, technology, land and other natural resources.

Through low-interest loans and grants, IFAD works with governments to develop and finance programmes and projects that enable rural poor people to overcome poverty themselves. Since starting operations in 1978, IFAD has invested US$12.0 billion in 860 projects and programmes that have reached some 370 million poor rural people. Governments and other financing sources in recipient countries, including project participants, contributed US$10.8 billion, and multilateral, bilateral and other donors provided approximately another US$8.8 billion in co-financing. This represents a total investment of about US$19.6 billion. IFAD tackles poverty not only as a lender, but also as an advocate for rural poor people. Its multilateral base provides a natural global platform to discuss important policy issues that influence the lives of rural poor people, as well as to draw attention to the centrality of rural development to meeting the Millennium Development Goals.

IFAD has designed and implemented projects in very different natural, socio-economic and cultural environments. Many IFAD-supported programmes have been in remote areas. In addition, its local-level operations in more than 100 countries and territories keep IFAD in continuous and direct contact with the rural poor. To build broad local ownership of the programmes it sponsors, IFAD works in partnership with others – borrowing-country governments, poor rural people and their organizations, and other donor agencies. Its focus on local development has given it a role in bridging the gap between multilateral and bilateral donors on the one side, and civil society represented by NGOs and community-based organizations (CBOs) on the other.

The MasterCard Foundation is an independent global foundation that works to “advance youth learning and promote financial inclusion to catalyze prosperity in developing countries. Since its inception in 2006, it has collaborated with partners in developing countries, with a particular focus on Sub-Saharan Africa. It is based at the Eaton Centre in Toronto, Canada and operates independently of MasterCard Worldwide.
Established in 1913, the Rockefeller Foundation is a private foundation started by Standard Oil owner John D. Rockefeller. The Foundation’s mission is “promoting the well-being of humanity throughout the world. Today, the Foundation pursues that mission with dual goals of building greater resilience and advancing more inclusive economies. Through its portfolio of initiatives, Rockefeller Foundation strives to catalyze and scale transformative innovations, convene sector-spanning partnerships, and create systemic change to benefit poor and vulnerable people around the world.

The NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NEPAD Agency) was established in 2010 as an outcome of the integration of NEPAD into AU structures and processes. The NEPAD Agency is the implementing agency of the African Union that advocates for NEPAD, facilitates and coordinates the development of NEPAD continent-wide Programmes and projects, mobilizes resources and engages the global community, regional economic communities and member states in the implementation of these Programmes and projects. The NEPAD Agency replaced the NEPAD Secretariat which had coordinated the implementation of NEPAD Programmes and projects since 2001.

In support of the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF), the NEPAD Agency regularly participates in AGRF related sessions, workshops. Programmes related to the development of AGRF as an accountability platform toward the achievement of the Malabo Commitments and the CAADP results framework.

The Grow Africa Partnership was founded jointly by the African Union (AU), The New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) and the World Economic Forum in 2011. Grow Africa works to increase private sector investment in agriculture, and accelerate the execution and impact of investment commitments. The aim is to enable countries to realize the potential of the agriculture sector for economic growth and job creation, particularly among farmers, women and youth. Grow Africa brokers collaboration between governments, international and domestic agriculture companies, and smallholder farmers in order to lower the risk and cost of investing in agriculture, and improve the speed of return to all stakeholders.

Founded in 1920 in Morocco, the OCP Group is the world’s leading producer and exporter of phosphates in all forms and an essential player on the global fertilizers market. Established in 2016, OCP AFRICA, is a subsidiary of OCP dedicated specifically to the African continent. OCP Africa aims to contribute to meeting the challenge of creating structured, efficient and sustainable agriculture on the continent of Africa, by providing agricultural producers with all the resources they need in order to succeed: suitable, affordable products, services and partnerships, logistics and financial solutions. To support the local development, OCP AFRICA plans to open about fifteen national subsidiaries in Africa over the coming months.
Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions

Headquartered in South Africa, the Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) is a not-for-profit farmer organization representing national agricultural unions in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. SACAU was formed in 1992, initially by six farmer organizations but has since expanded its membership to include 17 farmer organizations in 12 countries. In addition, there are associate members, including regional commodity organizations and private companies associated with agricultural value chains on a regional basis.

SACAU is committed to a transformative agenda to agricultural development which is growth oriented and enterprise development focused. Core to its mission is promoting, advancing, protecting, defending the common interests of farmers in the region.

Syngenta

Formed in 2000 by the merger of Novartis Agribusiness and Zeneca Agrochemicals, Syngenta AG is a global Swiss agribusiness that produces agrochemicals and seeds. As a biotechnology company, it conducts genomic research. Syngenta is one of the world’s largest crop chemical producer and the strongest in Europe.

In support of the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF), Syngenta participates in AGRF sessions, workshops, Programmes related to the development of the inputs value chain(s) in Africa – and is also a supporter of youth in agriculture initiatives.

A Norwegian chemical company, YARA was established in 1905 as Norsk Hydro, the world’s first producer of mineral nitrogen fertilizers and de-merged as Yara International ASA in 2004. While the Norwegian government is its largest shareholder, Yara is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange and has its headquarters in Oslo. The company has more than 12,000 employees, production sites on six continents, operations in more than 50 countries and sales to about 150 countries. Its largest business area is the production of nitrogen fertilizer, however it also encompasses the production of dry ice, nitrates, ammonia, urea and other nitrogen-based chemicals.

UK Aid

The Department for International Development (DFID) leads the UK’s work to end extreme poverty. DFID is tackling the global challenges of our time including poverty and disease, mass migration, insecurity and conflict. Its work is building a safer, healthier, more prosperous world for people in developing countries and in the UK too.

DFID works in countries across Africa, Asia and the Middle East, many of which are fragile or at risk from fragile neighbours. DFID also has regional programmes in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, and development relationships with 3 aid dependent Overseas Territories – St Helena, the Pitcairn Islands and Montserrat. In addition to working directly in countries, DFID also gives UK Aid through multi-country global programmes and core contributions to multilaterals.
USAID leads international development and humanitarian efforts to save lives, reduce poverty, strengthen democratic governance and help people progress beyond assistance.

Our Mission: On behalf of the American people, we promote and demonstrate democratic values abroad, and advance a free, peaceful, and prosperous world. In support of America’s foreign policy, the U.S. Agency for International Development leads the U.S. Government's international development and disaster assistance through partnerships and investments that save lives, reduce poverty, strengthen democratic governance, and help people emerge from humanitarian crises and progress beyond assistance.

Our objective is to support partners to become self-reliant and capable of leading their own development journeys. We make progress toward this by reducing the reach of conflict, preventing the spread of pandemic disease, and counteracting the drivers of violence, instability, transnational crime and other security threats. We promote American prosperity through investments that expand markets for U.S. exports; create a level playing field for U.S. businesses; and support more stable, resilient, and democratic societies. We stand with people when disaster strikes or crisis emerges as the world leader in humanitarian assistance.

UPL

The 5th agrochemical company in the world, after the acquisition of Arysta LifeScience, UPL is a global leader in global food systems.

With a revenue of US$3.14 billion, UPL is now present in 130+ countries. We have market access to 90% of the world’s food basket and are focused on ushering growth and progress for the complete agricultural value chain including growers, distributors, suppliers and innovation partners.

As a new company, we offer an integrated portfolio of both patented and post-patent agricultural solutions for various arable and specialty crops, including biological, crop protection, seed treatment and post-harvest solutions covering the entire crop value chain.

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