

2. Engage participants, hear their views how [the AU-EU multi-stakeholder Platform](#) can contribute to Food System Resilience,
3. Reflect on how it could best support policy makers on evidence-based policy design and planning to drive resilient food systems transformation.

Speakers:

- a. Dr. Shadrack Moephuli, member of the AU – EU High Level Policy Dialogue
- b. Mr. Ammad Bahalim, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- c. Mrs. Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit for International Cooperation in DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- d. Ms Aline Mugisho, Executive Manager Innovative Youth in Agriculture, IITA

Main highlights:

(*For Insights and newsletter. To be based on the theme of the day. Fill in in bullet form)

KEY CHALLENGES

- The world is not on track to end hunger. Growing climate crisis and Covid pandemic is worsening this
- The gap in agriculture research & development funding seems to be growing

INNOVATIONS PROPOSED

- Portfolio of investment to work together rather than a silver bullet here and there
- Group of committed institutions representing different stakeholder groups, to work jointly towards a commonly defined goal, under a shared governance mechanism, implement commonly agreed activities, supported by resources (in cash & kind) put at disposal by these institutions.

RECOMMENDATIONS/ NEXT STEPS

- The establishment of an Africa-Europe Platform for Research & Innovation: https://www.leap4fnssa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/V2-Leap4FNSSA_booklet.pdf
- Persons interested to contribute to its establishment can make this known through: <https://www.research.net/r/LEAP4FNSSA>

Session Summary:

(*To go in final report. Max 300 words. Fill in prose)

Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) are top priorities in the 'Green Transition' of both Africa and Europe. Both continents are convinced that they will have more opportunities to achieve these goals if they join forces. Therefore, the African Union (AU) and the European Union (EU) have adopted enhanced Research & Innovation

collaboration as their core strategy and approved a jointly funded 10-year [FNSSA Roadmap](#). To boost this collaboration, the [LEAP4FNSSA](#) project has been tasked to establish a [bi-continental Platform](#) to advance food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture.

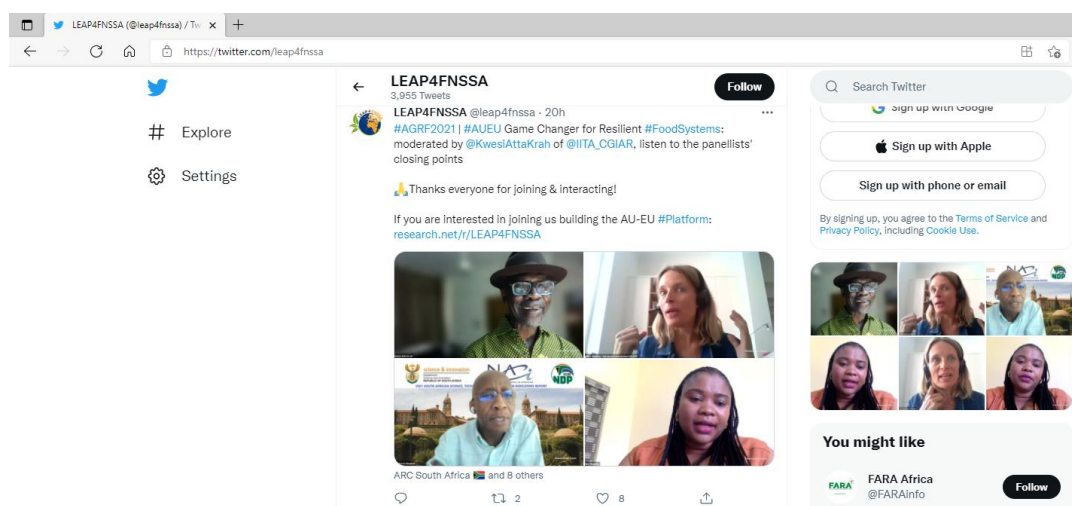
Building on the conviction that research can be the game changer for building new food system resilience pathways and that peer reviewed evidence and innovation is the basis for developing policies, the LEAP4FNSSA project was asked to carry out a study on [Food System Resilience](#). The objective of the study presented during this side-event was to provide recommendations to shape future R&I policies in this research area.

By bringing together the knowledge and experiences of all stakeholder groups (research, private sector, civil society, funders, policy makers) to solve global and regional challenges, the bi-continental Platform can support policy makers make sound, inclusive and environmentally conscious policies for resilient agri-food sector transformation. This AU-EU Platform is an opportunity for all stakeholders to raise their voice for the transformation they want. Knowledge management systems can make this information easily accessible.

Knowing that the current trends on investment in agricultural R&D are not promising, the question that needs to be addressed by the bi-continental Platform is how to align priorities, be strategic with limited resources, ensure a multiplier effect through the Partnership, in a manner that generates the greatest impact for all in a sustainable way. Interested to join us on this journey? Please sign up [here](#).

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LEAP4FNSSA @leap4fnssa · 21h
#Research can be the game changer for building new #foodsystem #resilience pathways.

AUEU Game Changer for Resilient #Food Systems session: Listen to Nienke Buisman of @EUScienceInnov, Aline Mugisho of @IITA_CGIAR and @ammadnb of @gatesfoundation

#Africa #foodsecurity #AGRF2021




AGRF and 5 others

LEAP4FNSSA @leap4fnssa · 21h
"There are different methods to analyse #foodsystem. When we combine all these approaches, we can better study the #resilience of food system."

The #AGRF2021 session continues with Shadrack Moephull, Member #AUEU High Level Policy Dialogue.

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ARC South Africa and 4 others

LEAP4FNSSA @leap4fnssa · 22h
🇺🇪🇪 The #AUEU Platform is an opportunity for all stakeholders to raise their voice for the transformation they want.

#AGRF2021 AU-EU Game Changer for Resilient #FoodSystems session just started: Listen to @KwesiAttakrah, Director Country of @IITA_CGIAR

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How has the session contributed to the AGRF outcomes?
*(For end of AGRF communique/ Press release. List 3 - 5 top outcomes)

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COMMITMENTS

Africa and Europe will establish a [bi-continental Platform](#) to advance food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture.