PROGRAM

THEME: PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY AND RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS

SEPTEMBER 7-10, 2021
HOSTED BY NAIROBI/VIRTUAL HOSTED BY KENYA
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Overview

The evidence is clearer than ever - we need to transform our food systems, and we need to do it now. 2021 is a critical year for recovery and food system transformation. The AGRF 2021 Summit is a defining moment in highlighting and unlocking the political, policy, and financial commitments and innovations the continent has made and that it continues to work towards achieving. It is about advancing the commitments made at the Malabo Heads of State Summit and working hard to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

This year’s AGRF Summit will explore the pathways and actions needed to accelerate this process and steer the continent towards food systems. As part of the contributions to UN Food System Summit (UNFSS) this year’s AGRF Summit under the banner “Pathways to recovery and resilient food systems”, aims to elevate the single coordinated African voice to the UNFSS and identify immediate actions and steps that need to be taken to accelerate progress and recovery towards inclusive agricultural transformation.

The AGRF 2021 Program seeks to showcase solutions and elevate pathways to food systems transformation and recovery under four action tracks:

- Equitable & Inclusive Livelihoods
- #BuildForwardBetter
- Healthy People and Planet
- Sustainable Food Systems

Schedule

The AGRF Program will run each day, and there are two-time blocks for parallel sessions in the morning, and mid-day, to avoid any overlap with the main sessions. See the below Program that outlines days and time blocks.

Venue

The eleventh Annual Summit of the AGRF, will be held virtually from 6-10 September 2021 and will be co-hosted by the Government of Kenya and the AGRF Partners Group.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all sessions will be virtual in a hybrid format. The AGRF’s virtual platform will go live in the week before the event and will include a registration link.
Program Overview

Day 0 - Monday 6 September 2021
Selected Stakeholder Organized Events (self-organized)

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International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Session title: Unlocking African PDBs catalytic role (for increased investments in sustainable food systems)
The plenary platform-streamed event on unlocking African PDBs catalytic role aims at linking national and international/regional PDBs, commercial banks, donors/investors, and SMEs/farmer organizations in the effort to create sustainable inclusive and green rural finance value chains. The potential of African Public Development Banks (PDBs) in catalyzing investments for sustainable food systems will be assessed. Moreover, the event will examine challenges, opportunities, best practices, and experiences of PDBs and relevant players in catalyzing and channeling more public and private finance to transform food systems in Africa.

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) / African Union Commission and the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat
Session title: Intra-African agricultural trade within the context of the AfCFTA
The side event aims to discuss and highlight the challenges encountered including emerging innovations and opportunities during implementation of the AfCFTA in the agricultural sector since trading under preferential arrangements started on 1 January 2021. It brings together seasoned practitioners to evaluate the achievements made to date in the midst of the ongoing CV-19 global pandemic and other difficulties faced by African countries. In addition, the Side Event will bring forth the opportunities yet to be seized in an agrifood market projected to grow to US$ 1 trillion by 2030 and the tools and innovations available to expand intra-African trade.

International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
Session title: Women inclusion in resilience of agricultural value chains
Via a discussion on how three different research projects in three African regions (East, West and North) can react to contextualized challenges in terms of resilience and equity of food systems, we aim to share knowledge on how multi-stakeholders’ approaches can be used to gain better understanding on the importance of a stronger role of women farmers and their families in the food systems and in key commodities value chains within the system.

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Session title: Building resilient food systems
The plenary platform-streamed event on building resilient food systems will serve as an opportunity for the private sector, farmer organizations, youths government and development partners to discuss and reflect new pathways to building the future development agenda, shaped to improve resilience and equitable livelihoods of rural people in presence of challenges like COVID 19, climate change, fragility & conflicts and inter and intra-continental trade barriers. Moreover, it will identify the role of the private sector, farmer organizations, government, and development partners in transforming the agriculture and food systems in Africa.

Commission on Sustainable Agriculture Intensification (CoSAI)
Session title: Effective instruments for innovation investment
A recent study by the Commission on Sustainable Agriculture Intensification (CoSAI) revealed that only 7% of the investment in innovation in the Global South has explicit environmental outcomes and only half of that had clear social objectives. To transform the global system through increased investment in innovation, requires effective instruments that provide financial and/or non-financial support to innovation processes. The session will explore a cohort of instruments, with a focus on understanding the contexts in which they have been used effectively, enabling validation of preliminary findings and suggestions for further evidence.

Growing-Smart Agriculture
Session title: Agro Knowledge food security solutions
Agro knowledge is the most challenging task in the development of modern agriculture. The Practical Agriculture Courses offers a comprehensive approach to teaching agricultural production. The PAC is supporting and improving farming communities, large-scale cultivation firms and food security projects. The Practical Agricultural Courses are based on the regional marketing targets and needs. We
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11:00-11:15 | Transition Break
11:15-13:00 | AGRA’s Centre for African Leaders in Agriculture (CALA) and the African Food Fellowship

Session title: The Role of Collaborative Food Systems Leadership in Tackling Sector Implementation Challenges

Sequence 1
This panel discussion on the role of collaborative leadership in unlocking sector implementation challenges brings together Permanent Secretaries as the chief technical experts from government, as well as key representatives from the private sector and state delivery mechanisms to discuss innovative ways of dealing with the known implementation challenges faced by leaders, that hinder progress in achieving national agriculture priorities. They will also highlight the importance of honing collaborative leadership skills, and the potential of the Centre for African Leaders in Agriculture to support leaders to deliver on sector priorities.

Sequence 2
The second sequence at AGRF 2021 asks the question “African food systems leadership – how to shape the future?” and explores how to inspire new forms of leadership in agri-food systems that can accelerate systems-level change across Africa. AGRA’s Centre for African Leaders in Agriculture (CALA) and the African Food Fellowship, as new agri-food system leadership support initiatives, seek to catalyze a professional movement of food system leaders who work collaboratively to build sustainable food systems for the well-being of all African citizens and its environment. The session will begin a new dialogue on the nature of African leadership for food systems transformation in Africa and familiarize attendees with the two initiatives.

Heifer International
Session title: Positioning African Youths to Transform Food Systems Through Technology

Heifer International’s 2021 survey report, “The Future of Africa’s Agriculture: An Assessment of the Role of Youth and Technology”, reveals that “smallholder farmers will embrace advanced technologies if the tools are affordable, and they can receive training in how to use them.”

The report reveals the urgency of new investments to stimulate access to financing and technology innovation as a means to rejuvenating Africa’s food systems and develop economic opportunities. The side event will review key findings of the report, discuss actionable solutions and chart new pathways to the future of food - fundamentally heralding a generational shift in African agriculture.

Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
Session title: South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Promoting Youth-led Agri-food Innovations from the Global South

Food systems are integral to the health and economic wellbeing of people across the planet. In Africa, where they account for almost 60% of the population, young people have been engaging and investing in activities that support agri-food value chains. However, they face significant constraints that curtail their capacity to contribute to the economy, such as the lack of product visibility. For this year’s AGRF, the South-South and Triangular Cooperation event - organized jointly by IFAD and AGRA - will highlight innovative solutions from the youth that are transforming the agri-food sector in Africa; and provide a platform to tackle some of their existing challenges.

ONE CGIAR
Session title: Science & innovation for sustainable and resilient food systems in Africa

This side event focuses on the roles of science, research, and innovation in sustainable and resilient food systems for Africa. It highlights One CGIAR priorities and commitments and discusses how these can help accelerate inclusive agricultural transformation in Africa. The session begins by briefly outlining key components of the One CGIAR’s new research and innovation strategy and its priorities for Africa. In a conversation, CGIAR regional leaders will set out their priorities and actions to accelerate inclusive agricultural transformation. A multi-stakeholder
panel of agricultural transformation actors will showcase ways that One CGIAR research and innovation has, and can make a difference to the sustainability and resilience of food systems in Africa. The session concludes by drawing together proposals and recommendations for One CGIAR to deliver its commitments to Africa.

Farm Radio International
Session title: E-Extension: Accelerating Building Back Better

E-Extension services have a direct contribution to increased capacity to generate, analyze and use data and innovations to accelerate recovery and resilience of food systems. E-Extension: Accelerating Building Back Better will explore emerging issues, best practices and evidence in digital extension as a key driver in transforming food systems for sub-Saharan Africa.

AFEX & Smallholder and Agri-SME Finance and Investment Network (SAFIN)
Session title: Digital Financial Services for Agriculture

Financial inclusion and payment systems are a central consideration in digital financial services. Including smallholder farmers means that they can access systems of credit, can keep their money safely, and can be assured of reduced transaction time and costs. Creating appropriately tailored digital financial service innovations for smallholder farmers and other value chain actors, which fit their needs, is one part of the puzzle. This session will drive conversations on the adoption of digital financial services for agriculture, within the context of the challenges it can solve and the huge potential for scalable outcomes that will improve our food systems.

13:00-13:15 Transition Break

13:15-14:15 International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Session title: One-Health Approach for Building Resilience

The platform-streamed event aims at discussing the opportunities, strengths and main hampering factors for the implementation of the One Health approach (OHA) in the Africa. Major human and animal disease threats and related costs; the importance of OHA and slow rollout in Africa; the means to catalyze the adoption and implementation of the OHA in Africa and the role of governments, UN and donor organizations in supporting and promoting it will be assessed. The prospect for establishing a multi-stakeholder regional/sub-regional platform to discuss emerging issues around human and livestock diseases, raise awareness on the correct use of antibiotics will be proposed.

Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT)
Session title: Technology brokerage for a resilient food system in Africa

As Africa tackles the COVID-19 pandemic, hunger and malnutrition lurk around Africa menacingly. With its population edging towards 2 billion by 2050 amidst relentless urbanisation and climate change, Africa’s ability to feed itself is at great risk unless it strengthens its food systems as an integral part of efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and to build resilience. At the core of Africa’s food security challenge is productivity. African agriculture is often uncompetitive and results in around a third of calories consumed in Africa being imported from outside the continent. Recent successes in implementing the African Development Bank’s Feed Africa Strategy via the Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) programme reveal that increased investments in innovative technologies and brokerage can boost agricultural productivity, with important results for the overall strength of food systems. The side event on “Technology brokerage for a resilient food system in Africa” will provide vistas on the efficacy of technology brokerage in building resilient food systems.

African Development Bank (AfDB) & International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
Session title: Livestock Investment Masterplan (LIVEMAP)

The Livestock Investment Master Plan (LIVEMAP) provides a comprehensive framework to shape investment in the livestock sector, and help African countries sustainably raise the productivity, resilience, and profitability of livestock systems, create inclusive employment along the value chains and contribute to food and nutrition security.
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A ten minute overview of the LIVEMAP will be presented by the moderator followed by discussions by the panelists on how the LIVEMAP can be useful to building resilient food systems in Africa and a question and answer session with participants.

For more information see the LIVEMAP narrative and the accompanying LIVEMAP website: https://livestockinvestmentmasterplan.info/

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Session title: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Agriculture, Food Security, and Nutrition in Africa

The side event is to discuss the findings and recommendations of various assessments of the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Agriculture, Food Security, and Nutrition in Africa and to support advocacy and country programming by policy makers and other decision makers who are designing and implementing COVID-19 response and recovery policies, programmes and investments in Africa. The session intends to provide a comprehensive understanding of the impact of the pandemic in Africa based on an analytical review of available evidence. The keynote presentation will underline the macroeconomic impact as well as the impact on agricultural production, livestock, fisheries, markets, trade, food security and nutrition. In addition, priority countries for response and recovery programmes/investments are identified based on a composite index analysis. A panel will deliberate on the implication of the findings and recommendations as well as highlight promising policy and investment interventions that can stimulate an inclusive recovery to help build back better resilient agri-food systems.

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Session title: Food Systems Approach to Rural Transformation

The Rural Development Report (RDR) is IFAD’s flagship research publication. This year it focuses on food systems transformation for rural prosperity and it is due for release right before the Food Systems Summit. The RDR cuts across (i) equitable livelihoods, (ii) nutrition and health and (iii) resilience. Key highlights of the report will be shared, such as the importance of adopting a food systems approach, the key challenges and driving factors, opportunities for transformation, investments, innovation; implications for the environment and the importance of not leaving anyone behind. Some of its key authors from IFAD and the University of Wageningen will participate as well as other key researcher.

SAO GROUP
Session title: SPECIAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING ZONE (Oil Palm and Cocoa Value Chain Development)

The Special Agro-industrial Processing Zones (oil palm and cocoa value chain) are areas of high agricultural potential located across the south-western states in Nigeria with a focus on the oil palm and cocoa value chain.

The objectives of this session include;
- To support the development of climate-resilient enabling infrastructure and management of the agro-industrial zones
- Enhancing climate-smart agricultural production and productivity in the oil palm and cocoa value chain
- Seek investors and potential partners in the SAPZ
- Support enabling institutional capacity, policy, regulatory and business environment for agribusiness project management in the oil palm and cocoa value chain
- Seek long term collaboration between the SAPZ and potential off-takers of product for export

14:15-14:30 Transition Break

14:30-16:15 Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture/Syngenta
Session title: Soil and root health: how can they be enhanced to tackle climate change, food insecurity and malnutrition?

Africa is severely impacted by soil degradation and climate change. This negatively affects the region’s agri-food systems resilience and ability to strengthen sustainable intensification to improve continental food self-sufficiency. The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021 also shows that while
Africa remains the most food insecure continent in the world, it also has the fastest growing population and highest prevalence of undernourishment. It is crucial to act now on soil and root health to support recovery and resilience, meet the evolving challenges and unlock Africa’s potential sustainably. The session will share the latest thinking on how collective action and continuous innovation can tackle the challenges of enhancing soil and root health at scale.

Rockefeller Foundation
Session title: Distributed Renewable Energy-Agriculture Modalities (DREAM)

Learning from the experience of Ethiopia in clustering agricultural production and piloting the use of renewable energy towards production, post-harvest management and agro-processing, and India in linking agriculture production with renewable energy mini-grids for strengthened agriculture value chains. These learnings around modelling for economic viability, environmental sustainability, and the importance of intentional ecosystem support will give insights to other countries that may want to pursue similar paths.

AMEA & HarvestPlus
Session title: Forging resilient food systems with smallholder farmers and agri-SMEs

The session aims to highlight the urgent need to support practical, proven, scalable approaches to engaging and empowering those who make up the backbone of African agriculture and food systems: smallholder farmers and agri-food SMEs. The session will do this by diving deeper beyond the high-level discussion of food systems transformation, so that we hear from those “on the ground” about what works, what does not, and what our priorities should be. Examples will be presented from the extensive portfolio from HarvestPlus and the AMEA Network.

AgFlow SA
Session title: Trade Support Information Systems

SDG2 Advocacy Hub
Session title: New Consensus for Smallholder Farmers

Good food begins with farmers. Smallholder farmers sit at the heart of our food systems yet struggle to earn enough to feed their own families. The UNFSS, N4G and COP26 are opportunities to coordinate action to invest in smallholders’ health, livelihoods, productivity and sustainability. Recent reports, including Ceres2030 and the CAADP Biennial Review, global and regional initiatives provide a roadmap. In the absence of a clearly articulated policy consensus across diverse stakeholders, however, these efforts compete for resources and fail to achieve the collective impact needed. This session will explore building a new consensus to move from evidence to action.

Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA)
Session title: An Integrated Approach to Address Climate and Food Security Challenges in Rwanda

The interactive AGRF session “An Integrated Approach to Address Climate and Food Security Challenges in Rwanda” will describe the Feed the Future Rwanda Hinga Weze Activity’s integrated approach to advance climate and nutrition sensitive agriculture by sustainably increasing incomes, productivity and market access for smallholder farmers. Panelists will describe how Hinga Weze, implemented by CNFA and funded by USAID, has built resilience to climate change and increased the availability of nutritious foods—addressing key questions such as how climate change affects farmers in Rwanda and which climate-smart agriculture approaches and strategies best address climate shocks while improving food security.

16:15-16:30 Transition Break
16:30-18:30 Agriculture Transformation Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries & Cooperatives - Kenya
Session title: Kenya’s Pathways to Sustainable Food Systems
In preparation for the 2021 Food Systems Summit, a series of subnational dialogues were held across the country. The results from these dialogues have shaped the Kenyan contribution to the Food Systems Summit and further the national foundations and commitment to transforming food systems. This side event will focus on Kenya’s identified pathways towards Food Systems Transformation – Youth, Digital Innovation, Diverse Diets and Climate Change. The event will create an opportunity for
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a leadership-focused discussion on outcomes and will finalize the Kenyan vision for the Future of Food Systems.

BIFAD, USAID, AAP, ReNAPRI, World Bank and the African Development Bank
Session title: Agricultural Transformation for Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems

Convening leaders from diverse stakeholder including BIFAD, USAID, AfDB, World Bank, ReNAPRI, and Alliance for African Partnership, panel discussion will identify conditions and properties of resilient, sustainable food systems and propose policies and programs for African governments to achieve them. Considering varying conditions across Africa, expert private- and public-sector panelists will explore effective strategies for resilient, sustainable food systems and how these differ across countries, with consideration of fragile and resource-rich states. Discussion will draw from country case studies and recent evidence, including work commissioned by BIFAD, a World Bank publication, and an AfDB report, on linkages between agricultural productivity, economic transformation, and resilience.

Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) / International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)
Session title: Rehabilitating acid soils for food security in Africa

In line with the theme of AGRF 2021 on forging pathways to recovery and resilient food systems, this side event will give evidence on how rehabilitating acid soils is important for improved productivity and resilient food security. It highlights the status of the acidic soils and the impact on the productivity on the continent and especially in East Africa. Furthermore, it identifies constraints on the production, distribution and use including the policy aspects but also solutions/lessons from different countries and stakeholders. The outcome of the event will be recommendations for advocacy and actions from private sector and Government in terms of investments and policy reforms to stimulate production and use of quality lime for resilient and sustainable food systems for our continent.

Rockefeller Foundation / IKEA Foundation
Session title: Food Systems and Integrated Policy
The momentum generated by the Food Systems Summit has put food systems transformation at the center of global discourse and many African national agendas. Food systems in Africa are still maturing and can be steered in a healthier, more sustainable, and more equitable direction through integrated and coherent policy. Despite progress in cross-sectoral policy coherence in several African countries, these strategies have focused primarily on agricultural production or maternal and child nutrition. Food systems transformation requires systems thinking and a new level of inter-sectorality and inclusivity in policy development and implementation. This session will explore various experiences and approaches towards food system policies that are integrated and transformational.

Alliance for African Partnership at Michigan State University (MSU)
Session title: Youth and Agri-food System’s Resilience in Africa

Building a sustained and resilient agri-food system is an intergenerational mandate which demands the active engagement of African youth. With their large numbers, relatively high educational levels, and affinity for digital technology, African youth represent an indispensable resource, which if properly harnessed, can foster a more resilient and productive agri-food system. However, questions remain on effective strategies to harness youth innovativeness and energy. To help provide guidance for policy, this session will discuss evidence-based and pragmatic approaches that could foster productive youth engagement supportive of resilient agri-food systems in Africa.

Long-term Europe-Africa Research and Innovation Partnership for Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (LEAP4FNSSA), Wageningen University & Research
Session title: AU-EU Game Changer for Resilient Food Systems
Research can be the game changer for building new food system resilience pathways. The AU-EU Platform is an opportunity for all stakeholders to raise their voice for the transformation they want. Peer reviewed evidence and innovation is the basis for developing policies. Knowledge management systems can make this information easily accessible. Added value for stakeholders comes from new coordination mechanism between stakeholder groups.
We invite policy makers, entrepreneurs, civil society actors, youth and scientists to come together for a new way of bi-continental cooperation, that brings together their knowledge to help policy makers make sound policies for driving agri-food development.

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<td><strong>Insights: What food systems do we want?</strong></td>
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<td>Closing out the day, Insights is a moment for voices with diverse points of view to comment on the day’s activities and bring their insights to the Program. Reflections at end of each day bringing together the varied tracks into common themes and results.</td>
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<td><strong>Moderator:</strong> Mr. Georgie Ndirangu, Media Broadcaster, BBC Multimedia Broadcast</td>
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<td>• Mr. Paul Matovu, Head of Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme, Vertical Farming, Uganda</td>
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<td>• Mr. Enock Chikava, Deputy Director, Country Systems Transformation Team, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)</td>
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Day 1 - Tuesday 7 September 2021

**THEME: Equitable & Inclusive Livelihoods**

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<td>The AGRF 2021 Summit host, Kenya will set the tone for the day with presentation of its flagship programs and investment opportunities.</td>
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<td>• Ms. Yunike Phiri, Acting Country Coordinator for the Farm to Market Alliance</td>
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10:45-11:00  | Food Systems Innovators                                                |
|             | Food system innovations are fundamental and will be instrumental to ensuring that future generations are food secure and eat healthy diets. To transition towards sustainability, AGRF 2021 will be showcasing breakthrough innovations that transform the food system into one that creates value for all stakeholders. |
|             | A series of 5-minute videos played during the bridge segments, each clip will feature a different African innovator with an emphasis on women, youth, and SMEs. |

**Innovators:**
The Opening Ceremony will launch the Virtual 2021 Agribusiness Deal Room, a matchmaking platform that aims to drive new business deals and commitments. The Deal Room will provide companies in the agriculture and agribusiness sectors with the opportunity to access finance, mentorship, and market entry solutions to support their growth objectives. It will create opportunities for governments to present investment opportunities, promote investment incentives and engage with interested investors. It will achieve these through a combination of project preparation, pipeline development, project bankability, investment promotion, and enabling policy environment. Participants will explore trade deals and partnership opportunities that enhance sourcing from African smallholder farmers.

The Agribusiness Deal Room this year will focus on the following subthemes:

- Exploring inclusive, sustainable and resilient investments into Africa’s agriculture sector that will support recovery and growth of our food systems
- Unlocking increased domestic investment into both public and private investment priorities
- Championing access to finance, more specifically for women SMEs
- Strengthening models to enhance sourcing in Africa and capitalize on the AfCFTA

Mobilizing the eco-system that can leverage inclusive investment opportunities is critical to investment facilitation.

The opening session of the Deal Room will bring to life experiences of different value chain actors, while also presenting the benefits and opportunities in investing in Africa’s food systems.

**Sequence 1: Fireside Chat**
- H.E. Lionel Zinsou, former Prime Minister, Republic of Benin
- Hon. Betty Maina, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development (Kenya)
- Mr. Donald Kaberuka, AU High Representative for the Peace Fund and Chair of the Board of the Global Fund
- Mr. Mark Meassick, Mission Director of USAID/Kenya

**Sequence 2: Panel discussion** – On recovery: An in-depth discussion with investors on their evolving strategies for resilient investments, the horizon for Africa and their expectations.

**Moderator:** Mr. Sean de Cleene, World Economic Forum, Member of the Executive Committee

**Speakers:**
- Ms. Diane Karusisi, Chief Executive officer, Bank of Kigali
- Dr. Gideon Muriuki, Group Managing Director & CEO, Co-operative Bank (Kenya)
- Ms. Eva Kavuma, Chief Operating Officer, African Risk Capacity Group
- Mr. Ben Valk, Head Food and Agri Partnerships, Rabobank

**Sequence 3:** Aspirations and expectations in engaging in the Agribusiness Deal Room
A series of short interventions and presentations from Deal Room participants.

**Moderator:** Ms. Vanessa Adams, Vice President Strategic Partnerships, AGRA

**Speakers:**
- Ms. Seynabou Dieng Traoré, Founder and CEO of MAYA Enterprises, Mali
- Mr. Taziona Chaponda, CEO, Malawi Agriculture and Industrial Investment Corporation
- Mr. William Asiko, Managing Director, Rockefeller Foundation
- Mr. Kebba Colley, Director, Inclusive Business Development, IDH
- Mr. Samuel Kwame Ntim, CEO, Yedent Agro Group of Companies Ltd.

**Sequence 4: Agribusiness Deal Room Opening**

**Moderator:** Ms. Vanessa Adams, VP Strategic Partnerships, AGRA (Kenya)

A short address by the Agribusiness Deal Room co-chairs and the official opening of the Deal Room

- Dr. Gilbert F. Houngbo, President IFAD
- Mr. Zephanie Niyonkuru, Deputy CEO, Rwanda Development Board (RDB)
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA and UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Food Systems Summit
Farmers Forum

Inclusive and sustainable agriculture transformation aims to revolutionize smallholder agriculture into a highly productive, efficient, competitive, and sustainable business. This vision is further underpinned by the need for multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral collaborations to leverage resources and capacity of other partners to consolidate change at the systems and farmer-level. The Farmers Forum will put a spotlight on the continent’s farmers and discuss pathways to ensure they are thriving and contributing to building resilient food systems for the continent.

Moderators: Ms. Renee Ngamau, Chief Growth Officer, ReneeSense Ltd

Opening Remarks: Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA and UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Food Systems Summit

Farmers Roundtable: Is Doubling Farmers income enough to reach Zero Hunger?

- Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, PAFO
- Ms. Esther Penuinia, Secretary General of the Asian Farmers’ Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA)
- Ms. Christiane Lambert, President, COPA-COGECA
- Mr. Ajay Vir Jakhar, Chairman of Bharat Krishak Samaj (Farmers’ Forum India)
- Mr. Bagna Djibo – First President, PAFO (Niger, West Africa)
- Mr. Abdelmajid Ezzar, President, Tunisian Union of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Ms. Agnes Kirabo, Executive Director, Food Rights Alliance (Uganda)
- Mr. Nga Célestin, CEO, PROPAC (Cameroon, Central Africa)
- Mr. Paul Zakariya, Executive Director of Zimbabwe Farmers’ Union (ZFU)
- Ms. Betty Chinyamunyamu, Chief Executive Officer, National Smallholder Farmers’ Association of Malawi
- Mr. Chris Muyunda, Chair, CAADP Non-State Actors Coalition (CNC)
- Dr. Daniel M. M’Mailutha, CEO Kenya National Farmers Federation (KENAFF)
- Ms. Mary Afam, Smallholder Women Farmers Organization of Nigeria (SWOFON)
- Mr. Stephen Muchiri – Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)
- Mr. Ishmael Sunga, Chief Executive Officer, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)

Parallel Workshop (Gender): Equitable Livelihoods for Women through Innovative Financing and Climate Adaptation

This equitable livelihoods workshop will narrow in on the themes of innovative financing and strengthening women’s climate resilience and adaptation, by highlighting how innovative financing is contributing to gender equality and women’s empowerment across the continent and the need to scale these initiatives through commitments from financial institutions for the benefit of all women in agriculture. As we gear up for COP 26 and the race to net zero, the session will also explore mechanisms for ensuring women shape and lead climate adaptation plans. For food systems transformation to occur at a global scale, we must recognize that Africa is not at par with the rest of the world and financing is critical for African women to catch up and be part of this transformation. The session will call for action and draw commitments from financial institutions, governments, private sector players, development partners and other stakeholders to increase financing for women in agriculture, including climate finance.

Moderator: Dr. Susan Chomba, Director of Vital Landscapes for Africa, World Resources Institute

Keynote:
- Amb. Raychelle Awuor Omamo, Cabinet Secretary, Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya
- Ms. Sicily K. Kariuki, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation

Setting the Scene

- Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Dr. Holger A. Kray, Practice Manager, Agriculture and Food Security, World Bank
- Hon. Frank Kagyigyi Tumwebaze, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

Sequence 1 – Innovative financial inclusion and networks

Panel discussion
- Ms. Laura Davis, Managing Partner & Investor Relations, RENEW
- Ms. Jamie Anderson, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Rural and Agricultural Livelihoods – CGAP /
  World Bank Group
Sequence 2: Build up to COP26 – Strengthening women’s climate resilience and adaptation

Panel discussion

- Mr. Jean Claude (JC) Rubyogo, Bean Programme Leader & Director, PABRA, CIAT
- Dr. Jemimah Njuki, Africa Director, IFPRI, & Gender Lever Custodian, UNFSS
- Ms. Leticia Mpuya, Country Director Tanzania, Heifer International
- Dr. Jyotsna Puri, Director, Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division (ECG) – IFAD

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- Mr. Bakary Doumbia, Rice Farmer
- Mr. Dickson Juma, Co-Founder, Kuruwitu Conservation Welfare CBO
- Ms. Vera Osei-Bonsu, Start Right Nutrition Limited

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Chef Chat with the Chefs’ Manifesto

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The purpose of this collaboration between the Chefs’ Manifesto and AGRF is to continue to connect the consumption side of food with the production side. It is also to create exciting and stimulating content that showcases how the Chefs’ Manifesto’s Thematic Areas delivers Good Food For All and speaks to the AGRF’s Action Tracks.

These chefs will foster commitments to:
- Nutritious food that is accessible and affordable
- African cuisines
- Celebrating African ingredients and products from across the continent
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Meet the Author

Food Entrepreneurs in Africa: Scaling Resilient Agriculture Businesses, Routledge 2021  
Entrepreneurs are the lifeblood of the agriculture and food sectors in Africa, which is projected to exceed a trillion dollars by 2030. This book captures the author’s personal experiences and her engagement with over 80 successful African entrepreneurs. It explores how entrepreneurs can develop scalable business models, attract and retain talent, leverage innovation & technology to leapfrog and adapt to climate change, raise patient and catalytic financing, build strong brands, shape their ecosystem and grow resilient businesses that can withstand future shocks and stresses. Engage Ms. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli as she unpacks her experiences while penning this great resource that is a must have for budding entrepreneurs.

•  Ms. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli

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13:45-14:00  Commitments Showcase  
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PLENARY & HEADLINERS

14:00-14:45  Africa Agriculture Status Report (AASR) Launch  
This year’s Africa Agriculture Status Report (AASR) focuses on unpacking the concept of sustainable and resilient agri-food systems. The AASR launch will dive deeper into the key topics covered in the report, including digital transformation, job creation, market opportunities, global sustainability, enhancing nutritional quality of food products and regreening Africa through ecosystem restoration.

Moderator: Mr. Kinyua M’Mbijjewe, Corporate Affairs Director, Monsanto Kenya Ltd

Introducing the AASR Context: Mr, Andrew Cox, Chief of Staff and Strategy, AGRA

Keynote Presentations
•  Prof. Joachim von Braun, Chair of the UNFSS Scientific Group  
•  Dr. Beth Dunford, Vice President Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank  
•  Prof. Lulama Traub, ReNAPRI
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**Sequence 2 Overview of the AASR**

**Panel Discussion**

- Mr. Wandile Sihlobo, Chief Economist / Advisor to President of South Africa
- Prof. Adesoji Soji Adelaja, Michigan State University
- Hon. Lobin Lowe, Minister of Agriculture, Malawi
- Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)
- Prof. Louise Fox, Brookings Institute
- Ms. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-founder & Managing Partner, Sahel Consulting

Remarks: Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA and UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Food Systems Summit

**AASR 2021 book launch:** Prof. Joachim von Braun, Chair of the UNFSS Scientific Group

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15:00-16:45 Plenary: Ensuring Equitable Livelihoods and Living Incomes

Inequality and power imbalances – at household, community, national and global levels – are consistently constraining the ability of food systems to deliver poverty reduction and sustainable, equitable livelihoods. This plenary session will discuss the most effective approaches to sustainably eradicate poverty and inequality and improve livelihoods.

**Moderator:** Mr. Georgie Ndirangu, Media Broadcaster, BBC Multimedia Broadcast

**Sequence 1: Keynote Remarks**

- Ms. Michelle Nunn, Chairperson, UNFSS Action Track 4, Advance Equitable Livelihoods, & President and Chief Executive Officer, CARE USA
- Hon. Prof. Hamadi Iddi Boga, Principal Secretary, State Department for Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries (Kenya)
- Mr. Sunny Verghese, Co-Founders and Group CEO Olam International

**Sequence 2: Panel Discussion**

- Hon. Olegaria dos Anjos Banze, Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mozambique
- Ms. Tjada D’Oyen McKenna, Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Corps
- Mr. Fred Swaniker, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Leadership Academy
- Mr. Gerald Chirinda, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Future Africa Investments
- Mr. Vimal Shah, Co-Founder and Chairman of Bidco Africa
- Prof. Kevin Urama, African Development Institute, African Development Bank Group, Senior Director
- Mr. Fayçal Benameur, SVP of East Africa, OCP

**Sequence 3: Panel Discussion**

- Hon. Ms. Lindiwe Zulu, Minister of Social Development (South Africa)
- Ms. Blayne Tesfaye, Co-founder and CEO TruLuv
- Dr. Simon Winter, Executive Director, Syngenta Foundation
- Mr. Stephen Jackson, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kenya
- Mr. Peter Njongo, CEO Twiga Foods
- Prof. Sheryl Hendricks, Professor and Head of Department, University of Pretoria

16:45-17:00 Commitments Showcase
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17:00-18:15 | Plenary: Food Systems Transformation – Accelerating Action

The food we eat today is unsustainable in various ways: the food system causes unacceptable environmental impacts, and it is depleting non-renewable resources. Food systems — encompassing the interlinked biophysical and human systems that span from agricultural production, through post-harvest manufacturing and distribution, to food consumption — should be engineered primarily to boost productivity in delivering healthy dietary needs supply sufficient to avoid famines in the face of human population growth. The urgency of transforming Africa’s food systems is irrefutable.

**Moderator:** Jeff Koinange, Citizen TV

**Sequence 1**

Framing Keynotes

- Dr. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme
- Dr. Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
- Dr. Rajiv “Raj” J. Shah, President of the Rockefeller Foundation

**Sequence 2**

Panel Speakers

- Hon. Anne Nyaga, Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries and Cooperatives in the Government of Kenya
- Hon. Alan Kyerematen, Minister of Trade & Industry, Ghana
- Hon. Dr. Jeanne d’Arc Mujawamariya, Minister of Environment, Rwanda
- Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Pan-African Farmers’ Organization (PAFO)
- Mr. Nnaemeka Ikegwuonu, Founder/CEO of ColdHubs Limited
- Dr. Mari Pangestu, Managing Director, Development Policy and Partnerships, World Bank Group
- Mr. Daniel Hailu, Regional Head for East and Southern Africa, Mastercard Foundation
- Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, ARBE Director, African Union African

18:15 – 18:30 | Commitments Showcase

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18:30 – 19:15 | Insights: Can African agriculture contribute to Net Zero?

Closing out the day, Insights is a moment for voices with diverse points of view to comment on the day’s activities and bring their insights to the Program.

Reflections at end of each day bringing together the varied tracks into common themes and results.

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- Mr. Nigel Topping, UK High-Level Climate Action Champion, COP26
- Dr. Musonda Mumba, Director, UNDP Rome Sustainability Centre
- Mr. Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit at the European Commission, Directorate-General (DG) for International Cooperation and Development
- Ms. Poorva Pandya, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO), ETG Farmers Foundation (EFF)
- Dr. Ruben Echeverria, Chair, Commission on Sustainable Agriculture Intensification
- Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility
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- Mr. Omar Coulibaly, Director General, InnoFaso
- Mr. Fred Zamblé, Co-Founder & CEO, Seekewa

PARALLEL SESSIONS
11:00-12:45  Ministerial Roundtable (closed)

The High-level Ministerial Roundtable Session will provide a platform for reflection and stocktaking on political, policy and financial and innovations the continent has achieved. The session will also focus on what is needed to advance the implementation of commitments made at the Malabo Heads of State Summit as well as meeting the SDGs in the context of food systems.

Moderator: Dr David Nabarro, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Climate Change

Sequence 1: Welcome and Setting the Scene

Remarks:
- H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Chairperson AGRF Partners Group
- Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)

Keynote Remarks:
- H.E. Josefa Sacko, Commissioner, Department for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (DARBE), African Union Commission

Sequence 2: Ministerial Interventions

Special Remarks:
- Hon. Thoko Didiza - Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa, and Chair of the Africa Union Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment
- Hon. Peter Gatirau Munya, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, host Government

Remarks by Agriculture Ministers
- Hon. Dr. Gerardine Mukeshimana, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda
- H.E. Omer Hussein Oba, Minister of Agriculture, Ethiopia
- Hon. Lobin Lowe, Minister of Agriculture, Malawi
- H.E. Moussa Balde, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Equipment, Senegal
- Hon. Said Hussein Iid, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Somalia
- Hon. Salifu Ouedraogo, Minister of Agriculture, Burkina Faso
- Hon. Aziz Akhannouch, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Kingdom of Morocco
- Hon. Amie Fabureh – Minister of Agriculture – Gambia
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- Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Devolution and ASAL, Kenya

Remarks by Finance, Budget and Planning Ministers
- Honorable Minister of Finance, Kenya
- Hon. Zainab Ahmed, Minister of Finance, Budget and Planning, Nigeria
• Hon. Dr. Uzziel Ndagijiman, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Republic of Rwanda
• Hon. Felix Mlusu, Minister of Finance, Malawi

Remarks by Ministers of Health
• Hon. Mutahi Kagwe, EGH Cabinet Secretary for Health, Kenya
• Hon. Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda, MP Minister of Health, Malawi
• Minister of Health of Ethiopia

Remarks by Trade Ministers
• Hon. Betty Maina, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development, Kenya
• Hon. Alan Kyerematen, Minister of Trade & Industry, Ghana

Remarks by Environment Ministers
• Hon. Keriako Tobiko, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya
• Hon. Dr. Jeanne d’Arc Mujawamariya, Minister of Environment, Rwanda
• Hon. Dr. Kwaku Afriyie, Minister of Environment, Science, Technology, and innovation (MESTI), Ghana
• Hon. Barbara Creecy, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries
• Ms. Sicily K. Kariuki, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation

Remarks by National Convenors of Food Systems
• Dr. Alfred Acakpo Secrétaire Permanent du Conseil National de l’Alimentation et de la Nutrition, Benin
• Mme. Julie Kasa-Kanga Tshilombo Coordonnatrice Adjointe de la Coordination des Ressources Extérieures et du Suivi des Projets Présidence de la République, Democratic Republic of Congo
• Hon. Kemiso Mosenene, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office, Kingdom of Lesotho
• H.E. Mrs. Frances Piagie Alghali Minister of State, Office of the Vice President, Sierra Leone
• Hon. Prof. Adolf Mkenda, Minister of Agriculture – United Republic of Tanzania

Remarks by Global Partners
• Hon. Wu Peng, Director-General, Department of African Affairs of the Foreign Ministry, People’s Republic of China
• Hon. James Duddridge (MP), Minister for Africa, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom

Remarks by All Participating Development partners

Closing Remarks:
• H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Chair of the Board of Directors of AGRA and AGRF Partners

11:00-12:45 Parallel Workshop – Resilience & Adaptation

Session Title: Building Agricultural Resilience to Multiple Shocks and Risks

Food insecurity and poverty in Africa are primarily driven by multiple shocks and risks that include conflicts, climate extremes, and disease outbreaks, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This session will identify and share global experiences in resilience building and showcase best practices in addressing vulnerability and risk in Africa. A platform for policy debate and influence for reducing agricultural risks and vulnerabilities will be developed.

Moderator: Dr. Ekta H. Patel, Scientist & Bioscience Communications Manager, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)

Setting the Scene: Framing remarks
• Prof. Saleem Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)

High Level Remarks:
• Mr. Rein Paulsen, Director of Emergencies and Resilience, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome
• Ms. Natasha Santos, Vice-President of Global Stakeholders’ Strategy & Affairs at Bayer Crop Science
African food security lies in its opportunity link markets and add value to improve the livelihoods. 80% of global multi-dimensional poverty occurs in rural areas so it is essential to see the agro-ecosystem as a continuum from the farm to value added processing to products on the grocery store shelves. Leading academics, insightful business leaders, and finance experts will help chart a course to more robust value chains on the continent. From farmers, to aggregators, processors, to retailers, this session will speak about interventions in logistics and marketing as well as the means to get integrated value chains functioning more effectively in Africa.

Moderator:

- Ms. Thato Moagi, Agricultural Scientist and Agripreneur, South Africa

Opening Remarks:

- Mr. Tom Kehoe, Deputy Director, Agriculture, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- H. Dr. Gerardine Mukeshimana, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda
- Hon. Prof. Adolf Mkenda, Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania

Panel Discussion: Strengthening mechanisms in processing, logistics and market infrastructure

- Hon. Alan Kyerematen, Minister of Trade & Industry, Ghana
- Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Chief Executive Officer, AFEX Nigeria
- Mr. Peter Njonjo CEO & Co-Founder, Twiga Foods
- Mr. Mauricio Adade, Vice President. DSM
- Ms. Atsuko Toda, Director of the Agriculture Finance & Rural Development Department of the African Development Bank
- Ms. Hixonia Nyasulu, Founder and Chair, Ayavuna Women's Investments

Panel Discussion: Strengthening Ag value chain systems.

- Hon. Margaret Mwanakatwe, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
- Ms. Hellen Onyango, Crop Aggregator, Farm to Market Alliance
- Ms. Michelle Kagari, One Acre Fund's Global Director of Government Relations and Policy
- Ms. Jo Ryan, CEO, Tru Trade
- Ms. Khadijah Mohamed Churchill, CEO, Kwanza Tukule
- Ms. Rachel Nguli, Financial Services, Safaricom, Digi farm
- Prof. Ed Mabaya, Research, International Programs, Cornell University

Conclusion:

- Dr. Joe DeVries, President, Seed Systems Group, SSG: Agro-Ecosystem Development Enterprise
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- Mr. Brian Bosire, Founder & CEO, UjuziKilimo

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Pitch AgriHack Competition

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MC: Ms. Bonolo Monthe, MD Maungo Craft & former Pitch Agrihack Winner

Special remarks:
- Mr. Pierre Ferrari, President & CEO, Heifer International

Judges:
- Ms. Ebuloluwa Bolodeoku, Head Transformation, Africa – Heifer International
- Mr. Elisee Kamanzi, Country Director, Rwanda, Heifer Africa
- Mr. William Matovu, Country Director Uganda, Heifer Africa
- Mr. Ken Lohento – Digital Innovation Strategy Consultant, FAO
- Mr. Nixon Gecheo, Senior Program Officer – Digital Systems & Solutions for Agriculture, AGRA
- Ms. Barbra Muzata, Communications and Brand Leader, Africa Middle East, Corteva
- Ms. Grace Vuhya Obeda, African Development Bank
• Mrs. Hafou Toure, Agriculture Finance and Rural Development Department, African Development Bank

PLENARY & HEADLINERS
14:00-15:30 GoGettaz Agripreneur Cheetah's Chase

Generation Africa is proud to bring together young entrepreneurs, innovators, movers and shakers in Africa’s agri-food sector and present inspiration from 10 young agripreneurs competing for this year’s prestigious GoGettaz Agripreneur Prize. The session will feature key messages from Generation Africa Steering Committee (Steerco) members, Generation Africa Steerco Co-Chairs and Generation Africa Co-Catalysts.

MC: Ms. Sherrie Silver, UN IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth, Emcee for Generation Africa

Judges:
• Mr. George Apaka, Programs Lead, Agriculture, Mastercard Foundation
• Ms. Ellen Katherine Rasmussen, EVP Scalable Enterprises, NORFUND
• Ms. Winnie Wanjiku Karanu, Microsoft, Insight Management Consultants
• Ms. Barbra Muzata, Communications and Brand Leader, Africa Middle East, Corteva AgriScience
• Mr. Thierno Mountaga Diarra, Principal Solutions Architect, African Development Bank
• Mr. Ishmael Sunga, CEO, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)
• Mr. Paul Brown, Co-Director, Master of Business Creation Program, University of Utah

15:30-18:00 President’s Summit

The President’s Summit is the highest-level moment of the AGRF, comprised of Heads of State & Government, eminent persons, and hundreds of leaders and stakeholders present from across Africa’s agriculture and agribusiness sectors. This AGRF 2021 Presidential Summit will be convened under the leadership of H.E. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya. It will focus on the gains that have been made in Africa’s agriculture landscape. Leaders will speak on bold steps they are already taking in putting in place major policy and political decisions to drive food systems transformation across their own countries and within their regions.

Opening Ceremony
The Opening Ceremony will launch the hybrid (physical and virtual) 2021 AGRF. The theme of the summit, *Pathways to Recovery and Resilient Food Systems*, will be highlighted with a call to unlock new commitments to the future of African food systems. The Opening Ceremony will also set the stage for the single coordinated African voice to the UN Food System Summit

Africa Food Prize 2021
The Africa Food Prize is the preeminent award that recognizes an outstanding individual or institution that is leading the effort to change the reality of farming in Africa—from a struggle to survive to a business that thrives.

The US $100,000 worth prize celebrates Africans who are taking control of Africa’s agriculture agenda. This year, the ceremony will put a spotlight on bold initiatives and technical innovations that can be replicated across the Continent to create a new era of food security and economic opportunity for all Africans.

GoGettaz Agripreneur Prize
Generation Africa brings partners together to strengthen the ecosystem for young agripreneurs across the continent. The GoGettaz Agripreneur Prize aims to find Africa’s brightest young agrifood entrepreneurs. Two winners, one woman and one man, with scalable and impactful business or social ventures will be announced and will each receive US$50,000 for their businesses.

VALUE4HER Award
VALUE4HER is AGRA’s continental program, aimed at increasing the performance of women agri-enterprises, through access to markets and trade, finance and investments, knowledge and skills, networking and building women’s collective voice. The program VALUE4HER is powered by VALUE4HERConnect, Africa’s first women in agribusiness integrated digital resource, designed to assist women agri-enterprises transcend gender and market entry barriers, built upon digital technologies capabilities to connect, amplify, and deliver customized service. Winners of the VALUE4HER Innovation Grant (IG) will be announced and each qualifying agribusiness will receive USD 9,000.
Sequence 1: Welcome and Setting the Scene
Welcome Heads of State Procession – Moderator: Mr. Jeff Koinange, Citizen TV.

Video Presentation

Welcome Remarks: Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, President of AGRA and UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Food Systems Summit

Framing Remarks: H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Chairperson AGRF Partners Group

Special Remarks: H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy-Secretary General, United Nations

Moderator of Presidential Panel: Dr. Vera Songwe, Director General UNECA

Sequence 2: President’s Address and Heads of State Panel Discussion
• Introduction of H.E. President by Hon. Peter Gatirau Munya, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Cooperative (Kenya)
• President’s Address – H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H, President of the Republic of Kenya on Pathway to Recovery and Building Resilient Food Systems

Heads of States and Governments Panel Discussion
Each Head of State and Government will have the opportunity to respond to four questions about what they are doing to improve their food systems in the wake of the African Union deadlines by 2025 and UN by 2030.
• H.E. President, Kenya
• H.E. President Paul Kagame, Rwanda
• H.E. President, Ghana
• H.E. President, Burkina Faso
• H.E. President Liberia
• H.E. President, Tanzania
• H.E. President, Djibouti
• H.E. Prime Minister, Ethiopia
• H.E. President Mahammadu Buhari, Nigeria
• H.E. President Felix Antoine Tshisekedt Tshilombo, DRC
• H.E. President Filipe Nyusi, Mozambique
• H.E. President, Uganda
• H.E. President, Malawi
• H.E. President, Tunisia
• H.E. President, Mozambique
• H.E. Chairperson Moussa Faki, AU

Sequence 3: Leaders Panel: The Great Debate
Moderator: Mr. Jeff Koinange, Citizen TV

Speakers:
• H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary- General, United Nations
• Dr. Akinwumi Adesina – President – Africa Development Bank
• Dr. Gilbert F. Houngbo, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
• H.E. David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)
• Mr. Strive Masiyiwa, Chief Executive Officer, Econet
• Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General, World Trade Organisation (WTO)
• Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and Chief Executive Officer, Yara
• Ms. Seynabou Dieng Traoré – Founder and CEO, MAYA Enterprises [Youth Entrepreneur]

Sequence 4: Awards Ceremony: Africa Food Prize, GoGettaz, VALU4HER

Awards Ceremony
Moderated by Mr. Jeff Koinange, Citizen TV

Awards presented by:
• H.E. Josefa Sacko, AU Commissioner (DARBE)
• Mr. Strive Masiyiwa, CEO, Econet
• H.E. President Obasanjo, Africa Food Prize Chair and Former President of Nigeria

Concluding remarks by Moderator

18:00-18:15 Commitments Showcase

These will be 15-minute highlights from key stakeholders and actors in the space highlighting initiatives and commitments to transform food systems and accelerate Africa’s delivery of the 2030 targets.

18:15-19:00 Insights: The Path to Resilience; priorities towards 2030

Closing out the day, Insights is a moment for voices with diverse points of view to comment on the day’s activities and bring their insights to the Program.

Reflections at end of each day bringing together the varied tracks into common themes and results.

Moderator: Ms. Femi Oke, Co-Founder, Moderate The Panel

• Dr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
• Ms. Maura Barry, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, USAID
• Ms. Sewit Ahderom, CEO, Gro Intelligence
• Dr. Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General, CIAT
• Dr. Manuel Otero, Director General, IICA
• Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, Devolution, The Cabinet Secretary
• Mr. Patrick Verkooijen, CEO, Global Center on Adaptation

19:00 – 21:00 Gala Dinner (by invitation only)

A celebration of fellowship on the continent in the beautiful setting of Nairobi. The event will capture the momentum of the Presidential Summit and the future of Africa through its great minds, energetic leaders, and action-oriented partners.
Thursday 9 September 2021
Healthy People and Planet

Time 10:00-10:45
SESSION
Good Morning AGRF

Each morning will kick start with the highlights of the upcoming day, understand the themes under discussion, and find out all the interesting places to interact with thought leaders.

Panel:
• Ms. Wangari Kuria, Founder of a YouTube channel called - Farmer on Fire
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• Ms. Mwende Nyamu, CEO & Founder, Plus Fabulosity
• Mr. John Agboola, Global Hunger Fighter, Consultant, Youth & Agriculture

Global Guest:
• Mr. Daniel Vennard, Chief Sustainability Officer at Syngenta
• Mr. Eric Yirenkyi Danquah, Professor of Plant Genetics, Department of Crop Science of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, University of Ghana

10:45-11:00
Food Systems Innovators

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A series of 5-minute videos played during the bridge segments, each clip will feature a different African innovator with an emphasis on women, youth, and SMEs.

Innovators:
• Mrs. Rukwaya Colombe, Team Lead, Modern Agri Inputs Supply and Consultancy
• Ms. Samuella Goba, Co-Founder & Chief Operation Officer, Sierra Agri Foods
• Ms. Blayne Tesfaye, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, TruLuv Granola

PARALLEL SESSIONS
11:00-12:45
Youth Town Hall

The youth townhall is an annual event of the AGRF, curated and organized by the AGRA through its Gender and Inclusiveness Unit and AGRF’s Generation Africa platform, in collaboration with relevant ecosystem partners. The event is conducted under the Youth entrepreneur platform of the AGRF. The Youth townhall provides a unique platform for young people to present their issues, challenges, aspirations to Governments and stakeholders for policy consideration as well as interact with various ecosystem players and their peers.

This year’s youth townhall will spotlight 4-K Clubs, a new policy recently approved by Kenyan government, with the aim of returning agricultural learning and clubs in schools, both at primary and secondary schools’ levels in Kenya. At the youth Townhall for AGRF 2021, an agreement has been made with stakeholders to create awareness about the 4-K club’s policy, bolster its implementation in Kenya and inspire other governments in Africa to replicate this policy. The event will be hosted in a hybrid format in Kenya and presided over by H.E. Hon Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya who is also the Patron of the 4-K Club.

Moderator: Mr. Georgie Ndirangu, Media Broadcaster, BBC Multimedia Broadcast

Sequence 1:
• Children and Youth in Agriculture: Hon. Anne Nyaga - Chief Administrative Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives
• 4-K Club Presentation: In School Youth Representative Skit/Poem presentation
• Opening Remarks & Introduction of the President: H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Chairperson AGRF Partners Group

• Introduction of H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta: Hon. Peter Gatirau Munya (Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture) will introduce the President

• H.E. President’s Speech: H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, President, Republic of Kenya and Patron 4K Club

Structured questions to the president: 3 Youth representatives

• Mr. Joseph Mathenge, Founder, G-Star Youth Group (Kenya)
• Ms. Lucy Wangari, Founder, Onion Doctor
• Ms. Jannette C Toroitich, Farmer/Agripreneur/Student/Advocate for youths into agribusiness

Sequence 2: Ministerial Interactive Session

• Hon. Rosemary Mbabazi - Minister for Youth in Rwanda

• 2 Youths from across the continent
• Ms. Ify Umunna, Co-Founder/Co-CEO (ICT & Programs), Nourishing Africa (Nigeria)
• Mr. Diego Dieudonné Twahirwa, Gashora Farms, Rwanda

• Hon. Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto, Minister for Food and Agriculture Ghana

• Youths from across the continent
• Mr. Kofi Kisiedu Acquaye, YPARD Africa Coordinator
• Ms. Maryam Ahmed, Youth Leader for Nutrition

Sequence 3: Youth Call to Action

Youths across the continent have a call to action for 2030

• Ms. Dorcas Omole - Youth in Ag (Nigeria)
• Mr. Bertin Fokou, Founder, Manager and Business Developer, WhatsNear (Cameroon)
• Mr. Aloys Ntezimana, Pan African Movement (Rwanda)
• Ms. Vanessa Nakate, First Fridays for Future climate activist in Uganda and founder of the Rise up Climate Movement (Uganda)
• Mr. Mike Nkhombo Khunga - a Global Youth Advocate for Nutrition and the vice chair of the UN Food System Summit Action Track 5 (Malawi)
• Ms. Sharon Olang, Member, Lake Region CSO Network

11:00-12:45 Parallel Workshops – Food Systems & Nutrition

Session Title: Africa’s Solutions Towards Safe and Nutritious Food for all.

Healthy diets are currently out of reach for an estimated three billion people worldwide. This session seeks to identify innovations and strategies that are helping Africa improve the availability, access and affordability of nutrient rich food that is sustainably produced. Mechanisms for scaling up of these successful innovations and strategies will be highlighted.

Moderator:
• Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation, Kenya

Sequence 1:
Keynote Presentations
• Hon. Désiré M’zinga Birihanze, Minister of Agriculture, Democratic Republic of Congo

Setting the Scene
• Mrs. Nane Annan, Board Member and Nutrition Advocate, Kofi Annan Foundation

Sequence 2: Panel Discussion
• Mr. Larry Umunna - Regional Director, West Africa, Technoserve
• Ms. Patience Mukweza, Operations Executive, Food Solutions, a subsidiary of Beams & Rays Packaging, Zimbabwe
• Dr. Dorothy Nakimbugwe, Director, Nutreal Ltd & Associate Professor, Department of Food Technology & Nutrition at Makerere University, Uganda
• Ms. Tei Mukunya Oundo, CEO, Nature Lock, Kenya
• Ms. Isabel Dimitrov, Cargill
• Ms. Lauren Landis, World Food Program Kenya, Representative and Country Director

Parallel Workshops – Getting to Zero: Sustainable Productivity Platform

Session Title: Leveraging Innovation in Africa’s Input Systems to Build Resilience and Enhance Sustainable Productivity
In line with the theme of AGRF 2021 on forging pathways to recovery and resilient food systems, this session highlights innovative models that aid to build the resilience of input systems for Africa’s sustainable productivity. Moreover, it identifies areas of convergence and best models that future proof input systems from disruptions including climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic as well as trade and market distortions. The outcome of the session will be recommendations for action for the next 10 years towards innovation in sustainable productivity and a transformative agenda of Africa’s input systems in the context of an inclusive, resilient and sustainable food system.

Moderator: Dr. Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg, Executive Director, Rise

Fireside Chat:
• Ms. Carla Montesi, Director for Green Deal and Digital Agenda INTPA, European Commission
• Dr. Naoko Ishii, Executive Vice President, Professor, Institute for Future Initiative/ Director, Center for Global Commons, University of Tokyo/ Former CEO, GEF
• Mr. Saliem Fakir, Executive Director, The African Climate Foundation

Sequence 1: Setting the Scene
• Mr. George Kubai, Managing Director, Agriculture Finance Corporation
• Ms. Nicole Galletta, Co-founder & Director, iProcure
• Mr. Jason Scarpone, President & CEO, AFAP
• Dr. Segenet Kelemu, Director General & CEO of the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE)

Sequence 2: Panel Discussion
• Dr. Martin Fregene, Director, Agriculture & Agroindustry, AFDB (to speak on the Africa Fertiliser Finance Mechanism
• Ms. Rose Goslinga, Co-founder and Co-CEO, Pula Advisors
• Mr. Hannington Karuhanga, CEO, Grainpulse Uganda
• Mr. Okisegere Ojepat, CEO, Fresh Produce Consortium of Kenya (FPCK)
• Mr. Peter Veal, Operations Lead, Africa Venture Team, Syngenta
• Mr. Piwai Nigel Chikasha – Managing Director, Alley Capital Group & GoGettaz Awards Finalist
• Ms. Ann Tutwiler, Senior Fellow, Meridian Institute

Closing Remarks
• Dr. Edward Mabaya, Research Professor, Department of Global Development, Cornell University

MIDDAY
12:45-13:00 Food Systems Innovators

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Innovators:
• Mr. Tabi Joda, Team Lead, One Billion Trees for Africa
• Mr. Modou NS Njie, Founder & CEO, Money Farm Gambia
• Mr. Martin Stimela, Co-Founder, mAgri
13:00-13:45  Networking Exhibition
The AGRF 2021 networking exhibition allows participants to connect directly in a live, virtual booth or meeting space for introductions and deal-making. Delegates can arrange multiple high-quality, investment-focused meetings and benefit from attending the free-flowing and structured networking events, workshops, and exhibitions.

13:00-13:30  Participatory Event
Stretch your world and immerse yourself in an engaging virtual experience, where you will have an opportunity to share, learn and interact with other participants.

Chef Chat with the Chefs’ Manifesto
Chefs are influencers, artisans, and a core actor in our food systems. Bridging the gap between farm and fork, chefs lead by example, educate others and advocate in their kitchens, restaurants, and communities. AGRF 2021 and the Chefs’ Manifesto will bring together some of Africa’s biggest food influencers to spark interest in the plethora of African cuisines sourced from African ingredients with an emphasis on good food for people and planet.

The purpose of this collaboration between the Chefs’ Manifesto and AGRF is to continue to connect the consumption side of food with the production side. It is also to create exciting and stimulating content that showcases how the Chefs’ Manifesto’s Thematic Areas delivers Good Food For All and speaks to the AGRF’s Action Tracks.

These chefs will foster commitments to:
- Nutritious food that is accessible and affordable
- African cuisines
- Celebrating African ingredients and products from across the continent
- Promoting diverse crops and diets

Moderator: Mr. Paul Newnham
- Chef JJ Johnson (USA)
- Chef Zoe Adjonyoh (Ghana)

13:30-13:45  Participatory Event
One Discussion – CGIAR

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought the complex interlinkages between human, animal, and environmental health into stark relief, especially in Africa. Here, rapid and intense population growth will burden the environment as cities expand; demand for food increases; and people, wildlife, and livestock are put in ever closer proximity, increasing risks of zoonotic disease emergence and transmission. Taking a “One Health” approach, or addressing the challenges that emerge where human, animal, and environmental health intersect in a multisectoral, multidisciplinary way, will be critical to pandemic recovery and building resilient food systems. CGIAR, through an emerging portfolio of One Health research initiatives as well as ongoing work including its COVID-19 Hub, is engaged with partners at the forefront of this effort.

This session will provide a lively glimpse into some of that work and engage scientists with audience members to identify solutions for some of the biggest health and food security challenges facing Africa today.

Moderator: Vivian Atakos, Regional Communication Specialist, International Potato Center (CIP)

Panel:
- Steve Staal, Editor Global Food Security, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
- Aminou Arouna, Program Leader & Impact Assessment Economist, AfricaRice Centre
- Dina Najjar, Gender Scientist, International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA)

13:00-13:45  AGRF Press Briefing (Media Only)
The AGRF is the world’s premier forum for African agriculture, bringing together stakeholders in the agricultural landscape to take practical actions and share lessons that will move African agriculture forward. And as part of the contributions to the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), the 2021 AGRF Summit is expected to yield tangible and concrete outcomes in four areas: Equitable & Inclusive Livelihoods, Build Forward Better, Healthy People and Planet, and Sustainable Food Systems.

This year’s AGRF Summit aims to elevate the single coordinated African voice to the UNFSS and identify immediate actions and steps that need to be taken to accelerate progress and recovery towards inclusive agricultural transformation.

Fascinating headliners and thought-provoking sessions will inspire each day’s discussions and activities. The daily AGRF press briefings will engage food systems experts, and agriculture specialists will inspire action on African food systems.

13:45-14:00  
**Commitments Showcase**

These will be 15-minute highlights from key stakeholders and actors in the space highlighting initiatives and commitments to transform food systems and accelerate Africa’s delivery of the 2030 targets.

14:00-14:45  
**Food Systems Pathways Perspectives from Regional Dialogues: East**

This session will focus on sharing regional perspectives on current and emerging food systems trends. What are the drivers to transition into the new food systems? What are the opportunities we should be harnessing? What will it take?

**Moderator:** Ms. Thule Lenneiye, Coordinator, ATO

**Regional Overview:**
- Hon. Christophe Bazivamo, Deputy Secretary, General Productive & Social Sectors, East African Community

**Country presentation on key priorities for go forward action:**
- Hon. Harry Kimtai, Principal Secretary State Department for Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation, Kenya
- Prof. Siza Tumbo, Deputy PS, Ministry for Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania.

**Stakeholder Reflections:**
- Ms Maggie Kamau-Biruri, Head of Partnerships and Resource Mobilization, HarvestPlus

14:00-14:45  
**Food Systems Pathways Perspectives from Regional Dialogues: South**

This session will focus on sharing regional perspectives on current and emerging food systems trends. What are the drivers to transition into the new food systems? What are the opportunities we should be harnessing? What will it take?

**Moderator:**
- Dr. Elizabeth Mkandawire, Network and Research Manager, FSNet-Africa, University of Pretoria

**Regional Overview:**
- Mr Domingos Gove, Director of Food Agriculture and Natural Resources (FANR), Southern African Development Community (SADC)

**Country presentation on key priorities for go forward action:**
- Mr. Momade Nemane, National Director for Cooperation and Market, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADER), Mozambique
- Dr. Rodwell Mzonde, Director of Planning, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Malawi

**Stakeholder Reflections:**
- Dr. Simon Mwale, Programmes and Grants Manager, Centre for Coordination of Agriculture Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA)
14:00-14:45  
**Food Systems Pathways Perspectives from Regional Dialogues: Central**

This session will focus on sharing regional perspectives on current and emerging food systems trends. What are the drivers to transition into the new food systems? What are the opportunities we should be harnessing? What will it take?

**Moderator:**
- Mr. Helder Muteia, FAO Coordinator for Central Africa Sub-Region

**Regional Overview:**

**Country presentation on key priorities for go forward action:**
- Mme. Julie Kasa-Kanga Tshilombo, Coordonnatrice Adjointe de la Coordination des Ressources Extérieures et du Suivi des Projets Présidence de la République, Democratic Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Prof. Bambot Grace Annih Nee Mbong, Secretary General at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Cameroon

**Stakeholder Reflections:**
- Mr. Divine Ntiokam, Managing Director, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN)

14:00-14:45  
**Food Systems Pathways Perspectives from Regional Dialogues: West**

This session will focus on sharing regional perspectives on current and emerging food systems trends. What are the drivers to transition into the new food systems? What are the opportunities we should be harnessing? What will it take?

**Moderator:**
- Dr. Abdou Tenkouano, Executive Director CORAF, Senegal

**Regional Overview:**

**Country presentation on key priorities for go forward action:**
- Mr. Sékou Sangaré, Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- Mme. Halimata Cisse Sylla, Chargée d’Etudes, Secrétariat général/MAAH, Burkina Faso
- Mrs. Olushola Idowu, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Nigeria

**Stakeholder Reflections:**
- Ms. Onyaole Patience Koku, Replenish Farms CEO

14:00-14:45  
**Food Systems Pathways Perspectives from Regional Dialogues: North**

This session will focus on sharing regional perspectives on current and emerging food systems trends. What are the drivers to transition into the new food systems? What are the opportunities we should be harnessing? What will it take?

**Moderator:**
- Dr. Medhat El-Helepi, United Nations Economic Commission For Africa (UNECA)

**Regional Overview:**

**Country presentation on key priorities for go forward action:**
- Egypt – H.E. Ehab Badawy, Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Morocco - Redouane Arrach, Director of Strategy and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forestry

**Stakeholder Reflections:**
- Mr. Fayçal Benameur, Senior Vice President of East Africa, OCP
14:45-15:00 Commitments Showcase

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PLENARY & HEADLINERS
15:00-16:45

Plenary: Delivering Healthy Diets for People and Planet

Dietary habits are changing in ways that harm human well-being and the planet. Shifting towards a more sustainable diet is critical to improving health while reducing global warming and other environmental impacts. This plenary session will discuss opportunities to shift current trends in all forms of malnutrition, prioritizing nutritious food availability and affordability for all.

Moderator: Ms. Nozipho Tshabalala, Managing Director, Akwande Communications

Sequence 1: Fireside chat (50mins)
- Dr. Gerda Verburg, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement, Assistant Secretary-General
- Dr. Gunhild A. Stordalen, Founder and Executive Chair - Eat Forum
- H.E. Ambassador Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARBE), African Union Commission
- Dr. Wanjira Mathai, Vice President and Regional Director for Africa, World Resources Institute
- Dr. Ana María Loboguerrero Rodríguez, Head of Global Policy Research for the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS)

Sequence 2: Panel Discussion
- Hon. Minister Margaret Kobia, Kenya Minister for Public Service, Youth and Gender
- Dr. Dirk Schattschneider, Head of Directorate 12 and Commissioner for the Special Initiative “ONE WORLD – NO HUNGER”, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Prof. Anna Larrey, Director for Nutrition, Nutrition and Food Systems Division, Economic and Social Development Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Ms. Sabrina Elba, United Nations Goodwill Ambassador, IFAD
- Ms. Hanneke Faber, President, Foods & Refreshment Foods, Unilever
- Mr. Sean Callahan, President & CEO of Catholic Relief Services
- Mr. Tony Simons, Executive Director, CIFOR-ICRAF

16:45-17:00 Commitments Showcase

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17:00-18:00 The Elders Council

A pace setting session involving eminent leaders from Africa and around the world discussing the status of food systems in Africa and the urgent need to build resilient systems. Immediate actions and steps that need to be taken to accelerate progress and recovery towards inclusive agricultural transformation will be highlighted.

Moderator:
- Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
- Dr. Apollos Nwafor, Vice President, Policy and State Capability, AGRA

Sequence 1: Welcome and Setting the Scene
Opening remarks by: the H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Chairperson AGRF Partners Group

Sequence 2: A moderated fire side chat with former Heads of State and Government chaired by H.E. Dessalegn
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Insights: Are we walking the path to change?

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- Ms. Betty Kiplagat, Head of Government Affairs at Corteva Agriscience in Africa Middle East, Corteva
- Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, FAO
- Dr. Jean Lebel, President, International Development Research Centre, Canada
- Mr. Ziad Hamoui, National President - Ghana, Borderless Alliance
- Mr. Frank Braeken, Partner, Black Volta Ventures/ Board Member, AGRA
- Dr. Usha Zehr, Director and Chief Technology Officer at Maharastra Hybrid Seeds Company (MAHYCO), Board Member, AGRA
- Mr. Million Belay, Founder of MELCA – Ethiopia/ Co-ordinator of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa
- Mr. Yemi Akinbamijo, Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research (FARA)
- Dr. Joao Campari, Global Leader, Food Practice, WWF
Panel:
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- Ms. Mwende Nyamu, CEO & Founder, Plus Fabulosity
- Mr. John Agboola, Global Hunger Fighter, Consultant, Youth & Agriculture

Global Guest:
- Ms. Lauri Hanover, SVP Community Agriculture, Netafim
- Mr. Komla Bissi, Senior Advisor on Agricultural Trade and Value Chains, AfCFTA

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- Mr. Bertin Fokou, Founder, WhatsNear
- Ms. Chigozie Bashua, CEO, The Nut Place

PARALLEL SESSIONS
11:00-12:45 Parallel Workshops – AgTech & Digitalization

Accelerating Digital Innovation for Africa’s Food Systems’ Resilience

Although COVID 19 has worsened the existing fault lines in Africa’s food and agriculture sector, it has also accelerated a digital revolution that has fast-tracked the continent’s progress in creating more efficient, equitable and environmentally friendly ways to feed the continent’s populace and the globe. To build on this digital transformation opportunity and the rapid integration of digital and innovative technologies within every stage of the agricultural value-chain, it would be important for innovators to ensure that all these innovative solutions address the incidence of needs of African farmers, agribusinesses, policy makers and researchers involved.

This session will focus on concrete outcomes to increase the innovation sustainability of digital solutions for African Agriculture.

Moderator:
- Mr. Akintunde Akinwande, Head Business Development and Digital Projects, OCP Africa, Central Region

Introduction: Matching digital Solutions to Farmers’ Needs
- Hon. Joseph Mucheru, ICT, Innovation, Youth, The Cabinet Secretary
- Mr. Dan Haglund, Advisor, FCDO
- Ms. Maura Barry, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID

Sequence 1: Leveraging Digital Innovations to Accelerate Food Systems
- Mr. Daniel Asare-Kyei, CEO, Esoko, Ghana
- Mr. Brian King – Coordinator, CGIAR Platform for Big Data
- Mr. Etienne Niyigaba, Agriculture Extension Advisor, Hinga Weze Project in Rwanda
- Ms. Leesa Shrader – Program Director, AgriFin Accelerate (AFA), Mercy Corps
- Mr. Dexter Tangocci, Co-Founder, Integrated Aerial Systems, South Africa
- Dr. Ranveer Chandra - Managing Director, Research for Industry Partner Manager, Networking Research CTO, Agri-Food, Microsoft, USA

Moderator: Mr. Vitalis Wafula, Commercial Director, Africa, Yara East Africa, Kenya
Breaking Barriers to Trade for Stronger Food and Nutrition Security in Africa

In order for the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to be successfully implemented, African countries will need significant investments in building robust data systems to generate data and information for decision-making. Early warning systems for food and nutrition security are needed to provide alerts on a frequent basis, showing potential areas of surplus and deficits. This will enable different stakeholders to prepare in averting crises, and especially for the private sector to move food from areas of surplus to areas of deficit. To contribute toward the AGRF 2021 outcomes, the Food Trade Coalition for Africa will host two sessions during the AGRF 2021 Summit focused on 1) Removing Barriers to Regional Trade in Food Staples and 2) Building Robust Data Systems: The Regional Food Balance Sheet.

Moderator:
• Mr. Jonathan Said, Head of Inclusive Growth and Private-Sector Development Practice, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

Sequence 1: Panel 1: Breaking the Barriers to Trade for Stronger Food and Nutrition Security in Africa

Keynote Address:
• H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General, AfCFTA Secretariat
• Dr. Jewel Bronaugh, Deputy Secretary, US Department of Agriculture, USA

Panel Discussion:
• Mr Lobin Lowe, Minister of Agriculture, Malawi
• Mr. Melvin Spreij, Head, Standards and Trade Development Facility, World Trade Organization
• Mr. Gerald Masila, Executive Director, Eastern Africa Grain Council, Kenya
• Ms. Fatma Ben Rejeb, Chief Executive Officer, Pan African Farmer’s Organization

Sequence 2: Panel 2: Building Strong Food Systems through Inclusive Data Sharing

Moderator:
• Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo, Senior Program Coordinator, ReNAPRI

Keynote Address:
• H.E Chileshe Kapwepwe, Secretary General, COMESA, Zambia

Panel Discussion:
• Hon. Betty Maina, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development, Kenya
• Dr. Ade Freeman, Regional Programme Leader, Regional Office for Africa, FAO
• Mr. Mansoor Ahmad, Team Lead - Africa Agribusiness Investment & Regional Food Trade, Foreign and Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)
• Dr. Beth Dunford, Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank
• Hon. Alan Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry; Ghana
Parallel Workshops – Generation Africa

Ecosystem Development Framework (EDF): Enabling youth through their agripreneurship journey and participation in the food systems.

Generation Africa is taking this bold step of proactively examining the state of the ecosystem supporting young Agripreneurs and prescribing the effective interventions to achieving a strong support structure. The overall objective is to achieve well organized and coordinated national ecosystems supporting youth through their entrepreneurship journey across Africa. This will enable easy entry for youth in the food systems and promote their chances of success. In the end, healthy ecosystems will reduce the rate of youth unemployed and under-employed by encouraging and increasing the youth participation in agribusiness as self-employed and employers of fellow youth.

The Ecosystem Development Framework (EDF) initiative will help countries shift from information and studies to a framework approach to strengthen the collaboration and coordination of youth support. This will ease entry for youths into agricultures as well as promote success in their ventures.

Moderator:

- Dr. Simon Winter  CHBS, Executive Director, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture

Keynote Remarks: Mr. Strive Masiyiwa, Executive Chairman, Econet Wireless International

Sequence 1: Strengthening National Ecosystems Through the EDF (Panel Discussion)

- Ms. Solange Tetero, Director General, Youth Empowerment, Ministry of Youth of Rwanda
- Mr. Pierre Ferrari, President and Chief Executive Officer – Heifer International
- Dr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice-President, Program Management Department - IFAD
- Ms. Jane Lowicki-Zucca, Senior Youth Advisor & Program Officer, Inclusive Development Division – USAID

Sequence 2: Supporting Youth in Their Recovery During and Post Covid-19

- Mr. Edson Mpyisi, Chief Financial Economist/Coordinator, Enable Youth – African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Ms. Elizabeth Berthe, Associate Director, MSC Microsave
- Mr. Eric Onchanga, Founder of IrriHub, Youth GoGettaz
- Mrs. Fernanda Lopes Larsen, Executive Vice President Africa & Asia, Yara International
- Ms. Solange Tetero, DG Youth Empowerment, Ministry of Youth of Rwanda

Food Systems Innovators

Food system innovations are fundamental and will be instrumental to ensuring that future generations are food secure and eat healthy diets. To transition towards sustainability, AGRF 2021 will be showcasing breakthrough innovations that transform the food system into one that creates value for all stakeholders.

A series of 5-minute videos played during the bridge segments, each clip will feature a different African innovator with an emphasis on women, youth and SMEs.

Innovator: Heifer International

Africa’s greatest asset, her youth population is rapidly growing and expected to double by 2050.

We understand that youth engagement in agriculture will be essential to recovering from the economic impact of the pandemic, both to rejuvenate the continent’s agri-food system and develop economic opportunities for young Africans. Furthermore, this engagement will bring about the strategic shift needed to secure a sustainable and dynamic future for Africa’s smallholder farmers and Africa’s agricultural sector.

For this reason, Heifer is working with young African entrepreneurs to catalyze ground-up innovation from the youth, creating social businesses that address challenges faced by smallholder farmers at
scale, and elevating agriculture as a desirable career. The passion and energy of young Africans can become the driving force of agricultural transformation and job creation in Africa. We are committed to addressing smallholder farmers challenges in Africa and providing a new incentive for young Africans to be bold, innovative and creative in solving food system issues across the continent.

13:00-13:45 Networking Exhibition

The AGRF 2021 networking exhibition allows participants to connect directly in a live, virtual booth or meeting space for introductions and deal-making. Delegates can arrange multiple high-quality, investment-focused meetings and benefit from attending the free-flowing and structured networking events, workshops, and exhibitions.

13:00-13:30 Participatory Event

Stretch your world and immerse yourself in an engaging virtual experience, where you will have an opportunity to share, learn and interact with other participants.

Chef Chat with the Chefs’ Manifesto

Chefs are influencers, artisans, and a core actor in our food systems. Bridging the gap between farm and fork, chefs lead by example, educate others and advocate in their kitchens, restaurants, and communities. AGRF 2021 and the Chefs’ Manifesto will bring together some of Africa’s biggest food influencers to spark interest in the plethora of African cuisines sourced from African ingredients with an emphasis on good food for people and planet.

The purpose of this collaboration between the Chefs’ Manifesto and AGRF is to continue to connect the consumption side of food with the production side. It is also to create exciting and stimulating content that showcases how the Chefs’ Manifesto’s Thematic Areas delivers Good Food For All and speaks to the AGRF’s Action Tracks.

These chefs will foster commitments to:
- Nutritious food that is accessible and affordable
- African cuisines
- Celebrating African ingredients and products from across the continent
- Promoting diverse crops and diets

**Moderator: Mr. Paul Newham**

- Chef Coco Reinarhz (Burundian, based SA)
- Chef Pinky Maruping (SA)

13:00-13:45 Participatory Event

Launch of 2021 Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM)

African countries have diversified both their exports and trade partners over the last decade, but African agricultural trade still suffers from structural problems as well as exogenous shocks. Against this backdrop, the 2021 Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM) analyzes continental and regional trends in African agricultural trade flows and policies. The report reveals that many African countries continue to enjoy the most success in global markets with cash crops and niche products.

The AATM is produced as a collaborative effort between AKADEMIYA2063 and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Session participants will discuss the research findings and policy recommendations of the 2021 AATM, an annual publication dedicated to addressing intra-African agricultural trade and informing AfCFTA implementation.

13:00-13:45 AGRF Press Briefing (Media Only)

The AGRF is the world’s premier forum for African agriculture, bringing together stakeholders in the agricultural landscape to take practical actions and share lessons that will move African agriculture forward. And as part of the contributions to the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), the 2021 AGRF Summit is expected to yield tangible and concrete outcomes in four areas: Equitable & Inclusive Livelihoods, Build Forward Better, Healthy People and Planet, and Sustainable Food Systems.
This year’s AGRF Summit aims to elevate the single coordinated African voice to the UNFSS and identify immediate actions and steps that need to be taken to accelerate progress and recovery towards inclusive agricultural transformation.

Fascinating headliners and thought-provoking sessions will inspire each day’s discussions and activities. The daily AGRF press briefings will engage food systems experts, and agriculture specialists will inspire action on African food systems.

13:30-14:00 **Commitments Showcase**

These will be 15-minute highlights from key stakeholders and actors in the space highlighting initiatives and commitments to transform food systems and accelerate Africa’s delivery of the 2030 targets.

14:00-15:45 **Walking the Path to 2030: Commitments Framework**

The pathways to transformed food systems demand more vision, resources, creativity, and energy. Collectively we must better align the nutritional needs of our people with the livelihoods of our rural population and fate of our planet. Putting this into action takes will. It also demands accountability. Hear from those working in the Deal Room to fund new entrepreneurship in Africa; those who are investing in the infrastructure to develop our continent; those who providing nutrition in new ways; and the innovators who are leading us to better resilience. This is the future of food systems and arriving there before 2030 is essential.

**Moderator:** Mr. Jeff Koinange, Citizen TV. Video Presentation

- **Ms. Maura Barry**, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, USAID
- **Amb. Kamau Macharia**, MBS, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Ms. Cristina Duarte**, Special Adviser on Africa to United Nations Secretary-General
- **H.E. Ambassador Jackline Yonga**, Ambassador for Kenya to the UN Rome Based Agencies
- **Dr. Beth Dunford**, Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank
- **Dr. Kundhavi Kadiresan**, Managing Director for Global Engagement and Innovation, CGIAR
- **Mr. Kunal Prasad**, COO and CoFounder, CropIn
- **Dr. Roy Steiner**, Managing Director of Food Initiative at The Rockefeller Foundation
- **Mr. James Mwangi**, CEO, Equity Bank
- **Mr. Jai Shroff**, Global CEO, UPL
- **Mr. Rodger Voorhies**, President, Global Growth & Opportunity, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- **Mr. Dominik Ziller**, Vice President, IFAD
- **Mr. Antoine de Saint Affrique**, Chief Executive Officer, Danone
- **Hon. James Duddridge (MP)**, Minister for Africa, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom
- **Mr. Wiebe Draijer**, Chairman of the Executive Board, Rabobank
- **Mr. Strive Masiyiwa**, Executive Chairman, Econet Wireless International
- **Mr. Gabriel Miodownik**, President and CEO, Netafim
- **Mr. Liam Condon**, CEO, Bayer

**Concluding Remarks:** **H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn**, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Chairperson AGRF Partners Group

15:45-16:00 **Commitments Showcase**

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**PLENARY & HEADLINERS**

16:00-17:15 **Call to Action: Implementation and Governance & Closing Ceremony**

As a continent, Africa has several frameworks and commitments which most countries are signatories to including the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Malabo framework, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Africa’s Agenda2063 to name just a few. Despite these lofty and well-crafted programs and frameworks, implementing these commitments,
frameworks and declarations for economic growth and shared prosperity has been one that will be classified as collective and collaborative failure due to the lack of collaborative leadership and coordination.

It is time to walk the talk and deliver economic growth, sustainable development and resilient food system through collaborative coordination, transformative governance framework, the right institutional architecture, sector governance and adequate public expenditure that catalyses private sector investments.

This session will therefore afford leaders from the private sector, farmers, civil society, development partners and government (Executive and Legislative branches, national and sub-national), the opportunity to discuss how best to walk the talk, strengthen integrated policy processes, ensure inter-agency collaboration and coordination, engagement of all stakeholders (private sector) and deliver a transformative food system for the continent.

**Moderator: William Asiko, Managing Director of Africa, Rockefeller Foundation**

**Sequence 1: Delivering economic growth, sustainability and resilience by 2030**

- **Dr. James Nyoro**, Governor, Kiambu County, Kenya
- **Mr. Erik Fyrwald**, CEO and Executive Director, Syngenta
- **Hon. Said Hussein Iid**, Minister of Agriculture, Somalia
- **Rt. Hon Dr. Mohamed Sidie Tunis**, Speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament
- **Ms. Chileshe Kapwepwe**, Secretary General, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
- **Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa**, ARBE Director, African Union African
- **Senator Obarisi Ovie Omo-Agege**, Deputy President, Nigerian Senate
- **Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe**, Deputy Governor, Kaduna State Government
- **Hon. Christophe Bazivamo**, Deputy Secretary General, Productive and Social Sectors, East African Community
- **Ms. Elizabeth Christopher Swai**, MD AKM Glitters Company Limited

**Sequence 2: Closing Ceremony**

- **Ms. Jennifer Baarn**, Acting Managing Director AGRF and Head of Partnerships, AGRA

- **Dr. Agnes Kalibata**, President of AGRA and UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Food Systems Summit

- **Hon. Peter Gatirau Munya**, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Cooperative (Kenya)

- **H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn**, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Chairperson AGRF Partners Group
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Program Overview

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DAY 1 – 6 September 2021

Parallel session
TIME: 10:00 – 10:50 am EAT
Private sector access to rural climate finance in Sub Saharan Africa
Knowledge session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:
This session will focus on identifying ways of promoting access to rural climate finance by the Dealroom and its members through exploring the below:
- A better understanding of the concept “rural climate finance”
- The role that private sector players play in boosting access to rural climate finance across Sub-Saharan Africa
- The constraints and opportunities for boosting rural climate finance in Sub-Saharan Africa

Parallel session
TIME: 10:00 – 10:50 am EAT
Unlocking AfCFTA trade opportunities for SMEs through innovative financial solutions and business models
Knowledge Session by Agribusiness Deal Room Partners
Session objective:
This session will focus on harnessing the AfCFTA and increasing local sourcing opportunities for SMEs and Investors engaged in regional food trade. The session will also highlight innovative financial solutions and business models that can enhance increased access to trade opportunities for SMEs.

Parallel session
TIME: 11:00 – 11:50 am EAT
Fundraising lessons from the pioneers of innovative renewable energy-based technology solutions in the ag-energy space
Knowledge session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:
This session will showcase and learn from the experiences of pioneering companies in the Ag-Energy space. Specifically, to understand.
- What problem each company is solving
- How they are innovating to solve it
- The challenges they face in doing so
- Their experience raising funds, specifically highlighting the successful strategies
Parallel session
TIME: 11:00 – 11:50 am EAT
Pathways to attracting impactful investments in Uganda

Knowledge session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:
The session will present and discuss the process that led to and the recommendations that emerged from the action plan developed during CASA’s Agriculture Investment Summit in Uganda. The summit was an action orientated event that facilitated discussions between investors, investment stakeholders and policy makers around the key challenges and bottlenecks faced for investing in agriculture in Uganda. Panelists will offer recommendations for other countries to follow a similar approach to facilitating a consultative process for identifying and addressing agricultural investment constraints in their home countries. Additional details about the process and outcomes was reflected in the publication Pathways to attracting impactful investment into Uganda.

Parallel session
TIME: 12:00 – 12:50 pm EAT
Making the case for investing in smallholders: Poultry and aquaculture agribusinesses for accelerated growth and enhanced food systems in Malawi

Knowledge session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:
The objective is to stimulate behavioural change of investors, policy makers and other stakeholders on agricultural investments by demonstrating the commercial and development potential of smallholder sourcing models.

Parallel session
TIME: 12:00 – 12:50 pm EAT
Strengthening public-private collaboration to increase investments in agri-food systems in Africa

Knowledge session by Agribusiness Dealroom Partners
Session objective:
To provide vibrant examples of partnerships between governments and the private sector aimed at increasing/facilitating private sector investment in African agriculture. One such example, is the Country Agribusiness Partnership Framework (CAP-F). This session will explore its effectiveness in providing a robust response towards rebuilding the agri-food systems in an economic recovery effort post the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parallel session
TIME: 14:00 – 14:50 pm EAT
Achieving African self-sufficiency in the poultry sector

Knowledge Session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:
This session aims to highlight the vast opportunities for inclusive and sustainable development of the Poultry sector in Africa, key impediments, and pathways to unlocking the potential. Among others, strategic areas for intervention, including policy innovations, as well as the opportunities this presents for different types of investors (Public sector, DFIs, commercial, philanthropic etc) will be covered.

Parallel session
TIME: 14:00 – 14:50 pm EAT
Women and gender lens financing- game changing solutions to capitalize women’s agri enterprises

Knowledge session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:
The objective of this session is to highlight the experiences and evolve an understanding of gender lens financing landscape, actors, practises, promises and gaps. The session will also recommend transformative solutions to change the status of financing for women owned agri-enterprises.
Parallel session
TIME: 15:00 – 15:50 pm EAT
Innovations that de-risk (small) loans to Agricultural SMEs

Knowledge session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:
The session will explore innovations that solve for critical problems in Agri SME finance, reflecting on what has worked well in implementing these innovations and what needs to be improved to take them to scale and increase adoption.

TIME: 15:00 – 15:50 pm EAT
Innovative agricultural SME finance models
Knowledge session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:
Recent advances in technologies, including distributed ledger technology, cloud computing, and artificial intelligence, are becoming means of offering faster, more convenient, and more cost-effective financial services. Digital innovation could help SMEs have easier access to finance through various routes.

In this session, we will be having a conversation with a leading digital innovators and industry leaders on possible Agricultural SME Finance models that can help catalyse the Agri industry growth.

Parallel session
TIME: 16:00 – 16:50 pm EAT
Writing the blueprint for rice self-sufficiency in Africa
Knowledge Session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:
The session will be aspirational in nature, but robustly practical in outcomes. With contributions from the highest level of government policy, major private sector instigators, regional economic platforms, farmer organisations, financial institutions, and consumer goods, each actor will lay out in simple terms their NEED and their COMMITMENT in order to fast-track rice production in West Africa.

The NEED – is what each actor requires in terms of technology, tools, training, investment, infrastructure, markets etc. to make rice cultivation commercially and environmentally sustainable.

The COMMITMENT – is what each actor is prepared to do if that need can be met by one or more external partner.

TIME: 16:00 – 16:50 pm EAT
Women agri-enterprises and resilience – experiences from ARISE -women and investment readiness Initiative
Knowledge session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:
This session will highlight the experiences and insights from the investment preparedness initiative implemented by RENEW and AGRA in 2021. It will also share best practices and lessons learned from the ARISE investment preparedness and resilience activities and trainings conducted under the project. It will include a pitch session where leading women entrepreneurs will pitch their investment offering.

TIME: 17:00 – 17:50 pm EAT
Strengthening the SME enabling system
Knowledge session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners
Session objective:

This session will present existing opportunities for SMEs to strengthen their businesses value proposition and strategies. It will focus on building the SME ecosystem by strengthening the connection between AGRF and other programs providing technical assistance to agri-SMEs.
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**Organizers: Government Kenya Delegation**

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**Organizers: Agribusiness Deal Room**

This session will officially open the Virtual 2021 Agribusiness Deal Room, a matchmaking platform that aims to drive new business deals and commitments. The Deal Room will provide companies in the agriculture and agribusiness sectors with the opportunity to access finance, mentorship, and market entry solutions to support their growth objectives. It also creates opportunities for governments to present investment opportunities, promote investment incentives and engage with interested investors. It will achieve these through a combination of project preparation, pipeline development, project bankability, investment promotion, and enabling policy environment. Participants will also explore trade deals and partnership opportunities that enhance sourcing from African smallholder farmers.

The Agribusiness Deal Room this year will focus on the following subthemes:

- Ensure that Agribusiness Investments are Supporting Africa’s pandemic recovery and hear from one year of actions to build agribusiness resilience.
- Integrate ESG investors and indicators in the agribusiness investments landscape for a sustainable food systems transformation in Africa.
- Support strong coherence between public and private sector agribusiness strategies for impactful and sustainable private investments.

The opening session of the Deal Room will reflect on 2021 global and African priorities around climate change (COP26) and global multi-stakeholder efforts to transform food systems (UN Food Systems Summit, Nutrition for Growth Summit).

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Ghana Government Investment Opportunities

Organizers: Government Delegation
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**TIME: 17:00 – 18:30 pm EAT**
Innovative investment models to improve capital flow

Roundtable discussion by Agribusiness Dealroom

**Closed Session**

This session will be a closed round table with investors and development partners. The objective of this session is to initiate a discussion on the challenges investors face in connecting across the financial continuum for agri-SMEs in the African context. The desired outcome is to explore the design of a more connected deal flow from seed funding to larger more commercial debt/equity investment.
DAY 5 – 10 September

TIME: 12:00 – 12:50 pm EAT
Scaling Agri-SMEs in Africa post-COVID

Knowledge session by Agribusiness Deal Room partners

Session objective:
The agribusiness sector is expected to lead Africa’s economic recovery beyond COVID-19 pandemic. It is, however, a business environment marked by constant change, hope and at the same time uncertainty. We seek to understand what agribusinesses need in the new normal, in terms of policies and investment solutions, to bounce back and scale new heights.

TIME: 14:00 – 15:15 pm EAT
Agribusiness Deal Room Closing Session

Organizers: Agribusiness Deal Room
The closing session of the Deal Room will reflect on the lessons learned through the course of the summit and set a vision for the activities for the year ahead.

Announcements

CLOSE OF THE AGROBUSINESS DEAL ROOM