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# AFRICA FOOD SYSTEMS FORUM 2023

Recover, Regenerate, Act:  
Africa's Solutions to Food Systems Transformation



## FORUM PROGRAM

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# OVERVIEW



**G**lobal food systems are facing unprecedented challenges from climate change, the Russia-Ukraine crisis, population growth, economic downturn, and other pressing issues; the need for transformative action has never been more urgent. The Africa Food Systems Forum 2023 Summit will be the defining moment in highlighting and unlocking the political, policy, and financial commitments and innovations the continent has made and continues to work towards achieving productive, nutritious, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable food systems in Africa. The Summit seeks to explore the pathways and actions needed to accelerate this process and steer the continent toward food systems transformation under the theme “Recover, Regenerate, Act: Africa’s Solutions to Food Systems Transformation.”

The Summit will provide a platform to reflect on the coordinated large-scale action by the continent’s leading thinkers, policymakers, and innovators to explore the latest breakthroughs and best practices in agriculture and food systems transformation. This Summit calls for bold thought leadership to accelerate action toward translating food systems pathways and commitments into actionable strategies, investments targeting youth and women, and progress.



# MAIN ACTIVITIES

## VENUE AND DATE

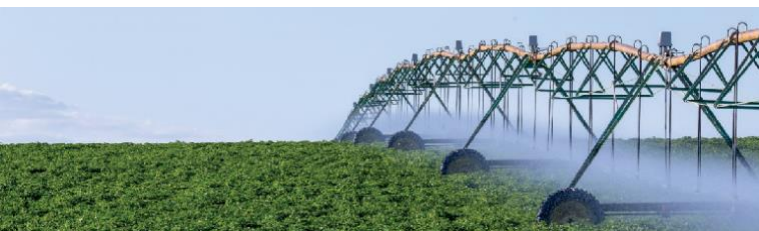
The Africa Food Systems Forum 2023 Summit will take place at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania from 5th to 8th September 2023. Sunday 3rd and Monday, September 4th, will be dedicated to the pre-summit activities.

Join us for the Africa Food Systems Forum 2023 Summit.



## SIDE EVENTS

Several organizations will host various side events highlighting initiatives, solutions, and possibilities for transforming African Food Systems on the continent and outside. The events will feature various speakers and programs, all of which are centered around the main theme of the Summit and the principle of diversity and inclusion. It is expected that the events will be inclusive of individuals from different genders and age groups.



## FIELD VISITS

Site visits to innovative projects or agri-business facilities will allow attendees to experience Tanzanian food systems solutions firsthand. These will possess a strong process orientation and appreciation of promising agricultural value chains and food systems from blue economy to cash crops and staple crops. It is a great opportunity to provide insights and direct experience with real-life initiatives and activities through agri-businesses tourism.



## PARTNER EVENTS

Parallel sessions will advance AGRF's thematic platforms, which have been prioritized for AGRF to deliver under its current strategy against its priority goals. Each session will include special interactive elements, insightful panels, and breakouts to get your feedback.







## GOOD MORNING AGRF

Each morning, youth coming from GoGettaZ, from the host country, and various youth organizations will get us excited about the tracks and events of the day.

## PLENARY SESSIONS

These plenary sessions feature pre-eminent speakers taking a deep dive into the various themes and unpacking issues pertinent to African food systems.

## INTELLIGENCE FOR POLICY, INNOVATION PROGRAMS & INVESTMENTS THEMATIC SESSIONS

The Intelligence for Policy, Programs & Innovation Thematic Sessions will prioritize the development of the thematic platforms and support the goals of the event. These sessions will focus on knowledge and data for innovative policies, programs and investments, emphasizing the following themes: Power of data, information & research for sustainable food systems; Regenerative agriculture & resilient food systems; Infrastructure and logistics for food transformation and trade; the Africa Agricultural Trade Monitor (AATM).

## FUTURE OF FOOD SYSTEMS

The Future of Food Systems sessions will serve as the Innovators showcase, highlighting the way forward for Africa's food systems advancement in terms of availability, affordability, accessibility, and sustainability. The sessions will focus on priority agricultural commodity value chains and agroecological zones, providing a red thread through the program. At the end of each day, reflections will be made to bring together the various tracks into common themes and results.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The Summit will feature special events designed to showcase ideas and trending innovations by the youth, farmers, civil society, and business leaders.



## CEO CHAT

An interactive parallel panel of distinguished CEOs and leaders discussing key insights on shaping the future of food systems. Sharing innovative and sustainable food systems solutions and practices to tackle global challenges. The CEO Chat includes influential financial and business industries speakers addressing the audience on critical food systems topics, including youth and women, digital, innovative, and blended financing.

## DEAL ROOM

The Agribusiness Dealroom is a matchmaking platform that convenes stakeholders from the entire eco-system to facilitate partnerships and investments in African agriculture and Food systems. It specifically supports governments and SMEs with access to finance and partnership opportunities. A key moment which attracts annually over 800 companies, 15 government delegations and 150 public and private investors exploring a wide range of investment opportunities.

## LEGACY PROGRAM ROUNDTABLE

A key moment during the summit, at the Roundtable, the Government of the Republic of Tanzania brings together Tanzania's bilateral donor countries and, Financial Institutions, Investors to pledge and support the Implementation of a Tanzania Flagship Program legacy BBT program on food systems with a focus on Youth and women.

## L'ARBRE À PALABRES (BREAKTHROUGHS TREE)

Throughout the AGRF, join our special venue to hear from a wide array of innovators on food systems breakthroughs. In a more conversational forum in our interactive stage, join chefs, inventors, authors, academics, policymakers, and small businesses as they describe the techniques to break through to a food system that is more inclusive, sustainable, profitable, and nutritious.

## TEDX TALKS AT AGRF

Tedx is a grassroots initiative created in the spirit of TED's overall mission to research and discover "ideas worth spreading." TEDx will bring the spirit of TED to AGRF local communities around the globe through TEDx events. It seeks to uncover new ideas and to share the latest research in their local areas that spark conversations on Food Systems Transformation. Seven African youth leaders, including young women telling their stories on transforming food systems on the continent.



# PROGRAMME

## OVERVIEW

DAY 00 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023

### Field visits

You will have an opportunity to observe food systems solutions directly through visits to groundbreaking projects or agri-business facilities. These experiences will emphasize a focus on the process and an understanding of the most promising agricultural value chains both on the mainland and in Zanzibar. This presents an excellent chance to gain knowledge and practical experience of real-world initiatives, it will be a great opportunity to get to know the host country and promote Agri tourism. An experience to Zanzibar is planned in the program, particularly to discover the Tanzanian blue economy. Another one will be in mainland Tanzania where we will dive into local commodities and agricultural value chains of the country.

[Click Here for the selection of Field Visit sites](#)

DAY 0 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2023

### Side events: Diversity and Inclusion

Several organizations will host various side events highlighting initiatives and possibilities for transforming African Food Systems. The events will feature various speakers and programs, all of which are centered around the main theme of the AGRF 2023 and will focus on diversity and inclusion. The focus will be on engaging youth and women along agri-food systems value chains. Deal rooms will also happen in parallel to the side events.

[Click Here for the list of Side Events](#)

PARTNER EVENTS

### Parallel Sessions

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L'ARBRE À PALABRES

### Breakthroughs Tree/Speakers Corner

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DEAL ROOM

### 4-8 September 2023

Will be a key moment during the summit where the Government of the Republic of Tanzania will bring together Tanzania bilateral donor countries and, financial Institutions, Investors to pledge and support the Implementation of a Tanzania Flagship Program namely "Build Better Tomorrow" (BBT) legacy program on food systems with a focus on Youth and women.

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# DAY 01



## DAY 1 : TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2023 RECOVER

TIME	SESSION
7:00-9:00	Deal Room
07:00 – 09:00	<p><b>Tanzania Showcase</b> Crops, Livestock and Fisheries Sectors at Glance: Direction and Priorities</p> <p>Keynote Speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, Tanzania</li> <li>Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBC</li> </ul> <p>Closing remarks: Minister from Zanzibar- Tanzania</p>
8:30-9:00	<p><b>Good Morning AGRF</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Hosts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Jolenta Joseph, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul> <p><b>Guests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Amath Pathé Sene, Managing Director, Africa Food Systems Forum - AGRF (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul>
9:00-11:00	<p><b>PLENARY</b> <b>Official Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p><b>Session title: Recover, Regenerate, Act: Africa's Solutions to Food Systems Transformation</b></p> <p>This high-level plenary session will be the cornerstone of the AGRF 2023, bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders to discuss Africa's solutions to food system transformation. The opening ceremony will set the stage for an insightful discussion</p>



on how to recover, regenerate, and act towards building sustainable food systems. The session will feature the launch of the Africa Agriculture Status Report (AASR).

### AS INVITED

#### Moderator

Ms. Femi Oke, International Journalist, Broadcaster and Moderator

#### Welcome to the 2023 Food Systems Forum

- Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture of the United Republic of Tanzania
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA (CONFIRMED)

#### Greetings:

- Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania
- Hon. Shamata Shaame Khamis, Minister of Agriculture Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania
- Hon. Suleiman Masoud Makame, Minister of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania

#### Keynote remarks

H.E. Ambassador Gabriel Ferrero, Ambassador at Large Global Food Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain & Chairperson Committee on World Food Security (CFS) (CONFIRMED)

#### Sequence 1: The Africa Agriculture Status Report AASR

##### Presentation of report

Dr. John Ulimwengu, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI (lead author) (CONFIRMED)

##### Panel Discussion

- Hon. Dr. Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze, Minister of Trade and Industry for Rwanda (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Shenggen Fan, Senior Chair Professor, China Agricultural University (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Simeon Ehui, Director-General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and Regional Director for Continental Africa, CGIAR (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Sodfa Daaji, Co-Chair, Afrika Youth Movement (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Ebenezer Miezah Kwofie, Assistant Professor of Food Systems, McGill University
- Prof. Joachim von Braun, Professor at the Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn University & AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)

#### Sequence 2

## The Food Systems Stocktaking: Critical parameters for Food Systems transformation.

### Moderator

Ms. Nadine Gbossa, Director, Food Systems Coordination, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (CONFIRMED)

### Keynote remarks

- Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
- Dr. Ophelia Nick, Parliamentary State Secretary, BMZ (German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development)

### Panel Discussion

- Hon. Sam Kawale, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Malawi
- Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF), Director, Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO)& Director, Africa of World Farmers Organization (WFO) (CONFIRMED)
- H.E. Workneh Gebeyehu, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania
- Dr. Sylvia Lopez-Ekra, Deputy Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (CONFIRMED)

### Guest of Honor Remarks

H.E. Filipe Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique

**Official Opening Remarks and Ceremony:** Hon. Dr. Philip Isdor Mpango, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania

### Launch of the AASR report and official opening photo

**11:30-13:30**

### Deal Room Opening

This Is a matchmaking platform that aims to drive new business deals and commitments. The Deal Room provides companies in the agriculture and agribusiness sectors with the opportunity to access finance, mentorship, and market entry solutions to support their growth objectives. It creates opportunities for governments to present investment opportunities, promote investment incentives and engage with interested investors. It achieves 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. Mobilizing the ecosystem that can leverage inclusive investment opportunities is critical to investment facilitation. The opening session of the Deal Room brings to life experiences of different value



chain actors, while also presenting the benefits and opportunities in investing in Africa's food systems.

### **AS INVITED**

#### **Moderator**

Mr. Gilead Teri, Executive Director, Tanzania Investment Centre

#### **Opening remarks and Launch of the Deal Room**

Hon. Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, Minister of State, President's Office- Planning and Investment, United Republic of Tanzania

### **Panel Discussion 1**

#### **What will it take to double the numbers of businesses in food systems?**

- Mr. Sergio Pimenta, Vice President Africa, IFC
- Ms. Fatoumata Ba, Founder & President, Janngo Capital & Women-led Financial Business Award Winner CEO Forum 2023
- Mr. Wanjohi Ndagu, Partner and Investment Director, Pearl Capital Partners Ltd (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. John Ellenberger, SVP Venture 37, Land O'Lakes, USA (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Katerina Ntep, Deputy Vice President for Sector Operations, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Adesuwa Ifedi, Senior Vice President of Africa Programs, Heifer International (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Brent Malahay, Chief Strategy Officer, Equity Group (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Group CEO, AFEX (CONFIRMED)
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**Moderator:** H.E. Amb. Hans Hoogeveen, Independent Chairperson of Council, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

### **Panel Discussion 2**

#### **Finance Agro Processing and Agro Industrialization**

- Hon. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba, Governor of the Bank of Tanzania
- Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for Agriculture and Food, World Bank (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Beth Dunford, Vice President, African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
- Dr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice President Programme Management Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Clare Akamanzi, CEO, Rwanda Development Board
- Ms. Delphine Traoré, Regional CEO, Allianz Africa & AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)

#### **Closing Remarks**

Ms. Isobel Coleman, Deputy Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) CONFIRMED)

## Building Together (Parallel Sessions)

**11:30 – 13:30**

### **Policy: The Power of Data, Information & Research for Sustainable Food System-Parallel Session**

This session focuses on the critical role of data and information in driving innovation and progress in the agricultural sector and food systems value chains. Join us as we explore how robust data and informed research can drive evidence-based policies and interventions, paving the way for transformative change in public policies, programs, projects and investments. Discover the power of data-driven decision-making in promoting efficient resource allocation, enhancing food security, and improving nutrition. Engage with experts, policymakers, and researchers as they share their experiences and insights on harnessing the potential of data and research for sustainable development. Together, we will unlock the potential of knowledge-sharing, collaborative research, and data-driven policies to create resilient, inclusive, sustainable and environmentally sound food systems.

#### **AS INVITED**

##### **Moderator**

**Mr. Kartik Vyas**, Engagement Manager, McKinsey & Company

##### **Fireside Chat: How important is data for policy today and are we prepared to harness its full potential?**

- Marion Jansen, Director, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD
- Mr. Clarens Renois, Journalist and Entrepreneur, Haiti
- Mr. Mulualem Syoum, CEO, AeTrade Group

#### **Panel Discussion 1**

**Ag-tech/ Digital Showcase of Field Solutions:** Share successful applications of data and information in agriculture, particularly on nutrition use efficiency, soil health, to maximize productivity, thus increase farmers' profitability.

- Ms. Esther Kimani – 2022 Pitch Agrihack Winner & CEO, FarmerLifeLine Technologies
- Mr. Ikenna Nzewi, Co-founder and CEO, Releaf
- Ms. Sarah Coughlin, Senior Policy Associate, J-PAL Global (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. John Kamara, Founder & CEO, Adanian Labs (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Rose Goslinga, Co-Founder & President, Pula Advisors (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Sriram Bharatam, Founder, Kuza Biashara (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Mduduzi Mbuya, Director Knowledge Leadership, GAIN (CONFIRMED)

#### **Panel Discussion 2**

**Challenges and Opportunities related to Data and Digital Solutions.**

- Mrs. Karimi Thurair, Country Manager Kenya, OCP (CONFIRMED)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hon. Fred Bwino Kyakulaga, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry &amp; Fisheries, Republic of Uganda (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. Omondi Kasidhi, Senior Manager, Digital Growth &amp; Commercialization Africa, YARA (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Jolein Paalman, Head of Zambia, Apollo Agriculture</li> <li>○ Mr. Emmanuel Birech, Africa Regional Lead, Microsoft Tech for Social Impact</li> <li>○ Ms. Sara Menker, CEO, Gro Intelligence</li> <li>○ Dr. Dave Watson, Livelihoods Adviser, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UK (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing remarks</b> <b>Mr. Bård Vegar</b>, Director General, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)</p>
<p><b>11:30 – 13:30</b></p>	<p><b>Civil Society Forum (Parallel Session)</b></p> <p>Immerse yourself in the transformative realm of the Civil Society Forum, a platform dedicated to amplifying the voices and aspirations of civil society organizations working towards transformation in food systems. Through engaging discussions, knowledge sharing, and interactive sessions, we aim to amplify the voices of civil society and promote their meaningful engagement in shaping agricultural policies and programs. This forum serves as a catalyst for collective action, where diverse stakeholders come together to address the challenges faced by smallholder farmers, rural communities, and vulnerable populations, particularly with a focus on gender. Together, we will explore innovative solutions, advance co-working, and drive positive change across the continent. Join us in this transformative journey as we strive to build a resilient and prosperous future for Africa's agricultural sector, leaving no one behind.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Amb. David Lane (Ret.), President, Annenberg Foundation Trust &amp; AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)</p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker</b> Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, SDG Advocate</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion 1</b> <b>What are you most worried about today that forms the basis of your advocacy?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Dorine Nininahazwe, African Union and East Africa Director, ONE (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. William Warshauer, President &amp; CEO, TechnoServe (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Nancy Rapando, Africa Food Futures Lead, World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF) (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. Divine Ntiokam, Executive Director, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global (GCSAYN) (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul>

- Mr. Tendai Murisa, Executive Director, Sivio Institute (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General, Alliance of Biodiversity International and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) (CONFIRMED)

### Panel Discussion 2

#### Advancing Africa's Agricultural systems in the face of Climate change.

- Prof. Ikechukwu Anthony Kanu, President, Association for the Promotion of African Studies (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Aggrey Agumya, Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) (CONFIRMED)
- Prof. Appolinaire Djikeng, Director General, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Senior Director, CGIAR Livestock-Based Systems, Managing Director, CGIAR Resilient AgriFood Systems (RAFS) (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Cleber Lima Guarany, President, International Center for Innovation and Transfer of Agriculture, Livestock and Environmental Technology (CIITAA) (CONFIRMED)

**11:30 – 13:30**

### Parliamentary & Policy Makers Forum: Creating an Enabling Environment for Private Sector Investments and Trade

This session delves into the critical significance of fostering a conducive climate for enterprises in the food systems sector. What policies, laws and regulations can help attract investments and support the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the agriculture and food sectors? Experts and policymakers will discuss the challenges faced by businesses and the role of governments, parliamentarians, and private sector actors in creating a conducive business environment and the ability to trade. Prepare to be inspired by success stories and best practices from diverse regions across Africa, offering valuable lessons for advancing business potential and food system transformation. Don't miss this opportunity to unlock the pathways to a thriving business ecosystem in the realm of food systems.

#### AS INVITED

##### Moderator

- Mr. Robert Ouma, Regional Director, DAI Policy LINK
- Mr. Mamadou Biteye, Executive Secretary, The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) (CONFIRMED)

##### Keynote Speaker:

- H.E. Dr. Jakaya Kikwete, Former President, United Republic of Tanzania (CONFIRMED)

##### Fireside Chat: The complementary roles of Government and Parliaments:

- Hon. Didier Molisho Sadi, Chairperson Committee on Rural Economy and Agriculture, Pan-African Parliament (PAP)

- Hon. Bryan Acheampong, Minister of Food and Agriculture, Republic of Ghana (CONFIRMED)

**Roundtable Discussion: which laws, policies and regulations are required for food systems transformation?**

**Roundtable 1**

- Hon. Sidie Mohamed Tunis, Speaker, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Parliament
- Mr. Zwelivelile Mandlesizwe Dalibhunga Mandela, Chairperson, Parliament Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Republic of South Africa
- Dr. Edidah Lubega Ampaire, Senior Program Specialist – Climate Resilient Food Systems, International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Rose Kayi Mivedor, Minister of Investment, Togo (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Jago Odok Woda Jeremiah, Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources, East Africa Legislative Assembly
- Hon. Hisham Al-Husari, Chairman, Agriculture and Irrigation Committee in the House of Representatives, Egypt
- Mr. Ibrahima Coulibaly, President, ROPPA (PAFO)
- Mr. Medeu Amangeldiyev, Chief Legal Officer, Islamic Organization for Food Security
- Hon. Godfred Seidu Jasaw, Member of Parliament, Ghana (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Anne Waiguru, Chair of the Council of Governors, Governor Kirinyaga County, Republic of Kenya (CONFIRMED)

**Roundtable 2**

- Hon. Ms. Neema Lugangira (MP), Member of Parliament, Tanzania
- Mr. Francois Kanimba, Commissioner, Economic Community of Central African States, (ECCAS)
- Hon. Jeremy Lissouba (MP), Assemblée Nationale, Republic of Congo
- Hon. Desalegn Wedajo, Chairperson, Standing Committee for Planning, Budget and Finance, Ethiopia
- Ms. Constance Okeke, Program Lead, Public Finance for Agriculture, ActionAid International (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Samira Rafaela, Member of the European Parliament
- Mr. Kun Chu, Economic and commercial counselor, Chinese Embassy in Tanzania (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Adama Yoro Sidibe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Mali (CONFIRMED)

**Special Youth Message**

Optimizing Opportunities for Youth Employment in Africa's Food Systems

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**Closing Remarks**



	<p>Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson, Speaker of the National Assembly, Tanzania</p>
<p><b>11:30 – 13:30</b></p>	<p><b>GoGettaz Pitches (finalists)</b></p> <p>Witness some of the most promising and innovative agribusinesses led by young entrepreneurs across Africa! As finalists of the GoGettaz competition, these young business leaders will showcase their ventures and pitch their ideas in front of a panel of judges and potential investors. The session offers us a unique opportunity to discover and learn about cutting-edge agribusiness solutions, as well as provide an exciting atmosphere to network with like-minded individuals, investors and government delegations. The high-stakes nature of the competition is sure to create an atmosphere of energy and excitement, as we witness the future of African agribusiness.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Moderator and Host</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Dickson Naftali, Head of Generation Africa, AGRA (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Sherrie Silver, IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening remarks by Youth Ambassadors and Champions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hon. Elvis Chishala Nkandu, Minister of Youth, Sport and Arts, Zambia</li> <li>○ Ms. Chido Mpemba, Youth Special Envoy, African Union</li> <li>○ Ms. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-founder and Executive Chair, Sahel Consulting &amp; AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO, Yara International (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Ada Osakwe, Managing Partner, Agrolay Ventures, AGRA Board Member, &amp; Youth Ambassador Generation Africa (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Dr. Simon Winter, Executive Director Syngenta Foundation (CONFIRMED).</li> <li>○ Ms. Surita Sandosham, CEO, Heifer international (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul> <p><b>Inspirational Moment</b></p> <p>Mr. Thione Niang, CEO, Jeuf Zone, Political strategist, International Speaker, TEDx (7min) (CONFIRMED)</p> <p><b>2023 GoGettaz Agripreneur Prize Competition Judges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Marisa Soares, Senior Vice President Innovation &amp; Impact, Yara International (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Aggie Asiimwe Konde, VP Programme Innovation &amp; Delivery, AGRA (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Dr. Kelley Cormier, Food Safety Division Chief, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Jean Muthamia-Mwenda Global Lead, Youth Employment &amp; Entrepreneurship, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Mildred Nadah Pita, Head Public Affairs Science &amp; Sustainability Africa Crop Science, Bayer (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. Jubilate Lema, Co-Founder &amp; CEO, Farmtime Company Limited (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Wambui Chege Director, Agriculture, PANA (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. William Nyaoke, Regional Director East-Africa, Norfund (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. Paul Newnham, Director, SDG 2 Advocacy Hub (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul> <p><b>Pitching continues for rest of day.</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 – 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Culinary Villages &amp; Recipe of changes - hosted by Paul Newnham, Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bean challenge</li> <li>○ Culinary Villages &amp; Recipe of changes.</li> <li>○ Chefs: TV conversation and tasting</li> <li>○ Networking and drinks</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:30-14:30</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH TIME</b></p>
<p><b>15:00 – 17: 00</b></p>	<p><b>PLENARY</b> <b>Africa’s Fertilizer and Soil Health Vision</b></p> <p>Prepare to engage with leading experts and visionaries as they unveil a strategic roadmap for agricultural advancement on the continent in a context of global crisis. The Russia and Ukrainian crisis is impacting access to fertilizers and negatively affecting agricultural productivity. This crisis is also an opportunity for the continent to rethink and rebuild the African fertilizers industries. Delve into the intricate interplay between healthy soils, innovative fertilizers, and sustainable farming practices, all poised to revolutionize Africa's agricultural landscape. This session will offer valuable insights into fertilizers sovereignty, the pivotal role of nutrient management in achieving food security and fostering sustainable development in Africa. Join us as we lay the groundwork for a prosperous future, where Africa's food systems flourish and contribute to the overall well-being of its nations.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> <b>Mr. Michael Sudarkasa</b>, CEO, African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership (AFAP) (CONFIRMED)</p> <p><b>Introductory Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hon. Mizengo Pinda, Former Prime Minister, United Republic of Tanzania</li> </ul>

### **Framing Presentation**

- Mr. Tom Kehoe, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and Sustain Africa (CONFIRMED)

### **Panel Discussion 1**

#### **Re-Inventing Africa's Fertilizer Industry in a Context of Global Crisis**

- Hon. Dr. Demba Sabally, Minister of Agriculture, The Republic of The Gambia
- Ms. Dina Esposito, Assistant to the Administrator - Resilience and Food Security (RFS) at USAID, Feed the Future Deputy Coordinator for Development, & Global Food Crisis Coordinator (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Mehdi Filali, VP Farmer Solutions, OCP Africa, Morocco (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO, Yara International (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Henk van Duijn, President and CEO, International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Ernesto Max Elias Tonela, Minister of Economy & Finance, Mozambique
- Hon. Chipoka Mulenga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
- Mr. Patrick Heffer, Deputy Director General, International Fertilizer Association (IFA) (CONFIRMED)
- H.E. Dr. Omar Alieu Touray, President, Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Commission)

### **Panel Discussion 2**

#### **Soil Health in the Food Systems: Feeding a Growing Continent**

Africa's population is projected to double by 2050, and feeding this growing continent is a major challenge. In this session, we will explore innovative solutions for ensuring food security in the future, such as sustainable agriculture practices, food waste reduction, and value chain innovation. Our panel of experts will share their insights and experience on how to create a more resilient and sustainable food system that can feed Africa's growing population and demand in the next coming years particularly in countries in fragile contexts through diversification. Don't miss this exciting and informative session!

#### **Moderator**

**Dr. Nteranya Sanginga**, former Regional Director, West and Central Africa, CGIAR, and Director General of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) (CONFIRMED)

#### **Introductory Remarks: Building and Safeguarding Soil Health**

- Hon. Dr. Ildephonse Musafiri, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI), Rwanda (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki, Secretary General of the East African Community

### **Sequence 1**



- Dr. Bernard Vanlauwe, Deputy Director, Director R4D, and Director for Natural Resources Management, International Institutes of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Tilahun Amede, Head of Resilience, Climate and Soil Fertility, AGRA (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Joe Cornelius, CEO, Gates Ag One
- Hon. Dr. Ismael Sombie, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, People's Republic of Burkina Faso
- Hon. Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávoro, Minister of Agriculture & Livestock, Federal Republic of Brazil
- Dr. Leigh Ann Winowiecki, CIFOR & Co-Lead, Coalition for Action on Soil Health (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Nico Janssen, Programme Manager Agricultural Livelihoods, IKEA Foundation
- Dr. Rattan Lal, Distinguished Professor of Soil Science, Ohio State University & World Food Prize Laureate (CONFIRMED)

**Closing remarks**

Mr. Ishmael Sunga, CEO, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) (CONFIRMED)

**17:00 – 18:30**

**CEO Chat– Innovation & Technology**

This CEO Chat explores the role of cutting-edge advancements in agriculture and how they can drive transformative change in food systems. This session brings together youth SMEs to discuss the latest technologies and their potential applications in agriculture. The session shares success stories, challenges, and opportunities related to integrating technology into farming practices, supply chain management, and market access. The session inspires and empowers agripreneurs in Africa to embrace innovation and leverage technology to improve productivity, sustainability, and competitiveness in the agricultural sector.

**AS INVITED**

**Moderator**

Dr. Blandina Kilama, Personal Assistant to the President- Economic Affairs, Tanzania

**CEO**

- Mr. Erik Fyrwald, CEO, Syngenta (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. John Ulanga, CEO, Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF)

**Africa SMEs**

- Dr. Imen Hbiri, CEO, Robocare, Tunisia
- Ms. Maryanne Ruguru Gichanga, Director, AgriTech Analytics, Kenya
- Ms. Lucy Chioma Aniagola, Founder, Agrodemy Enterprises
- Mr. Benjamin Fernandes, CEO, NALA Money

<p><b>17:00 – 18:30</b></p>	<p><b>CEO Chat – Financing</b></p> <p>This CEO Chat session focuses on creative financing solutions to support food systems transformation. This panel discusses key financial instruments and blended finance, most appropriate instruments for agripreneurs in African trends and strategies for mobilizing resources to support food systems projects, with an emphasis on supporting young entrepreneurs. The session also highlights innovative financing models such as blended finance, impact investing, and social bonds, and explores how they can be leveraged to accelerate the transformation of food systems in Africa.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Mr. Quentin Rukingama, Managing Partner, JBQ Africa (CONFIRMED)</p> <p><b>CEO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Binta Touré Ndoye, AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Ruth Zaipuna, CEO, NMB, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul> <p><b>Africa SMEs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Marie Ange Mukagahima, Managing Director, Zima Health Group, Rwanda (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Ogola Lois Kange, CEO, Smiley’z Kitchen, Nigeria (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. Nana Prempeh, CEO, Grow for me, Ghana (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. Abrhame Endrias, Founder and Managing Director, Green Agro Solutions &amp; Lersha Platform</li> </ul>
<p><b>17:00 – 18:30</b></p>	<p><b>Innovation and Research Launch Pad</b></p> <p>This is a dynamic and engaging session that aims to unveil groundbreaking research findings, innovative solutions, and novel approaches to advance our food systems transformation. It provides a platform for researchers, experts, and stakeholders to share their work, exchange ideas, and foster collaboration. The session covers a diverse range of topics such as sustainable agriculture, food security, climate change resilience, nutrition, and food waste reduction. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge technologies, data-driven insights, and policy implications that can help transform and improve our global food systems. The session will spark meaningful discussions, inspire action, and promote the development of practical solutions that address the complex challenges facing our food systems.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Mr. Sean de Cleene, International Systems and Partnerships Expert</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prof. Edward Mabaya, Department of Global Development, Cornell University</li> <li>○ Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. Frank Braeken, Non-Executive Director and Chairman and AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Carolijn Gommans, IDH – Smallholder Innovation Hub (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. Jean Claude Rubyogo, Director of the Pan Africa Bean Research Alliance (PABRA) at the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT Presenting: Resilient smallholder agriculture in Africa: Overcoming barriers to R&amp;D investment and innovation (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Dr. Lauren M. Phillips, Deputy Director. Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division (ESP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Aggie Asiimwe Konde, VP Programme Innovation &amp; Delivery, AGRA (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul>
<p><b>18:30 – 22:00</b></p>	<p><b>SOCIAL PARTNER EVENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Networking and drinks</li> </ul>



**DAY**

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## DAY 2 : WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023 **REGENERATE**

TIME	SESSION
7:00-9:00	<b>Deal Room activities continue in parallel.</b>
7:00 – 9:00	<p><b>Tanzania Showcase</b></p> <p>Harnessing Youth and Women Potentials for Economic Prosperity</p> <p>Keynote Speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PS, Mainland &amp; Zanzibar - Tanzania</li> <li>• Dr. Hussein Mohammed Omar, DPS, Ministry of Agriculture, Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC</li> </ul>
8:30-9:00	<p><b>Good Morning AGRF</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Hosts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Jolenta Joseph, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul> <p><b>Guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Maya Stewart, Co-Founder, LenzieMills, Malawi</li> <li>○ Dr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, African Development Bank (AfDB) (CONFIRMED).</li> </ul>
9:00 – 11:00	<p><b>PLENARY</b></p> <p><b>Transforming African Food Systems for Stronger Nutritional Benefits</b></p> <p>This session delves into the crucial intersection of productive systems, nutrition, human health, resilient and sustainable food production, with a focus on transforming our food systems for the betterment of all individuals- including women - and the planet. Join us as we explore the multifaceted challenges and opportunities in</p>

promoting sufficient healthier diets, addressing malnutrition, and ensuring environmental sustainability, climate resilient food systems considering a one health approach. Esteemed experts, researchers, and practitioners will share their insights, evidence-based strategies, and impactful cases from diverse contexts. Together, we will envision a future where nutritious food is accessible, equitable, and supports the well-being of both people and the planet. Engage in this stimulating Plenary session that seeks to drive meaningful action, foster collaboration among stakeholders, and pave the way for a productive, inclusive, resilient, sustainable, and nutritious food systems for all.

### **Sequence 1**

#### **The Status of Women in Food Systems**

#### **AS INVITED**

##### **Brief introduction and Moderation**

Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (CONFIRMED)

##### **Inspirational Moment**

Mr. John Dumelo, Ghanaian Actor, Politician, Agriculturist – TEDx- Make agriculture work again (3min) (CONFIRMED)

##### **Fireside chat**

- Hon. Dr. Lia Tadesse, Minister of Health, Ethiopia
- Hon. Anne Beathe Tvinneim, Minister of International Development, Norway

### **Sequence 1**

#### **Roundtable with First Ladies and Senior Leaders**

##### **Panel Discussion**

- H.E. Mariam Mwinyi, First Lady of Zanzibar
- Hon. Umy Ally Mwalimu, Minister of Health, Tanzania
- Ms. Dina Esposito, Assistant to the Administrator - Resilience and Food Security (RFS) at USAID, Feed the Future Deputy Coordinator for Development, & Global Food Crisis Coordinator (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, Regional Director Africa, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Hon. Sonia Guajajara, Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Brazil
- Ms. Wilma van Esch, Head of the Food Security and Nutrition Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands (CONFIRMED)
- H.E. Sima Sami Bahous, Executive Director of UN Women and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, Global Lead for Nutrition and Public Health, World Fish & World Food Prize Laureate (CONFIRMED)

### **Sequence 2**

#### **State of Nutrition and Sustainable Diets**

### Moderator

Ms. Adesuwa Ifedi, Africa Senior Vice President, Heifer International (CONFIRMED)

### Setting the stage

Dr. Gunhild Stordalen, Founder and Executive Chair, EAT (CONFIRMED)

### Fireside Chat on Implication to African Food Systems

- Prof. Ruth Oniango, Editor-in-Chief and Founder, African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND) (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Ms Josephine Joseph Lagu, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security in South Sudan
- Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (CONFIRMED)

### Panel Discussion

- Dr. Robert Bertram, Chief Scientist, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, USAID (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Roy Steiner, Senior Vice President, Rockefeller Foundation (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Khadija Mohammed Churchill, Founder, Kwanza Tukule
- Ms. Liz Ogutu, Policy and Advocacy Officer; Regional Coordinator, Africa, HarvestPlus (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Christine Campeau, Global Advocacy Director, Food Systems, CARE International (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Nancy Roman, CEO, Partnership for a Healthier America
- Dr. Namukolo Covic, DG Representative to Ethiopia, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), CGIAR (CONFIRMED)

### Closing remarks

H.E. Ambassador Gabriel Ferrero, Ambassador at Large Global Food Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain & Chairperson Committee on World Food Security (CFS) (CONFIRMED)

## Connecting Together (Parallel Sessions)

**9:00 – 18:30**

### Pitch AgriHack Finale and AYuTe Showcase

This session inspires young people in Africa to leverage ICT innovation to transform the agrifood sector in Africa. The Pitch AgriHack competition aims to promote ICT innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture in African countries. The competition will identify and amplify efforts by young innovators to build resilience through digital agriculture products and services. These innovations should be scalable and generate measurable impact in Africa's food systems. Winners of the competition will receive funding and continued support to scale up their innovations into products that can help transform the entire sector.

### AS INVITED

### Moderator

- Ms. Vanessa Adams, VP Strategic Partnerships, and COP Partnership for Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Africa, AGRA (CONFIRMED)



- Ms. Sherrie Silver, IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

### **Curtain Raisers**

- Dr. Peter Materu, Chief Program Officer, MasterCard Foundation
- Mr. Frank Braeken, Non-Executive Director and Chairman and AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Jordan Dey, President & CEO, GrainPro (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. John Raines, President, Telus Agriculture & Consumer Goods (Muddy Boots)
- Mr. Jens Hartmann - Head of Europe, Middle East, Africa (EMEA), Crop Science, Bayer (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Caroline Mutepfa - Community Engagement Lead, Central Europe, Middle East, and Africa at Microsoft (CONFIRMED)

### **2023 Pitch AgriHack Competition Judges**

- Ms. Barbra Muzata, IITA CGIAR Excellence in Agronomy Initiative (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo, Executive Director, Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI) (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Nono Sekhoto, Sector Lead - AL for Agribusiness Network, African Leadership Academy (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Ademola Braimoh, Coordinator, Climate Smart Agriculture, World Bank. (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Jane Lowicki-Zucca, Senior Youth Advisor, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Sheila Kaaya, Lead - Agriculture, Agribusiness and Agrifood Systems, The Mastercard Foundation (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Victor Mugo, Head of Local Youth Action at World Food Forum, FAO

**Pitching continues for rest of day.**

**11:30 – 13:30**

### **The Cost of a Healthy Diet**

The session on the "Cost of a Healthy Diet" delves into the challenges and implications of accessing nutritious food for individuals and communities. During the session, the speakers and panel will explore the multifaceted factors that contribute to the cost of a healthy diet, including affordability, availability, and cultural considerations. The speakers will explore the intricate relationship between food prices, dietary choices, and public health outcomes. Attendees will gain insights into the challenges faced by individuals and communities in accessing nutritious food, particularly in vulnerable populations. Moreover, the session will explore strategies and interventions to address these challenges, such as policy changes, community initiatives, and innovative approaches to food production and distribution. By emphasizing the importance of affordable healthy food options, this session aims to inspire collective action and foster collaborations that can lead to a more equitable and sustainable food system.

**AS INVITED**

### Moderator

Dr. Susan Kaaria, Director, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) (CONFIRMED)

**Keynote speaker:** Mr Stanlake Samkange, Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships, World Food Programme (WFP) (CONFIRMED)

### Framing Remarks

- H.E. Reuben Mtolo Phiri, Minister of Agriculture, Zambia

### Panel Discussion 1

#### Access and Affordability

- Dr. Enock Chikava, Director of Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Yvette Dickson-Tetteh, Co-Founder & CEO, Pure and Just Co, Ghana (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Umyy Ally Mwalimu, Minister, Ministry of Health, Tanzania
- Ms. Solianna Meaza, Director of Policy and Advocacy, One Thousand Days
- Prof. Joachim von Braun, Professor at the Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn University & AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)
- Ms Afshan Khan, Coordinator of Scaling up Nutrition movement, SUN Movement (CONFIRMED)

### Panel Discussion 2

#### Inclusive Diets

- Mr. Ishmael Sunga, CEO, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Elizabeth Swai, CEO, AKM Glitters Company Limited, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Gladys Mugambi, Head, Division of Family Health and SUN Movement Executive Committee Co-Chair (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Elizabeth Imbo, Country Project Manager – Nutrition in City Ecosystems, Syngenta Foundation (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Francesco Branca, Director of the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, World Health Organization (WHO)

### Concluding Remarks

#### Diet and Conflict

Ms. Hanna Tetteh, UN Under Secretary General & Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa

### CEO Roundtable: Trade & Investments

**11:30 – 13:30**

This session on Trade and Investments will delve into the trade policy environment and the role of the private sector in agriculture markets. Senior government officials, top executives and industry leaders will convene to discuss the support needed and the policy changes required to create an enabling environment for increased trade and transformative investments in Africa' agricultural sector and build resilient food systems. The critical role of the government and private sector in the functioning of agriculture markets will be discussed. This dynamic session creates critical

opportunities for networking, collaboration, the development of strategic alliances and fostering public-private partnerships.

### AS INVITED

#### Moderator

#### Keynote

Ms. Isobel Coleman, Deputy Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) (CONFIRMED)

#### Roundtable 1

- Hon. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister of Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania
- Mr. Mansoor Ahmad, MBE, Group Head Africa, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Rose Kayi Mivedor, Minister of Investment, Togo (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Aysha House, Vice President, Millennium Challenge Corporation
- Hon. Fred Bwino Kyakulaga, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries, Republic of Uganda (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Doumbia Boureima, CEO, Baramusso (Société Aminata Konaté)

#### Moderator

Mr. Daniel Njiwa, Head of Regional Food Trade & Resilience - Policy & State Capability Division, AGRA (CONFIRMED)

#### Roundtable 2

- Ms. Jane Karuku, CEO, East African Breweries, Kenya
- Ms. Rhoda Mkumbwa, Owner, AW Fishnet, Malawi (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Christopher Zaw, CEO, WARC, Ghana (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Nelson Agyemang, COFAG, Ghana & WFO Innovation (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Simon Winter, Executive Director Syngenta Foundation (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Ms. Shadiya Alimatou ASSOUMAN, Minister of Trade, Benin
- Mr. Ramesh Moochikal, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Improved Foods BV (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Angelina Ngalula, Chair, Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF)

**11:30 – 13:30**

### Africa Women Leaders Forum and Awards

This session is dedicated to promoting and advancing women's leadership in Africa's agricultural sector. Through panel discussions and keynote speeches, the forum empowers women by providing a platform for dialogue, sharing best practices, and networking. The Africa Women Leaders Forum is an important opportunity for female leaders to discuss the challenges they face and ensure that women's voices are heard, and their perspectives are taken into account in shaping the future of Africa's agriculture sector. They will be exploring the role of trade and finance in a more equitable future for women on the continent.

### AS INVITED

**Moderator:** Ms. Wambui Chege, Director Agri-Food Systems, Mastercard Foundation (CONFIRMED)

### **Keynote**

Ms. Vera Songwe, Senior Fellow, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution

### **Panel Discussion**

- Ms. Hixonia Nyasulu, Founder, Ayavuna Women's Investments & AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Sara Mbago-Bhunu, Director East and Southern Africa Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-founder and Executive Chair, Sahel Consulting & AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Katie Buntun-Wamaru, Co-CEO, African Visionary Fund
- Ms. Hellen Onyango Oyare, Helena Agspace, Kenya (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Salma Abdulai, CEO, AMAATI

### **Congratulations**

- Hon. Dr. Dorothy Gwajima, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Tanzania
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA (CONFIRMED)

### **WAYA Awards Ceremony**

The VALUE4HER Women Agripreneurs of the Year Awards (WAYA) is a key offering of AGRA's continental initiative that aims at strengthening women's agribusiness enterprises and enhancing voice and advocacy across Africa namely VALUE4HER. The initiative aims to increase the performance of women entrepreneurs through access to markets and trade, access to finance and investments, tailored online and offline matchmaking activities, learning, networking, and global advocacy aimed at addressing some of the key barriers for women's business growth and market participation in agriculture. VALUE4HER is powered by VALUE4HERConnect, Africa's first women in agribusiness digital marketplace, offering integrated business solutions to women agri enterprises. In line with its strategic objective and positioning in 2021, AGRA launched the VALUE4HER Women Agripreneurs of the Year Awards (WAYA) at the AGRF to recognize African female agripreneurs who have excelled in the agricultural value chains and have demonstrated remarkable innovation by contributing positively towards food security, climate resilience, women and youth empowerment. The Awards aim to create visibility for women agripreneurs and promote them as positive role models, trigger innovation, and spur ambition among women agripreneurs. The award category winners will receive a cash prize of USD20,000 while the grand prize winners receives USD25,000.

### **Judges**

- Ms. Binta Touré Ndoye, AGRA Board member, (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Betty Kiplagat – Government Affairs Leader, Africa & the Middle East, Corteva (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Judy Matu – National Executive Chairlady, AWAK (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Marieme Esther Dassanou – Director of Gender Programs, MasterCard Foundation (CONFIRMED)



### Vote of Thanks

Ms. Oluyemisi Iranloye, CEO, Psaltry International, 2023 WAYA Award winner  
(CONFIRMED)

**11:30 – 13:30**

## Food Safety, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Systems, and Post-Harvest Management

This session delves into food safety, sanitary and Phytosanitary Systems, as well as post-harvest management discussions. Food safety and post-harvest practices are critical to Africa's food security. Africa faces SPS challenges to its agricultural and food systems. Poor handling and inadequate storage lead to large quantities of food lost and wasted. Through an engaging discussion, bringing together key stakeholders, to discuss the challenges and opportunities in ensuring that food is safe and minimizing post-harvest losses. By sharing knowledge, experiences and lessons, the session catalyzes action and driving the adoption of effective food safety measures and post-harvest management practices that contribute to building resilient and sustainable food systems in Africa.

### AS INVITED

#### Moderator

#### Fireside Chat

- H.E. Amb. Hans Hoogeveen, Independent Chairperson of Council, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Jenny Moffitt, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) (CONFIRMED)
- H.E. Chileshe Kapwepwe, General Secretary, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

### Panel Discussion 1

#### Food Safety

- Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development AUC
- Ms. Peace Mutuwa, Knowledge Manager, PACA (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Phil Roux, CEO, NAMPAK
- Mr. Jean Baptiste Havugimana, Director, Productive Sectors, East African Community
- Dr. Amare Ayalew, Program Manager, PACA (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Watipaso Mkandawire, Regional Food Markets Adviser, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UK (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Johnson Kiragu, East Africa Program Manager, Partners in Food Solutions (CONFIRMED)

### Panel Discussion 2

#### Innovative Technologies to reduce Post-harvest Loss.

- Hon. Alfred Ombudo K'Ombudo, Principal Secretary, State Department of Trade, Ministry of Trade, Investment and Industry, Kenya
- Dr. Geeta Sethi, Advisor, Global Agriculture Practice, World Bank (CONFIRMED)

- Dr. Marco Wopereis, Director General, World Vegetable Centre (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Emmastella Gakuo, COO, Savannah Circuit, Kenya (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Jordan Dey, President & CEO, GrainPro (CONFIRMED)

**12:00 – 13:00**

**Culinary Villages & Recipe of changes - hosted by Paul Newnham, Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub**

- Bean challenge
- Culinary Villages & Recipe of changes.
- Chefs: TV conversation and tasting

**13:30-14:30**

**LUNCH TIME**

**15:00 – 17:00**

**PLENARY: Trade & Markets**

The session explores the role of trade and markets in achieving a sustainable and resilient food systems. Critical to increased trade in the continent is ensuring an enabling environment that encourages increased private sector investments to address the significant gaps in infrastructure and access to finance. The successful implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement will require the combined efforts of governments and the private sector, and other critical stakeholders in trade such as the Regional Economic Communities, research institutions, among others. Through interactive discussions, the session delves into topics such as the policy and regulatory environment on the continent, infrastructure gaps that limit increased intra-African trade, lack of access to finance, especially to small-scale actors, women and youth. By critically analyzing the trade and market dynamics, this session contributes to identifying strategies and policy recommendations for transforming the current food system into one that is sustainable, inclusive, and resilient .

**AS INVITED**

**Moderator**

**Keynote**

- H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat
- H.E. Lionel Zinsou, Former Prime Minister, Republic of Benin; Founder and Managing Partner, Southbridge (CONFIRMED)

**Framing remarks:**

- Hon. Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda, Champion – AfCFTA Africa Food Trade Strategy (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Harriet Mathews, Director-General Africa and Americas, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UK

**Agricultural Trade Monitor (AATM) Launch Speaker:** Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, Akademiya 2063 (CONFIRMED)

## Video presentation, Launch of the AATM report and official photo

### Panel Discussion

#### Trade Infrastructure & Trade Finance and Investment

- H.E. Dr. Omar Alieu Touray, President, Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Commission)
- Hon. Chipoka Mulenga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
- Hon. Dr. Khalid Salum Mohamed, Minister of Infrastructure, Communication and Transport Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania
- Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, Akademiya 2063 (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Philippe Labonne, President for Africa, Africa Global Logistics, France
- Ms. Monica Hangi, Regional Senior Director, TradeMark Africa (CONFIRMED)
  
- Ms. Clare Akamanzi, CEO, Rwanda Development Board
- Mr. Mahesh Patel, CEO, ETG Group (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Jacqueline Mkindi, Executive Director, Tanzania Horticultural Association, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Herbert Wigwe, Group CEO, Access Bank & Corporation
- Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Managing Director, International Trade Centre
- Sir Danny Alexander, Vice President, Policy and Strategy, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

#### Closing Remarks

Hon. Gérardine Mukeshimana, Vice President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (CONFIRMED)

**17:00 – 18:30**

### CEO Chat – Social Impact (Parallel Sessions)

This session explores the power of agriculture to create positive social change and address pressing societal challenges. It brings together CEOs, impact investors, and social entrepreneurs to discuss the various ways in which agriculture can contribute to social impact, including poverty alleviation, gender equality, rural development, and environmental sustainability. The session aims to foster collaboration and inspire agripreneurs to develop innovative business models that prioritize both profit and positive social outcomes, creating a sustainable and inclusive agricultural sector in Africa.

#### AS INVITED

##### Moderator

Ms. Shudufhadzo Musida, Miss South Africa 2020 & UNFPA's Regional Champion (CONFIRMED)

##### CEO

- Ms. Victoria Sabula, CEO, Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Surita Sandosham, CEO, Heifer International (CONFIRMED)

### Conversation between 4 Africa Youth led SMEs and leaders

- Ms. Emmastella Gakuo, COO, Savannah Circuit, Kenya (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Charlotte Binya, Founder, Women in Africa, Cameroon (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Hadija Jabiri, Managing Director and Founder, GBRI Ltd
- Ms. Nancy Iraba, CEO, Healthy Seaweed

**17:00 – 18:30**

### CEO Chat – Leadership - (Parallel Sessions)

This session focuses on the qualities, strategies, and insights needed to drive successful transformation and growth in the agricultural sector. This session brings together visionary young leaders, to share their leadership journeys, lessons learned, and perspectives on effective leadership in the context of agriculture. Participants discuss topics such as fostering innovation, navigating challenges, building resilient organizations, and cultivating a culture of collaboration and inclusivity. The session aims to inspire agripreneurs and aspiring leaders to develop their leadership skills, embrace bold visions, and drive positive change in the agricultural sector in Africa.

#### AS INVITED

#### Moderator

#### CEO

- Mr. Jehiel Oliver, Founder, Hello Tractor (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Group CEO, AFEX (CONFIRMED)

### Conversation between 4 Africa Youth led SMEs and leaders.

- Mr. Eloge Niyomwungere, Best Food Solutions, Burundi (CONFIRMED)
- Mrs. Silahlekelwe Mbotana, Tarima Vegetables, Zimbabwe (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Marcelline Koutatouka, mKTOTO, Congo (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Judith Endelesi Karia, Founder and Managing Director, Ava Group Investment, Tanzania

**17:00 – 18:30**

### Program & Innovation: Regenerative Agriculture and Resilient Food Systems

We will explore in this session the urgent need to build resilient food systems in the face of global challenges such as climate change and environmental degradation. Delve into the key principles and practices of regenerative agriculture, a powerful approach that promotes sustainability, resilience, and food security. Engage with farmers, researchers, and practitioners at the forefront of this field as they share their expertise and success stories. What innovative strategies and solutions can enhance the resilience of African food systems?

#### AS INVITED

**Moderator:** Mr. Charles Karangwa, Regional Lead, Forests, Landscapes, and Livelihoods Programme for Africa, IUCN

#### Fireside Chat

- H.E. Hon. Cecily Mbarire M.G.H, Governor of Embu County, Kenya



### Panel Discussion 1

- Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala is the regional president of Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF) and board member of Pan Africa Farmers Organisation (PAFO) (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Katalin Pákozdi, Chief Research and Development Officer, East-West Seed
- Ms. Pulchérie Marie Charlotte, Société Coopérative Simplifiée EMERGENCE PLUS, Cameroon
- Ms. Damilola Aminat Adeyemi, Co-Founder, D-Olivette Enterprise, Nigeria (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Edith Wheatland, CEO, Rockland Farms, Ghana (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Ofer Oved, SVP Technologies and Crops, Netafim, Israel
- Dr Bridgitta Steyn, Research Platform Manager for Microbials at Natural Plant Protection (NPP), UPL (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Simon O'Connell, CEO, SNV (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Natasha Santos, Vice President, Head of Global Stakeholders Affairs & Strategic Partnerships, Bayer (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Don White, CEO, Adventure Ltd. (CONFIRMED)

### Panel Discussion 2

- Ms. Ada Osakwe, Managing Partner, Agrolay Ventures, AGRA Board Member, & Youth Ambassador Generation Africa (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Betty Kibara, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Hazel Awino, CEO, Agri Innovation Hub, Kenya (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. John Ellenberger, SVP Venture 37, Land O'Lakes, USA (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Adam Gerstenmier, Executive Director, Food Action Alliance (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Marilia Bezerra, Chief Programmes Officer, IKEA Foundation
- Ms. Nancy Rapando, Africa's Food Future Initiative Lead, WWF (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Sieglinde Snapp, Global Program Director – Sustainable Agri-food Systems, CIMMYT (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Apollo Owuor, Coordinator, COMESA – East Africa Horticultural Accelerator (CONFIRMED)

**18:30 – 22:00**

### **SOCIAL PARTNER EVENTS**

- Networking and drinks

# DAY 03



## DAY 3 : THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 **ACT- FOOD SYSTEMS PATHWAYS**

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 9:00	<b>AGRF Partners Breakfast (By invitation only)</b>
07:00 – 09:00	<p><b>Tanzania Showcase (By Invitation only)</b></p> <p>The President’s Build a Better Tomorrow (BBT) Legacy Program (LP) on Food Systems is a coherent and high-quality program that translates the Tanzania BBT vision into a bankable program. This session aims to mobilize partners to support Tanzania’s strategy to create youth jobs in agri-food systems.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Geoffrey Kirenga, CEO, Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania Ltd. (SAGCOT)</p> <p><b>Introductory remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania</li> <li>• Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania</li> <li>• Hon. Shamata Shaame Khamis, Minister of Agriculture Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania</li> <li>• Hon. Suleiman Masoud Makame, Minister of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania</li> <li>• HE. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Co-Chair of the President’s Ag Transformation Committee (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote</b></p> <p>H. E. President Samia Suluhu Hassan, United Republic of Tanzania</p> <p><b>Tanzania Investment Showcase with Investors and Development Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Dr. Mwigulu L. Nchemba, Minister of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania</li> <li>• Hon. Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, Minister of State, President's Office- Planning and Investment, United Republic of Tanzania</li> <li>• Hon. Dr. Saada S. Mkuya, President’s Office, Finance and Planning Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania</li> <li>• Hon. Mudrick Ramadani Soraga, Minister, Ministry of Labour, Economy and Investment Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania</li> <li>• Tanzanian sector ministers</li> </ul>

- Dr. Abou Bamba, Advisor - Office the Prime Minister & Coordinator-Abidjan Legacy Program, Côte d'Ivoire
- Mr. Boleslaw Stawicki, Head, Southern Africa Multi-Country Office and Country Director, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Tanzania (CONFIRMED)

**Concluding remarks**

- Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for Agriculture and Food, World Bank (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister of Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania

**8:30 – 9:00**

**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.

**AS INVITED**

**Hosts:**

- Ms. Jolenta Joseph, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya (CONFIRMED)

**Guests:**

- Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Assistant Director General, Regional Representative for Africa, FAO (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Apollos Nwafor, VP Policy & State Capability, AGRA (CONFIRMED)
- Prof. Eric Danquah, Director, West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement, Africa Food Prize 2022 Winner (CONFIRMED)

**9:30 – 10:30**

**Special event: Youth Town Hall**

The AGRF's Gender and Inclusiveness Unit, along with the Generation Africa platform, collaborates with ecosystem partners to curate and organize the annual Youth Townhall event. It offers young people an exclusive opportunity to present their concerns, hopes, and hurdles to policymakers and stakeholders and facilitates interaction among young people and ecosystem players, providing a platform for engagement.

**AS INVITED**

**Moderator:** Mr. Georgie Ndirangu, Head of Pan-African Program Communications, Mastercard Foundation (CONFIRMED)

Video (3 mins) Mr. Idris Elba & Mrs. Sabrina Elba, UN - IFAD Goodwill Ambassadors



**Keynote:**

**Invited Global Ag Youth to Connect**

- Ms. Hadija Jabiri, Managing Director and Founder, GBRI Ltd
- Ms. Chido Cleopatra Mpemba, Youth Envoy, African Union Commission
- Ms. Jhanira Rodriguez Torrez, United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Bolivia (CONFIRMED)

**Honoured Guests:**

- H.E. President Samia Suluhu Hassan, United Republic of Tanzania
- Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank Group (AfDB) (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Reeta Roy, CEO MasterCard Foundation

**9:00 – 10:30**

**Policy Symposium: Transforming African Food Systems to Cope with Climate Change**

This symposium will focus on the urgent need to transform African food systems to cope with the challenges posed by climate change. Join us as we explore innovative policies, practices, and technologies that promote climate-resilient agriculture, enhance adaptation and mitigation strategies, and ensure food security in the face of changing climatic conditions. Engage with experts, policymakers, and researchers as they share their experiences and insights on harnessing climate data, indigenous knowledge, and technological innovations to build resilient agricultural systems. Together, we will identify policy pathways and investments needed to transform African food systems, promote sustainable livelihoods, and safeguard the well-being of vulnerable communities in the region.

**AS INVITED**

**Moderator**

**Keynote**

- Dr. Simeon Ehui, Director-General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and Regional Director for Continental Africa, CGIAR (CONFIRMED)

**Fireside Chat:**

- Dr. Enock Chikava, Director of Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) (CONFIRMED)
- Dr Daniel Elger, CEO, CABI (CONFIRMED)

**Panel Discussion 1**

- Hon. Ismael Sombie, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, People's Republic of Burkina Faso
- Dr. Bram Govaerts, Director General, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. George Bigirwa, Head of Seed Systems Development, AGRA

- Dr. Edward Mabaya, Research Professor and Director of Humphrey Fellowship Program, Department of Global Development, Cornell University (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Dr. Fikru Regassa, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Ethiopia (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Vivian Onano, Founder/Director at Leading Light Initiative (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Stefan Schmitz, Executive Director, Global Crop Diversity Trust (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Peter Veal, Head of Sub-Saharan Africa, Syngenta

### Panel Discussion 2

- Hon. Ahmed Madobe Nunow, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Federal Republic of Somalia (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Dina Esposito, Assistant to the Administrator - Resilience and Food Security (RFS) at USAID, Feed the Future Deputy Coordinator for Development, & Global Food Crisis Coordinator (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Joe DeVries, President Seed Systems Group, AGRA (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Evan Girvetz- Principal Scientist and Global Program Leader, Finance and Investments for Climate Action CIAT (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Josephine Okot, CEO, Victoria Seeds
- Dr. Baboucarr Manneh, Director General, Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice) (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion from the COP25 Presidency, Chile
- Dr. Segenet Kelemu, Director General, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

**Closing Remarks:** Hon. Aly Gouille Ndiaye, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Equipment, Republic of Senegal

**9:00 – 10:30**

### Policy Symposium: Financial Solutions and Blended Finance

In this symposium, we will delve into the realm of financial solutions and blended finance models that can drive sustainable food systems transformation. Join us as we explore innovative financing mechanisms, public-private partnerships, and impact investment strategies that mobilize capital for sustainable agriculture, value chain development, and food system innovation. Gain valuable insights from financial experts, policymakers, and practitioners as they share successful case studies and discuss the potential of blended finance to unlock transformative change in the agricultural sector. Together, we will identify strategies to leverage diverse sources of funding, de-risk investments, and scale up sustainable agriculture practices to achieve the desired socio-economic and environmental outcomes.

### AS INVITED

#### Moderator

Mr. Frank Braeken, Non-Executive Director and Chairman and AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)

### **Fireside Chat**

- Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for Agriculture and Food, World Bank (CONFIRMED)

### **Panel Discussion 1: Innovative & Blended Finance**

- Dr. James Mwangi, CEO, Equity Bank (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Joshua Oigara, CEO Stanbic Bank, Kenya & South Sudan
- Ms. Susan Tirop, Fund Manager, ABC Fund, Bamboo Capital Partners
- Ms. Binta Touré Ndoye, AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)
- Mr Lúdia de Fátima da Graça Cardoso , Minister of the sea, inlands waters and fisheries, Mozambique
- Mr. Paolo Gomes, Chairman, Orango Investment Corporation
- Ms. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-founder and Executive Chair, Sahel Consulting & AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Peter Umunay, Senior Environmental Specialist, Global Environment Facility (GEF) (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Gunther Beger, Managing Director for the Directorate for SDG Innovation and Economic Transformation, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Theobald Sabi, Managing Director, National Bank of Commerce (NBC)

**Moderator:** Ms. Amandla Ooko-Ombaka, Partner, McKinsey & Company

### **Panel Discussion 2**

#### **Securing Investments in Food Systems**

- Ms. Ruth Zaipuna, CEO, NMB Bank Tanzania (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Hedwig Siewertsen, Head of Inclusive Finance, AGRA (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Victoria Sabula, CEO, Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Khalifa bin Jassem Al-Kuwari, Director General, Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD)
- Mr. Peter Quayle, Executive Secretary, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID)
- Dr. Birama Sidibé, 2022 Africa Food Prize Winner (CONFIRMED)
- Prof. Dr. Jochen Kluve, Director of Evaluation Unit, KfW Development Bank
- Ms. Hope Murera, CEO, Zep-Re Insurance (CONFIRMED)

#### **Concluding remarks**

Dr. Eleni Gabre-Madhin, Chief Innovation Officer, UNDP

**9:00 – 10:30**

### **Policy Symposium: Local Procurement to Catalyze Food Systems Transformation**

This symposium will examine the transformative potential of local procurement in catalyzing food systems transformation. Join us as we explore policies, strategies, and initiatives that promote local sourcing, production, and consumption to enhance food security, support small-scale farmers, and strengthen local economies. Engage with experts, policymakers, and practitioners as they share their experiences and insights on harnessing the power of local procurement to foster sustainable and resilient food

systems. Together, we will identify policy interventions, market linkages, and capacity-building approaches to create enabling environments that promote local procurement, enhance food system resilience, and contribute to the achievement of broader sustainable development goals.

## AS INVITED

### Moderator

Mr. Chris Mitchell, Economic Development Expert, BCG (CONFIRMED)

### Fireside Chat

- Mr. Carl Skau, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Program
- Mr. Peiman Milani, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, World Food Program

### Panel Discussion 1

- Hon. Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávaro, Minister of Agriculture & Livestock, Federal Republic of Brazil
- Hon. Fred Bwino Kyakulaga, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries, Republic of Uganda (CONFIRMED)
- Dear Ms. Alice Ruhweza, Regional Director for Africa, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Abdiel Mengi, CEO, International Piping Products IPP Group
- Dr. Arun Balal, CEO, HarvestPlus (CONFIRMED)
- Prof. Sheryl Hendricks, Director of Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich
- Dr. Germana Leyna, Managing Director, Tanzania Food and Nutrition Center (TFNC)
- Mr. Simon Heck, Senior Director for Urban Food Systems and Agrobiodiversity, & Director General CIP, CGIAR

### Panel Discussion 2

- Hon. Dr. Sabin Nsanzimana, Minister of Health, Rwanda (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Beauty Manake, Assistant Minister of Investment, Trade & Industry, Botswana
- Hon. Mithuka Linturi, Cabinet Secretary, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Republic of Kenya
- Dr. Namukolo Covic, DG Representative to Ethiopia, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), CGIAR (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Jennifer Baarn, Head of Partnerships, AGRA (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Florent Clair, Head of Partnerships for Sustainability (P4S) - West & Central Africa, UPL

### Concluding Remarks

Hon. Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki, Secretary General, East African Community

This symposium will delve into the topic of infrastructure in driving the transformation of food systems. Join us as we explore the intersection of infrastructure development, technological advancements, and sustainable agriculture practices to create efficient, resilient, and inclusive food systems. Discover innovative solutions and policies that leverage infrastructure investments to enhance food production, processing, storage, and distribution, while minimizing environmental impact. Engage with experts, policymakers, and practitioners as they share their experiences and insights on harnessing infrastructure to catalyze transformative change in food systems. Together, we will uncover strategies to build robust infrastructure networks that support sustainable agriculture, foster economic growth, and ensure food security for all.

### AS INVITED

**Moderator:** Mr. Jonathan Said, Economic Development Specialist and Manager, University of Warwick (CONFIRMED)

#### Fire Side Chat:

- Ms. Alice P. Albright, CEO, Millennium Challenge Corporation
- Ms. Treasure Maphanga, Chief Operating Officer, AeTrade Group
- Amb. David Lane (Ret.), President, Annenberg Foundation Trust & AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)

#### Panel Discussion 1

- Mr. Neeraj Aggarwal, Managing Director & Senior Partner; Chair, Asia-Pacific, BCG
- Ms. Carla Montesi, Director for Green Deal and Digital Agenda, European Commission
- Hon. Anxious Masuka, Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement, Zimbabwe
- Mr. Daouda Sembene, CEO, AfriCatalyst (former Executive Director, IMF) (CONFIRMED)

#### Panel Discussion 2

- Mr. Forster Boateng, Deputy CEO, Operations, Tree Crop Authority, Ghana (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Djime Adoum, High Representative, Coalition for the Sahel
- H.E. Dr. Nawal Al-Hosany, Permanent Representative of the UAE to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), United Arab Emirates
- Dr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, African Development Bank (AfDB) (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Gabriel Mbairrobe, Minister of Agriculture of Cameroon
- Mr. Frits van der Wal, Senior Policy Adviser on Sustainable Economic Development and Food Security, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Development Cooperation

11.00-13.30

**Policy Symposium: Governing for Food Systems Transformation and Better Food Security**



Effective governance is fundamental to achieving food systems transformation and improving food security. In this symposium, we will examine the role of governance mechanisms, policies, and institutions in shaping sustainable and resilient food systems. Join us as we explore the challenges and opportunities in governing food systems at local, national, and global levels. Gain valuable insights from policymakers, researchers, and practitioners as they discuss innovative approaches to strengthening governance frameworks, enhancing coordination across sectors, and fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships. Together, we will identify strategies to promote inclusive decision-making, equitable resource allocation, and sustainable food production to achieve better food security outcomes.

### **AS INVITED**

#### **Moderator**

#### **Fireside Chat**

- Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Assistant Director General, Regional Representative for Africa, FAO (CONFIRMED)
- H.E. Yerlan Baidaulet, Director General, Islamic Organization for Food Security, OIC

#### **Panel Discussion 1**

- Mr. Francis Gatara, Senior Economic Advisor, Office of the President, Rwanda
- Ms. Elizabeth Swai, CEO, AKM Glitters Company Limited, Tanzania & CALA Alumni (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Mamadou Biteye, Executive Secretary, The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Swantje Nilsson, Director General, BMZ (German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development)
- Hon. Flavien P. Joubert, Minister of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment, Republic of Seychelles
- Mr. Medeu Amangeldiyev, Chief Legal Officer, Islamic Organization for Food Security
- Prof. Joyce Kinabo, Professor of Human Nutrition in the Department of Food Technology, Nutrition, and Consumer Sciences at the Sokoine University of Agriculture
- Prof. David Nyange, Chief of Party, Agriculture Sector Policy and Institutional Reforms Strengthening (ASPIRES)

#### **Panel Discussion 2**

- Mr. Amadou Makhtar Ba, Founder and Executive Chairman of All Africa Global Media Inc (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Joshua Ariga, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Jacob Nyirongo, CALA Alumni (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Apollos Nwafor, Vice President Policy and State Capacity, AGRA (CONFIRMED)

- Dr. Debisi Araba, Visiting Lecturer, Imperial College London (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Safia Boly, Executive Director, African Agricultural Transformation Initiative (AATI) & the Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Sara Mbago-Bhunu, Director East and Southern Africa Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (CONFIRMED)

### **Concluding Remarks**

Hon. Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria

**10:30 – 13:30**

## **Policy (By Invitation Only)**

### **Country Actions to Progress Pathways to Food Systems Transformation**

#### **AS INVITED**

#### **Keynote**

H.E. Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, the African Union Special Envoy for Food Systems

#### **Co-hosts**

- Sir David Nabarro, Strategic Director, 4SD Foundation(CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Fadel Ndiame, CEO, Food Systems Transformation Solutions (CONFIRMED)

#### **Ministerial roundtable**

Ministers, Development partners, Heads of International Organizations, and corporate leaders (by invitation only)

This ministerial roundtable focuses on taking stock of countries food systems pathways implementation, actions that countries can take to transform their food systems, and the progress made towards this transformation. The session brings together government ministers and other high-level officials to share their experiences and perspectives on implementing policies and programs to improve food systems in their respective countries. The discussion focuses on the challenges and opportunities of food system transformation, and how countries can work together to accelerate progress towards sustainable and equitable food systems.

#### **Ministerial Roundtable**

- AU & AUDA-NEPAD leadership
- Senior invited Heads of Development Partner delegations
- Heads of REC's
- All confirmed Ministers of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
- All confirmed Ministers of Trade, Nutrition, Gender, Health
- All confirmed Ministers of Environment and Climate
- All confirmed Ministers of Economy and Finance
- Ms. Cristina Duarte, UN USG, Special Advisor on Africa(CONFIRMED)

#### **Guest Speakers**

- Rt. Hon. Andrew Mitchell, Minister of State for Development and Africa, United Kingdom
- Hon. Jenny Moffitt, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Carla Montesi, Director for Green Deal and Digital Agenda, European Commission
- Hon. Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávaro, Minister of Agriculture & Livestock, Federal Republic of Brazil
- Hon. Indar Anthony Weir, Minister of Agriculture, Barbados
- Hon. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, India
- Hon. Avi Dichter, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Israel
- H.E. Mariam Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, UAE (CONFIRMED)

#### **Concluding Remarks and take away**

Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)

**11:00 – 13:30**

#### **Farmers Forum**

Lively discussion centered on the voices and experiences of African farmers. The Farmers Forum focuses on the challenges facing African smallholder farmers including climate change, conflicts, and access to markets. Speakers will provide insights into their experiences and share successful strategies for overcoming these challenges. The panel discussion touches on topics such as inclusivity, security, investment, and research, with a focus on developing solutions to improve the livelihoods of farmers and drive economic growth and agricultural transformation in the continent.

#### **AS INVITED**

##### **Moderator**

- Mr. Stephen Muchiri, CEO, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)

##### **Keynote speaker: The role of Cooperatives in advancing Prosperity and Food Security in Africa.**

- H.E. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania

##### **Panel Discussion 1 - Climate Finance:**

- Mr. Kolyang Palabele, PAFO & PROPAC (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Ishmael Sunga, CEO, SACAU (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Jacqueline Mkindi, Executive Director, Tanzania Horticultural Association, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Michael Keller, CEO, International Seed Federation (ISF)
- Ms. Lisa Kirfel-Rühle, Deputy Head of the Agriculture Department, BMZ (German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development)

- Ms. Ruramiso Mashumba, Regional Lead: Africa, Global Farmer Network (GFN), Zimbabwe (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Clarens Renois, Journalist and Entrepreneur, Haiti

**Moderator:** Ms. Manes Ngoma, President, Farmers Union of Malawi (CONFIRMED)

**Keynote:** Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF), Director, Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO) & Director, Africa of World Farmers Organization (WFO) (CONFIRMED)

**Panel Discussion 2 - Farmers Showcase:**

- Dr. King-David Amoah, FONG President, Network of West African Farmers and Agricultural Producers' Organizations (ROPPA) Ghana (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Steve Muchiri, CEO, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)
- Dr. Mathabo Tsepa, Board Member, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) Lesotho
- Mr. Amatkreo Astouin, Programs Director at CNCPR - Tchad Central Africa organization (PROPAC)
- Mr. Driss Belfadla, Morocco, North Africa (UMNAGRI)
- Mr. Ibrahima Coulibaly, President, ROPPA (PAFO)
- Mr. Philip Kiriro, East Africa Farmers Federation Board Member (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Sinare Yusufu Sinare, President, SACAU (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Drem Taing Toutkoul, CEO, PROPAC (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Rym Ferchichi, General Secretary, UMNAGRI (CONFIRMED)
- Mr Justin Shirima, Managing Director Tanzania, Tanganyika farmers association

**Closing:** Dr. Babafemi Oyewole Olulopo, CEO, Pan-African Farmers Organization (CONFIRMED)

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**Council of the Wise - Intergenerational Conversation with the Wise Leaders**

The Council of the Wise aims to bring together some of the foremost African leaders, to discuss and support initiatives and actions towards achieving inclusive, resilient and nutritious agriculture and food systems transformation, as well as the SDG commitments. As an essential element of the AGRF, the Council of the Wise provides an opportunity for leaders to come together and build a common voice and position to deliver an African agenda on Sustainable Food Systems and SDGs.

**AS INVITED**

**Moderator**

Mr. Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, United Nations Assistant Secretary General (UN-ASG) and Director General (GDG), African Risk Capacity Group (CONFIRMED)

**Opening Remarks**

H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister, Ethiopia (CONFIRMED)

### Keynote Remarks

Achieving 2030 Amidst Crises.

- Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Founder, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (*not yet confirmed – proposed for invitation*)

**11:00 – 13:30**

### Panel Discussion 1

#### Food and Nutrition Security

- H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister, Ethiopia (CONFIRMED)
- H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, Former President, Republic of Kenya
- H.E. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, Former President, Republic of Liberia
- H.E. Dr. Jakaya Kikwete, Former President, United Republic of Tanzania (CONFIRMED)
- H.E. Lionel Zinsou, Former Prime Minister, Republic of Benin; Founder and Managing Partner, Southbridge (CONFIRMED)
- His Majesty, King Lesie III, Kingdom of Lesotho
- H.E. Mohamed Beavogui, Former Prime Minister of Guinea and Special Envoy for the 13<sup>th</sup> Replenishment of IFAD (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Donald Kaberuka, Chairman and Managing Partner, SouthBridge, Former President African Development Bank

#### Moderator

- Prof. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Board Chair, CGIAR (CONFIRMED)

#### Setting the stage

- Prof. Carlos Lopes, Professor, Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Cape Town

### Panel Discussion 2

#### Feeding people under a changing climate.

- H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, Former President Republic of Niger
- H.E. Thabo Mbeki, Former President Republic of South Africa
- H.E. Joyce Hilda Banda, Former President, Republic of Malawi
- Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, Former Prime Minister United Kingdom
- H.E. Jonathan Goodluck, Former President, Nigeria
- Prof. Carlos Lopes, Chair, African Climate Foundation Board & Professor, Mandela School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Ms. Vera Songwe, Senior fellow, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution

**12:00 – 13:00**

### Culinary Villages & Recipe of changes - hosted by Paul Newnham, Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub

- Bean challenge
- Culinary Villages & Recipe of changes.
- Chefs: TV conversation and tasting
- Networking and drinks

**13:30-14:30**

### LUNCH TIME

### PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT: The Great Debate



## **Africa's Solutions to Food Security and Sustainable Food Systems Transformation.**

The Presidential Summit at AGRF 2023 engages high-level dialogues and commitments to advance Africa's food systems transformation, focusing on the theme "Recover, Regenerate, Act." This high-level summit serves as a catalyst for forging the Africa position on food systems, deepen partnerships between nations, and create actionable plans and legacy programs and deals to mobilize investments, including with private sector to ensure a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive equitable food system across the continent. This session offers an opportunity to share experiences, challenges, and solutions, fostering a shared understanding and commitment to transforming Africa's food systems.

### **AS INVITED**

#### **Moderator**

Mr. Larry Madowo, CNN International Correspondent, African Voices

#### **Welcoming remarks**

Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania

#### **Video message: The Africa we Want.**

Leaders' perspectives on Africa's Vision for Food System Transformation

## **THE GREAT DEBATE: CAN AFRICA FEED ITSELF?**

**14:30- 15:30**

### **AS INVITED**

#### **Round 1**

##### **Quantum Leap for Food Security**

- Mr. Rodger Voorhies, President - Global Growth and Opportunity Division, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) & AGRA Board Member (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Makhtar Diop, Managing Director, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Mr. Tony Elumelu, Chairman, Heirs Holdings, Nigeria
- Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland, Secretary General, Commonwealth
- Rt. Hon. Andrew Mitchell, Minister of State for Development and Africa, United Kingdom

#### **Round 2**

##### **Financing Food Systems Transformation**

- Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank Group (AfDB) (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Gérardine Mukeshimana, Vice President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (CONFIRMED)
- H.E. Mariam Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, UAE (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Anne Beathe Tvinneim, Minister of International Development, Norway
- Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO, Yara International (CONFIRMED)

**16:00-18:00**

**PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT: Heads of State Roundtable**

**Welcome:**

- H.E. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar
- H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia & Chair, AGRF Partner's Group (CONFIRMED)

**Special remarks : Feeding people and safeguard the planet**

- H.E. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the UN
- Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Founder, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (*not yet confirmed – proposed for invitation*)

**Keynote Speech: Transforming Food Systems for Food Security and Prosperity**

- H. E. President Samia Suluhu Hassan, United Republic of Tanzania

**Heads of State Roundtable discussions:**

- H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
- H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya
- H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda
- H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi
- H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of South Sudan
- H.E. Felix Antoine Tshisekedi, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo
- H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa
- H.E. Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco, President of the Republic of Angola
- H.E. Emmerson Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe
- H.E. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia
- H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia
- H.E. Lazarus MCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi
- H.E. Filipe Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique
- H.E. Dr. Abiy Ali Ahmed, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal
- H.E. Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- H.E. Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of Comoros
- H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, African Union Commission
- The Honourable Mia Amor Mottley, S.C. M.P., Prime Minister of Barbados (Special Guest)

**19:30 – 22:00**

**AGRF GALA dinner and Africa Food Prize Award Ceremony (by invitation only) at the State House.**

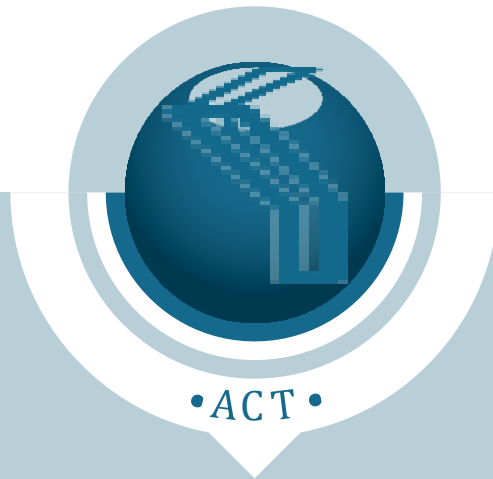
A glamorous evening filled with celebration, inspiration and networking opportunities with other leaders and influencers in the agriculture industry. It is an opportunity to showcase initiatives and gain recognition and support from the wider community. Under the patronage of HE. Jakaya Kikwete, the 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.

#### **Moderators**

- Dr. Blandina Kilama, Personal Assistant to the President- Economic Affairs, Tanzania

# DAY 04



## DAY 4 : FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023

### ACT: CLIMATE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS – ROAD TO COP 28

TIME	SESSION
07:00 – 09:00	<p><b>Tanzania Showcase</b> Taking Blue Economy into the Next level: Experience from Zanzibar</p> <p>Keynote Speech: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Blue Economy, and Fisheries-Zanzibar</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director of Fisheries,</li> <li>• Director of Blue economy Coordination,</li> <li>• Director of Marine Conservation,</li> <li>• DG- Word Fish Center,</li> <li>• IFAD,</li> <li>• UNDP</li> </ul>
8:30-9:00	<p><b>Good Morning AGRF</b></p> <p>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. For this one - as it will be during the last day- we will focus on the challenges and opportunities associated with creating and maintaining affordable food systems that can feed a growing global population.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Hosts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Jolenta Joseph, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul> <p><b>Guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Jason Brantley, Vice President, Production Systems, Small Ag &amp; Turf, John Deere (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Mrs. Ndèye Diop Niang, Partnerships Manager, Syngenta Foundation (CONFIRMED)</li> <li>○ Dr. Jacqueline Hughes, Director General, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), India (CONFIRMED)</li> </ul>
9:00-11:30	<p><b>PLENARY</b> <b>Journey towards COP28: Adapting Africa’s Food System to Climate Change</b></p>



This plenary session focuses on the urgent need to adapt Africa's food system to the challenges of climate change. We will explore the impact of climate change on food systems in Africa, the policy responses needed to ensure food security and action required for resilient food systems in the face of these challenges. On the first roundtable, we will dive into the importance of incorporating Food Systems into National Adaptation and mitigation plans, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and other national strategies. On the second roundtable, we will focus on solutions to improve the resilience of food systems, including sustainable agriculture practices, innovative technologies, and improved supply chains. Lastly, on the third roundtable, we will explore the financing needed to support these solutions, including public and private sector investment, and access to climate finance. This session builds on the Climate Action Summit and provides key recommendations as well as Africa's position on food systems and climate nexus for COP 28.

### AS INVITED

**Moderator:** Mr. Jeff Koinange, Anchor/Talk Show Host

#### Framing remarks

- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA and Special Envoy for the 2021 Food Systems Summit (CONFIRMED)

**Inspirational Moment:** Honourable Mia Amor Mottley, S.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Barbados

#### Keynote

- Prof. Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)

### Roundtable 1

#### Food Systems into National Plans and Implementation Mechanisms

- Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO, GloRazzanRazzbal Environment Facility
- Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Dr. Johan Swinnen, Director General, Managing Director of Systems Transformation, CGIAR and Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Lee White, Minister of water, forest, sea and environment, Gabon
- Ms. Cristina Duarte, UN USG, Special Advisor on Africa (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
- Hon. Selemani Saidi Jafo, Minister of State, Office of the Vice President Union and Environment, United Republic of Tanzania

**Moderator:** Ms. Wanjira Mathai, Managing Director for Africa and Global Partnerships, World Resources Institute

### Roundtable 2

#### Food Systems Resilience and Adaptation Solutions

- Mr. Patrick Verkooijen, CEO, Global Center on Adaptation

- Ms. Ann Vaughan, Senior Advisor for Climate Change, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, USAID (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Ephraim Mwepya Shitima, Chair, African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change
- Dr. Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Tabi Joda, Lead, One Billion Trees for Africa Great Green Wall (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Pascal Lamy, Chair, Climate Overshoot Commission
- H.E. Mariam Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, UAE (CONFIRMED)

**Moderator:** Mr. Daouda Sembene, CEO, AfriCatalyst (former Executive Director, IMF) (CONFIRMED)

### Roundtable 3

#### Food Systems Financing

- Hon. Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, Minister of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania
- Mr. Abdulmajid Musa Nsekela, CEO, Cooperative and Rural Development Bank (CRDB), Green Finance, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Mansur Muhtar, Vice President, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
- Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for Agriculture and Food, World Bank (CONFIRMED)

**Closing remarks:** Ms. Nadine Gbossa, Director, Food Systems Coordination, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (CONFIRMED)

**9:00 –  
11:30**

### Sustainable Livestock and Pastoralism Transformation

This session provides a forum for governments, producer organizations, research and academic institutions, development agencies, civil society organizations and private sector to engage in dialogues on innovations and food systems pathways to efficiently produce more nutritious, safe and accessible animal source foods with a reduced environmental footprint, and contribute to vibrant local and diversified livestock systems that are more resilient to shocks and disruptions in Africa.

**Moderator:** Ms. Zuhura Yunus, Director of Presidential Communications, Tanzania State House

#### Fireside Chat

- Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania
- Dr. Shirley Tarawali, Chair, Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock & DDG, ILRI (CONFIRMED)

### Panel Discussion 1

#### Sustainable Livestock Transformation

- Dr. Babafemi Oyewole, Chief Executive Officer, Pan African Farmers' Organization (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Fred Bwino Kyakulaga, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries, Republic of Uganda (CONFIRMED)

- Dr. Nick Nwankpa, Acting Director, AU-IBAR, InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources
- Prof. Martin Shem, Managing Director, Mgolole Agro Processing
- Mr. Jean Baptiste HATEGEKIMANA, President of Continental Executive Committee, African Youth in Livestock, Fisheries and Aquaculture Incubation Network (AYL-FAIN)

### Panel Discussion 2

#### Supply and demand of animal source food

- Dr. Abderahim Awat Atteib, Minister of Livestock and Animal Husbandry, Chad
- Mrs. Margaret Munene, CEO, Palmhouse Dairy, Kenya (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Juliana Kantengwa, Founder, Wood Valley Organics (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Abdrahmane Wane, Director, and Researcher CIRAD-ILRI

**9:00 –  
11:30**

### Food Systems in a time of Crisis: Youth Refugees, Migrants and displaced people as part of the solutions.

This session seeks to share impactful stories on how the inclusion of young the refugees, migrants and displaced in Agri-Food Systems have helped to address urgent food demand and long-term recovery process and development in a humanitarian and post conflicts and climate crisis context. It is a conversation with youth refugees, migrants and humanitarian leaders/scientists/cash payments/preparedness mechanisms on practical solutions including school gardens, cash payments among others to address the root causes of conflict such us inequality, marginalization, and exclusion of youth in countries/regions in fragile contexts.

#### AS INVITED

#### Moderator

- Mr. Amath Pathé Sene, Managing Director, Africa Food Systems Forum – AGRF

#### Keynote remarks

- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA

### Panel Discussion 1

- Mr. Robert Mardini, Executive Director, International Committee for Red Cross
- Ms. Adeyinka Badejo, Deputy Regional Director, World Food Programme (WFP) (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Ada Osakwe, Managing Partner, Agrolay Ventures, AGRA Board Member, & Youth Ambassador Generation Africa (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Alice Nzamukosha, Vice President of Zone 2, CODIGA Cooperative (CONFIRMED)

### Panel Discussion 2

- Dr Grethel Aguilar, Acting Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Hon. Ms Josephine Joseph Lagu, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security in South Sudan

- Mr. Bernard Hien, Regional Director for West and Central Africa, IFAD (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Kayitare Shema, Vice President of the Cooperative, CODIGA Cooperative (CONFIRMED)
- Prof. Edward Mabaya, Department of Global Development, Cornell University
- Ms. Lian Biar Kuoirot Deng, NextGen Ag Impact Network, South Sudan

#### **Closing remarks**

- Ms. Christine Musisi, Resident Representative, UNDP Tanzania
- Mr. Zlatan Milisic, UN Resident Coordinator, Tanzania (CONFIRMED)

### **Green Financing Framework for Food Systems Transformation**

**9:00 –  
11:30**

In the wake of the Paris agreement, green financing mechanisms were heralded as a crucial pathway to support climate change mitigation and safeguard global food systems. However, despite the growing awareness of the urgent need for sustainable funding, the world has fallen short in meeting its financing obligations. The consequences of this failure are evident, as vulnerable communities bear the brunt of climate-related impacts on food production, distribution, and accessibility. To effectively protect food systems and build resilience, there is an urgent call for governments, international organizations, and private sectors to reinvigorate their commitments, channelling substantial resources into green financing initiatives that promote sustainable agriculture, biodiversity conservation, and equitable access to nutritious food.

#### **AS INVITED**

**Moderator:** Ms. Jennifer Sara, Global Director for the World Bank Group's Climate Change Global Practice  
Geeta Sethi

**Keynote speaker:** Prof. Carlos Lopes, Chair, African Climate Foundation Board & Professor, Mandela School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town, South Africa

#### **Panel 1 Discussion**

- Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion from the COP25 Presidency, Chile
- Mr. Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, United Nations Assistant Secretary General (UN-ASG) and Director General (GDG), African Risk Capacity Group (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Yasmine Fouad, Minister, Ministry of Environment, Egypt
- Hon. Mudrick Ramadani Soraga, Minister, Ministry of Labour, Economy and Investment Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania
- H.E. Mohamed Beavogui, Former Prime Minister of Guinea and Special Envoy for the 13<sup>th</sup> Replenishment of IFAD (CONFIRMED)

#### **Panel 2 Discussion** **Green Banking**

- Mr. Kenneth Davis Kasigila, Head of Policy Advisory and Climate Finance, CRDB Bank
- Dr. Al-Hamndou Dorsouma, Director of the Climate Change and Green Department Climate Finance, Africa Development Bank (AfDB)
- Dr. Peter Umunay, Senior Environmental Specialist, Global Environment Facility (GEF) (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General, Alliance of Biodiversity International and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Michael Danone, Global Provide Food and Water MD, The Nature Conservancy

**9:00 –  
11:30**

### **Youth Innovation Awards Ceremony**

Generation Africa brings partners together to strengthen the ecosystem for young agripreneurs across the continent. The GoGetta 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.

Celebrate the winners. Be inspired by young people who leverage ICT innovation to transform the agrifood sector in Africa. The Pitch AgriHack competition aims to promote ICT innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture in African countries. The competition identifies and amplifies efforts by young innovators to build resilience through digital agriculture products and services. Winners of the competition will receive funding and continued support to scale up their innovations into products that can help transform the entire sector.

### **AS INVITED**

#### **Moderator**

#### **Fire starters**

- Mr. Tony Elumelu, Chairman, Heirs Holdings, Nigeria
- Mr. John Kamara, Founder and CEO, Adanian Labs & Founder and CEO, AICE at Adanian Labs/AI Centre of Excellence (AICE), Sierra Leone (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Bonolo Monthe, Maungo Craft, Inaugural GoGetta Winner, Botswana (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Aggie Asimwe Konde, VP Programme Innovation & Delivery, AGRA (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Isaac Sesi, Sesi Technologies, Inaugural GoGetta Winner, Ghana
- Mr. Samson Alemu, Co-Founder, Thur Biotech, AYuTE winner, Ethiopia (CONFIRMED)
- Mr. Thione Niang, CEO, Jeuf Zone (CONFIRMED)

### **AWARDS ceremonies**

#### **Congratulations**



- Ms. Clare Akamanzi, CEO, Rwanda Development Board
- Ms. Surita Sandosham, CEO, Heifer international (CONFIRMED)
- Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland, Secretary General, Commonwealth
- Ms. Fernanda Lopes Larsen, EVP for Africa and Asia, Yara

**11:30 –  
13:30**

## **CLOSING PLENARY**

### **AS INVITED**

**Moderator:** Mr. Jeff Koinange, Anchor/Talk Show Host

### **Commitments and Showcase**

The High-Level Closing Ceremony is the culmination of the four-day AGRF 2023 Program.

This closing session provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress made during the conference and celebrate successful deals and partnerships established during the event. It also offers a platform for companies and governments to present their commitments and showcase the impact of their investments. The session also highlights the outcomes of the matchmaking sessions and the deal room. This session provides a space for us to gain valuable insights into the future of Africa's food systems and the potential for inclusive investment opportunities towards 2030.

**Curtain raise: Road to CoP28:** H.E. Razan Al Mubarak, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion

### **Raising the Bar on 2023: Committing to More Inclusive and Resilient Food Systems in Africa**

- Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture of the United Republic of Tanzania
- Hon. Dr. Ildephonse Musafiri Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI), Rwanda (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Beth Dunford, Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank (AFDB)
- Mr. Daan Wensing, CEO, IDH (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Marilia Bezerra, Chief Programmes Officer, IKEA Foundation
- Mr. Jason Brantley, Vice President, Production Systems, Small Ag & Turf, John Deere (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Samira Ade-Adebiye, Managing Director, AFEX Investment Limited (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Francoise Lombard, CEO, Proparco
- Dr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice President Programme Management Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (CONFIRMED)
- H.E. Amb. Ertharin Cousin, Founder and CEO, Food Systems for the Future (CONFIRMED)

**Deal Room Report Back:** Ms. Vanessa Adams, VP Strategic Partnerships, and COP Partnership for Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Africa, AGRA (CONFIRMED)

**Synthesis of AGRF 2023:**

- Mr. Amath Pathé Sene, Managing Director, Africa Food Systems Forum – AGRF (CONFIRMED)
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA (CONFIRMED)

**Call to Action**

- Ms. Fernanda Lopes Larsen, EVP for Africa and Asia, Yara
- Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania
- H.E. Wamkele Keabetswe Mene, Secretary-General, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

**AGRF 2023 Declaration:**

- Mr. Amath Pathé Sene, Managing Director, Africa Food Systems Forum - AGRF (CONFIRMED)

**Closing video (3mins video) : A week In review**

**Closing remarks**

- H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister, Ethiopia (CONFIRMED)
- Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania
- H.E. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania

**ZANZIBAR State Tour hosted by Zanzibar Government:**

**Departure  
15:00  
Ferry**

**BLUE ECONOMY AND SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Interactive discussions between Zanzibar leadership and Climate Leaders & Agri-Tourism**

**19:00 - Late night: Entertainment and FOOD FESTIVAL at Forodhani Gardens**

**No host Local Cuisine Diner & Entertainment graced by the president of Zanzibar.**

## Side Events, Partner events, Field Visits **PROGRAMME**



## DAY 00 : SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023 **FIELD VISITS**

You will have an opportunity to observe food systems solutions directly through visits to groundbreaking projects or agri-business facilities. These experiences will emphasize a focus on the process and an understanding of the most promising agricultural value chains both on the mainland and in Zanzibar. This presents an excellent chance to gain knowledge and practical experience of real-world initiatives, it will be a great opportunity to get to know the host country and promote Agri tourism. An experience to Zanzibar is planned in the program, particularly to discover the Tanzanian blue economy. Another one will be in mainland Tanzania where we will dive into local commodities and agricultural value chains of the country.

### PROPOSED AREAS TO BE VISITED DURING AGRF PRESUMMIT

S/N	AREA		SPECIFIC SITE	MAIN ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
1.	Tanzania Main Land	Kibaha-Coast Region	TANCHOICE	Meat production and processing	The largest meat processing plant with modern slaughtering facilities in the country. Looking for potential investors for supplying of quality animals and expanding marketing opportunities in livestock & meat value chain.
2.		Bagamoyo Coastal Region	TANLAPIA	Fish farming technology	An innovative fish farming technology that uses In-Pond Raceways System which stimulates a natural river environment to produce healthy, nutritious and exceptionally taste fish. This technology can also be scaled out in other areas.
3.		Bagamoyo Coastal Region	IRVINE'S	Commercial Poultry Production	One of renowned commercial poultry production Company dealing with poultry breeder farms and hatchery. It has potential for showcasing successful poultry business models.
6.		Bagamoyo – Coastal Region	Bagamoyo Sugar Limited	Sugar manufacturing Industry	The company has planted 2,022.37 hectares, equivalent to 33.7% of the 6,000 hectares of potential for sugarcane farming. During the 2022– 2023 season, the company produced around 18,000 tons of sugar. The objective is to produce 120, 000 tons of sugar to cover the industrial sugar gap in the country. Currently, the maximum milling capacity is 50,000 tons per year, which will require more expansion to be able to produce 120,000 tons of sugar. Also, there is a plan is to construct a dam at Mandela in collaboration with the

					Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Water, and the Sugar Board, which will serve out growers' schemes.
7.		Mikocheni - Dar es Salaam	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture - IITA	Support agriculture research in Africa.	Research activities are on sustainable intensification of mixed maize – legume – livestock farming systems, controlling major pests and diseases, mitigating the deleterious effects of aflatoxins and supporting development of sustainable value chains of important staple crops.
8.		Buguruni – Dar Es Salaam	Azam Wheat flour	Wheat Flour Processing Industry	It is a wheat flour processing and save almost the EAC and SADC communities. Also, it is engaging in food fortification to eliminate malnutrition in the country.
9	Zanzibar Island	Zanzibar	Stone Town World Heritage Site: Malindi Fish Market and cold chain	Fish farming and Market development	Malindi Fish market is an innovative project supported by JICA. It has helped to modernize the artisanal fishery and support thousands of youth and women in Zanzibar. Government looks forward to replicating it across the Islands.
10		Zanzibar	Spice Tour Farm: Agri-Tourism (Government and Private sector initiatives)	Kizimbani Spice production and Agri-tourism promo	Government Spice Farm is the main destination of many tourists on the Islands- Spice business development is still traditional and local youth enterprises are being developed on the Island. Investments are needed to support the modernization and attractiveness of the Spice -Tourism sector.

## DAY 0 : MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2023

### SIDE EVENTS: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Several organizations will host various side events highlighting initiatives and possibilities for transforming African Food Systems. The events will feature various speakers and programs, all of which are centered around the main theme of the AGRF 2023 and will focus on diversity and inclusion. The focus will be on engaging youth and women along agri-food systems value chains. Deal rooms will also happen in parallel to the side events.



TIME	SESSION
08:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> AIM for Climate: Making investments in climate-smart innovation count for women  <b>Organizer:</b> USAID  <b>Location:</b> Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)</p> <p>The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM for Climate) addresses climate change and global hunger by uniting participants to increase investment and support for research and development for climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation. The objective of the session is to educate participants about AIM for Climate and how they can partner to help increase investments in climate smart agriculture that benefits female smallholder farmers. It will include a panel presentation with speakers from USAID, CGIAR, and other partners and breakout group sessions focused on identifying, promoting, and supporting innovations for women smallholder farmers through AIM for Climate Innovation Sprints.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b>  <b>AS INVITED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ann Vaughan, Assistant Administrator Dina Esposito or Senior Advisor for Climate Change, USAID</li> <li>• Dr. Nicoline de Haan, Director of CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform, CAN/CGIAR</li> <li>• Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation - Speaker TBC</li> <li>• Corteva Agriscience or another private sector partner - TBC</li> <li>• Farmer – TBC</li> </ul>
08:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Launch of the Tanzania Agricultural Transformation Agenda  <b>Organizer:</b> AATI  <b>Location :</b> AGRF Satellite Venue (400pax)</p> <p>This event will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflect on the status of the agricultural sector and in which ways the newly developed Agriculture Transformation Agenda will advance the efforts of the Government.</li> <li>• Raise awareness about Tanzania’s efforts to accelerate the transformation of its economy through the strengthening of its institutions and engagements with the private sector.</li> <li>• Improve knowledge sharing and learning about the challenges, opportunities, and the way forward for agricultural transformation.</li> <li>• Raise awareness about the importance of the integration of climate mitigation &amp; adaptation efforts (e.g., the climate hub).</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b>  <b>AS INVITED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Safia Boly – Executive Director of the African Agricultural Transformation Initiative &amp; the Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania</li> <li>• Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe – Minister of Agriculture Tanzania</li> </ul>
08:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Side Event</b></p>

	<p><b>Title:</b> Launch: CALA Leadership Forum Three Integrating Youth in Africa’s Food Systems Transformation  <b>Organizer:</b> CALA AGRA  <b>Location:</b> Ruaha Hall (296pax)</p>
<p><b>08:30 – 10:00</b></p>	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Increasing local sourcing in Africa  <b>Organizer:</b> IDH  <b>Location:</b> Experiential Marquee (50pax)</p> <p>The Session will highlight the G4G Program in Ghana and Farmfit TA support Program in Tanzania, as part of the Grown Sustainably in Africa (GSA) initiative and showcase how IDH is working in partnership with off-takers, state institutional buyers, service providers, SMEs, SHFs and other stakeholders to commercialize and develop an inclusive grains supply chain that is increasing local sourcing, domestic, regional trade, incomes and job creation as well as scaling business operations of SMEs and SHFs in Ghana and Tanzania.</p> <p><b>Presentations</b>  <b>AS INVITED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Robert Asugure, Country Manager, Ghana, IDH</b></li> <li>• <b>Amaati Company Ltd – Ms. Salma Abdulai, CEO, Ghana</b></li> <li>• <b>WARC Company Ltd – Mr. Chris Zaw, CEO, Ghana</b></li> <li>• <b>Raphael Group Ltd – Mr. Lazaro Mwakipesile, General Manager, Tanzania</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Steve Kisakye – Partner, Dalberg Consultancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IDH – Mr. Kebba Colley - Global Director, Netherlands</b></li> <li>• <b>MCF – Mr. Bernard Ayitey-Adjin, Country Program Coordinator, Ghana</b></li> <li>• <b>Amaati Company Ltd – Ms. Salma Abdulai, CEO, Ghana</b></li> <li>• <b>WARC Company Ltd – Mr. Chris Zaw, CEO, Ghana</b></li> <li>• <b>Raphael Group Ltd – Mr. Lazaro Mwakipesile, General Manager, Tanzania</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>08:30 – 10:00</b></p>	<p><b>Merged Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Putting greens and beans at the center of nutritious and resilient food systems  <b>Organizers:</b> <i>World Vegetable Centre, PABRA</i>  <b>Location:</b> Mt Meru Hall (147 pax)</p> <p>The scene will be set, alongside 50 years of research and development experience by WorldVeg, and over 25 years of the PABRA program of the Alliance of Biodiversity and CIAT. Panelists will take questions, rather than the usual series of presentations, to open debate on the importance of vegetables and beans for women and youth across the value chain. Panelists will share experience on business development, home gardens, urban gardening, etc., and propose bold priority actions for debate, as a cornerstone of a broader strategy for nutritious and resilient food systems.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b>  <b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome – Co-chairs:</b> Dr. Gabriel Rugalema, WorldVeg ESA Regional Director, and Jean Claude Rubyogo, PABRA Director and Bean Programme Leader</li> <li>• <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Marcel Beria, Communications Focal Point for the World Vegetable Center in West and Central Africa, based in Cotonou`</li> <li>• <b>Setting the scene (10 mins) – Mr. Marco Wopereis, Director General, WorldVeg</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towards a top five actions (20 mins) **</li> <li>• <b>Close</b> (10 mins) – Mr. Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General, ABC, and Global Director, Partnerships and Advocacy, CGIAR</li> </ul>
<p><b>08:30 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Merged Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Youth in agri-food systems: Opportunities and Gaps?  <b>Organizer:</b> FAO, CGIAR GENDER IMPACT PLATFORM, SACAU, AGRA  <b>Location:</b> Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)</p> <p>This event will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlight impactful youth-led and youth-responsive innovations in Africa that effectively address climate change, bridge the gender gap, foster job creation, and promote sustainable entrepreneurship;</li> <li>• Facilitate dialogue on critical youth, gender, and climate-responsive investments, policies, and programmes necessary to empower African youth in leading the transformation of agri-food systems;</li> <li>• Explore the power of youth and women collectives, organizations, and networks to exercise agency toward advancing the interests and ambitions of young women and men;</li> <li>• Present evidence on approaches to strengthen the research-business nexus in order to facilitate investment flows and make youth agripreneurship more profitable in Africa.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9:00 – 10:30</b></p>	<p><b>Deal Room Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Investing in Women – an AECF initiative to support transformation for women in agriculture  <b>Organizer:</b> AECF  <b>Location:</b> Mikumi Hall (168 pax)</p> <p>AECF has over the past four years developed a broader approach to intentionally target gender transformation in the climate smart agriculture sector. By providing finance not just to SMEs but also to other economic entities where women work; by placing capacity building at the core of investment decisions; and by strengthening the broader enabling environment, our Investing in Women approach takes a new and more holistic attitude to building women as entrepreneurs. The session will present the Investing in Women concept, outlining how and why it provides a range of support to women and to men fighting for the rights of women in agriculture. It will bring together other financiers, women entrepreneurs and policy makers to hear their stories of the challenges that women face in business in agriculture, the solutions that they have found and what still needs to happen. The objective of the session is to show how to move the conversation on from gender inclusion and ‘counting women’ to gender transformation and ‘changing the lives of women’ in agriculture.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rapporteur</b> - Mr. Mathias Hague, AECF Sector Lead Agriculture</li> <li>• Mrs. Matilda Onyango Omollo, CEO of Great Lakes, current investee</li> <li>• Ms. Elizabeth Swai, CEO AKM Glitters, Ex-AECF investee</li> <li>• Mr. Stephen Kijazi, Embassy of Canada, and GAC representative</li> <li>• Mr. Cosmas Muchina, Programme Manager, AECF, IIW BEK</li> <li>• Ms. Jael Amati, Gender lead, AECF</li> <li>• +1 youth woman agri-entrepreneur TBC</li> </ul>
<p><b>10:00 – 12:00</b></p>	<p><b>Deal Room Side Event</b></p>

**Title:** Financing Seed Companies  
**Organizer:** CESSA  
**Location:** Gombe Room (40 pax)

Most seed companies in Africa are start-ups and one of the challenges they continuously face is limited financing to enable them grow, expand and invest in modern facilities. AGRA has previously established a special window to support these companies with an investment of USD \$26.8M but this is far below what they need. Several financial institutions are willing to support seed companies but for one reason or the other only a few have benefitted. The main objective of the session is to share lessons learned in financing seed business in Africa, why seed companies are failing to tap into financing opportunities and how they can be adequately supported.

The discussions will feature three key questions.

1. What are the best models for financing seed business?
2. Do financial institutions understand how seed systems work in order to qualify for financing?
3. What needs to be done to prepare seed companies to qualify for financing?

**AS INVITED**

**Speakers**

- Braison Salisali, Senior Consultant, Sundry Merchants, Tanzania
- Nicolai Roydens, MD, Naseco Seeds, Uganda
- Stephanie Angomwile, CEO, Stewards Globe Ltd/Afriseed, Zambia
- Wanjohi Ndagu, Investment Director, Pearl Capital Kenya
- Victoria Sabula, CEO, AECF, Kenya

**10:45 – 12:15**

**Deal Room Side Event**

**Title:** Financing Farmers Organizations for Resilience  
**Organizer:** IFAD, SAFIN, AFEX  
**Location:** Mikumi Hall (168 pax)

The event aims to address challenges faced by African farmers' organizations (FOs) in obtaining financial support for agricultural development and resilience, given the complexities of the current environment with crises like COVID-19, the Ukraine crisis, and climate change. The focus is on exploring new partnership models with the private sector to finance FOs in Africa's food systems, emphasizing scalability and resilience. Discussions will cover public sector interventions to incentivize private sector financing, the role of digitalization in improving transparency and access to capital. The session's ultimate goal is to present concrete opportunities that bolster financing solutions for FOs, enhancing their resilience amid an increasingly uncertain landscape

**AS INVITED**

- **Introduction/ Moderator** – Ms. Tabitha Njuguna, Managing Director, AFEX
- **Opening Remarks** – Dr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD
- Mr. Musa Sibandze, AAACO President & ICA chair (Framer)
- **Panelist 1** – Ms. Teofora Madilu, Senior Manager Agribusiness, Equity Bank
- **Panelist 2** – Dr. Jackie Mkindi, CEO, TAHA Group
- **Panelist 3** – Mr. Musa Sibandze, AAACO President & ICA chair
- **Closing Remarks** – Mr. Frank Rubio, Senior Technical Advisor, IFAD

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** Policy Prioritization through Value-Chain Analysis: public-private partnerships in policymaking, implementation, competitiveness, and investment.

**Organizer:** RENAPRI  
**Location:** Experiential Marquee (50pax)

PPVC is a structured, replicable, market-led and phased approach that assists governments to prioritize policies and commodity value chains in their implementations. The approach uses high-quality models, tools, and analytics based on credibly sourced and vigorously verified data for assessing Inclusive Agricultural Transformation (IAT) related priorities and trade-offs associated with alternative policy, public investment, and value chain choices.

**AS INVITED**

- **Moderator:** Dr. Lilian Kirimi, Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development, Egerton University Senior Research Fellow and Research Coordinator.
- Miss. Aika Okting'ati Aku, SUA
- Dr. Lilian Kirimi, Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development, Egerton University Senior Research Fellow and Research Coordinator.
- Dr John Macharia, Country Manager, Kenya, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- Mr. Elifadhili Ezekiel, Head of Operation, Qstek Farm Limited Head of Operation- Private sector, Sunflower Value Chain, Tanzania
- Dr. Andrew Agyei-Holmes, Research Fellow, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research University of Ghana
- Mr. Alan Rennison, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Dr Nalishebo Meebelo, Executive Director, ReNAPARI

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Merged Event**

Agri-innovations for transformative food systems  
*EAFF*  
R&D investment for African smallholder innovation  
*CGIAR*  
**Location:** Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** From Farm to Fork for Real – How to Enhance Young People’s Employment and Entrepreneurship Opportunities Within Africa’s Agri-Food Systems

**Organizer:** Mastercard Foundation

**Location:** AGRF Satellite Venue (600pax)

This session is powered by a group of diverse youth action and thought leaders embodying the present and future of the Agri-Food system from farm to fork. The session is focused on maximizing employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for youth in the Agri-Food system. Youth thought leaders will share their experiences and present to key stakeholders in the Agri-Food System a set of practical calls to actions to be implemented to stakeholders to ensure young people’s meaningful participation in Africa’s Agri-Food system. Recommendations presented were derived from a participatory foresight exercise in June 2023, which gathered young people and critical stakeholders from across the African Agri-Food system. The session aims to create space for joint learning between young people and decision-makers to catalyze policy and private sector action that will create an enabling environment for young people to seize economic opportunities in the AFS.

**AS INVITED**

- Mr. Fatawu Koniamu Bakari, Public Relations Officer for Ghana Society for the Physically Disabled (GSPD) and Ghana Federation for Disabled (GFD), West Gonja Municipal



- Ms. Harriet Cheelo
- Ms. Antoinette Moleele, Advocacy and Capacity Development Consultant
- Mr. Oduma Philip Dennis
- Mr. Drissa Tessougue, Country Representative of YPARD in Mali
- Ms. Nduta Kimani, Co-founder of Novelle Generation limited

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** Gender-Inclusive Dairy in Tanzania

**Organisers:** USAID, LandO'Lakes

**Location:** Mt Meru Hall (147 pax)

Tanzania's smallholder dairy farms have historically exhibited a stark division of labor: Women are overwhelmingly involved in day-to-day livestock management while men dominate higher-value work such as milk sales and formal market engagement. It is critical to bridge these gender gaps, strengthen productivity, and improve nutritional outcomes among rural populations.

This event will explore how strategic investments in Tanzania's dairy sector can deepen women's autonomy as decisionmakers and make the value chain more resilient and inclusive.

Representatives from the AgResults Tanzania Dairy Challenge Project, Tanzania Inclusive Processor-Producer Partnerships in Dairy Project (TI3P), and Building Inclusive Livelihoods through Dairy Project (BILD) will discuss interventions that engage public and private sectors to strengthen farmers' technical knowledge and management practices – ranging from a Pay-for-Results prize competition to programs that support formal milk aggregation, processing, and marketing systems. Attendees will learn how empowering women in the dairy sector can have far-ranging economic and social benefits.

**Speakers**

**AS INVITED**

- Ms. Neema Mrema, Team Leader, AgResults Tanzania Dairy Productivity Challenge project; Land O'Lakes Venture37
- Ms. Consolata Kavishe, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Manager, TI3P and DNA-BILD projects, Land O'Lakes Venture37
- Lightness Justine, Dairy Specialist, DNA-BILD project; Land O'Lakes Venture37
- Mr. Dai Harvey, Group Director, Technical Impact and Innovation; Land O'Lakes Venture37 (*moderator*)

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** Role of Science in Agribusiness Acceleration for Climate-smart Agriculture Innovation, Resilience, Gender and Social Inclusion

**Organizers:** CIAT, AECF, 2SCALE, Women Investment Club (WIC)

**Location:** Ruaha Hall (296pax)

This transformative session will explore the pivotal role of science and research in accelerating investment in climate-smart agriculture (CSA). Learn how CSA technical assistance coupled with investment readiness can mitigate risks and increase agribusiness bankability. Uncover the inspiring journeys of accelerated women and youth entrepreneurs from Senegal, Zambia and Kenya and acknowledge agribusinesses' role as key innovation partners while promoting women and youth's participation in the value chains and upskilling women and youth extensionists. Science-based acceleration approaches allow for pathways that demonstrate socio-environmental impact, vital to scaling investment in CSA. Let's cultivate a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable agricultural future, empowering all stakeholders to thrive.

### AS INVITED

- Ms. Mercy Zulu Hume, Venture building & Investment Specialist, Alliance Bioversity International & CIAT
- Dr. Stephanie Jacquet, Climate Research Team Leader, Alliance Bioversity International & CIAT
- Dr. Inga Jacobs-Mata, Lead of CGIAR's Ukama Ustawi Regional Integrated Initiative for East and Southern Africa, AICCRA Zambia Cluster Lead, South Africa Representative, International Water Management Institute (IMWI)
- Dr. Godefroy Grosjean, Co-Lead of the CGIAR Hub for Sustainable Finance, Alliance Bioversity International & CIAT
- Mr. Angelous Kamande, Head of Investments Advisory Services, AECF
- Mr. Peter Kirimi, Regional Agribusiness Coordinator for East and Southern Africa, 2SCALE
- Ouma Sani, Manager, Women's Investment Club Senegal
- Mr. Norman Mugisha, CEO Afri-Farmers Market
- Aminata Diallo, CEO GIE Diallo Tiama

12:30 – 14:00

### Deal Room Side Event

**Title:** Leveraging innovative capital for youth

**Organizer:** HEIFER

**Location:** Mikumi Hall (168 pax)

Africa boasts the youngest population globally, with almost 80% of its people under 35 years old. By 2055, the number of young people will more than double. Despite the numerous opportunities available in the agricultural sector, youth participation remains low. With agriculture accounting for approximately 23 per cent of Sub-Saharan Africa's GDP, Africa's full agricultural potential remains untapped due to several factors ranging from a lack of access to finance, and poor youth participation.

Heifer International's session themed – Leveraging Innovative Capital for Youth in Agriculture, will explore sustainable growth opportunities in agriculture by providing equitable, innovative financing aimed at young agri-innovators transforming the agricultural landscape for smallholder farmers and improving Africa's food systems. The session will bring together experts in finance and technology from the private sector, government and youth agri-innovators to discuss these issues and many more.

### AS INVITED

- **Moderator:** Ms. Ifeoluwa Olatayo, Co-Founder, Soupah Farm-En-Market, Ltd
- **Keynote speaker:** Ms. Surita Sandosham, President & CEO, Heifer International
- Mr. Daniel Huba, VP, Sub Saharan Africa, Mastercard
- Dr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, AfDB
- Hon. Abdallah Ulega (MP), Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, Tanzania
- Mr. Ayo Arikawe, Co-Founder, Thrive Agric (AYuTe Regional Winner 2022 West Africa)
- Ms. Jemimah Wanjiku, Co-Founder, DigiCow (AYuTe Regional Winner 2022 East Africa)
- Mrs. Adesuwa Ifedi, SVP Africa Programs, Heifer International

14:00 – 15:30

### Side Event

**Title:** Food Systems Transformation: Supporting government leadership for pathway implementation.

**Organizer:** GAIN, ACT4Food, Akademiya2063

**Location:** Experiential Marquee (50pax)

This session will draw on the experience of countries since the UNFSS to examine how the delivery of practical support from different stakeholders to National Convenors in governments can be enhanced as they advance the implementation of their national food systems pathways. Drawing on early evidence of the effectiveness of coordinated support in different countries, this event seeks to identify opportunities, measures and principles aimed at strengthening the Ecosystem of Support to government in key result areas, including improved nutritional, climate, and equity outcomes.

**AS INVITED**

**Moderator:** Ms. Nadine Gbossa, Director, Food Systems Coordination, IFAD

**Opening Remarks:** Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, GAIN

**Presenter:** Prisca Rwezahura, Country Director, GAIN Tanzania

**Panel Discussion:**

1. Dr. Honest Kessy, National Convenor, United Republic of Tanzania
2. National Convenor (TBC from Nigeria or Kenya)
3. Dr. Boaz Blackie Keizire, Head of Policy and Advocacy, AGRA
4. Dr. Kelley Cormier, Food Safety Division Chief, USAID
5. Ms. Hadija Jabiri, Managing Director and Founder, GBRI Ltd

**Closing Remarks:** Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, Akademiya 2063

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** The Malabo Declaration on Africa's Agriculture: fostering coalitions of decision-makers, and stakeholders to accelerate implementation

**Organizer:** Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom, AGRA

**Location:** Ruaha Hall (296pax)

African Heads of State and Governments adopted the Malabo Declaration in 2014 to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth which leads to improved livelihoods as well as enhanced food and nutrition security and resilience. It builds on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and sets specific targets within a framework that recognizes the multi-dimensional and complex nature of Africa's food systems. Though several countries have made tangible progress in implementing actions aimed at achieving the Malabo targets, it is evident from the most recent CAADP Biannual Reviews (2021) that more needs to be done, and at an accelerated pace. The main objective of the session is to foster broad-based, dynamic and informed policy actions which will help to transform African food systems for the benefit of the peoples and governments.

**AS INVITED**

**Keynote speech:** Prof Sheryl Hendriks, Director, NRI, University of Greenwich

**Stocktaking on stakeholder platforms driving action in agriculture and food systems: lessons from selected NRI projects by NRI team.**

- Dr. Gideon Onumah;
- Dr. Kate Wellard Dyer;
- Dr. Louise Abayomi;
- Richard Lamboll

**Panel discussion**

- Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union Commission (AUC)
- Hon. (Dr) Godfred Jasaw, Member of Parliament, and Vice Chairman, Agriculture Select Committee of the Parliament of Ghana
- Stephen Ruvuga, Executive Secretary MVIWATA (a national farmers' organisation, Tanzania)
- Dr. Apollos Nwafor, AGRA Vice President, Policy and State Capability

**Closing remarks:** Dr. Apollos Nwafor, AGRA Vice President, Policy and State Capability

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** Rural prosperity in fragile situations

**Organisers:** IFAD

**Location:** Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)

This session will:

1. Share private businesses' strategies to resilience building in fragile contexts and their outcomes in terms of transformation of food systems, business growth and increase in income/well-being of poor producers.
2. Learn from AfDB fragility analysis and its use in customizing AfDB approach to private sector development in fragile contexts.
3. Present IFAD approach to building the resilience of private sector businesses in fragile contexts and achieving food systems transformation drawing on evidence from IFAD programmes (IOE evaluation, fragility gap analysis in NEN, corporate paper on fragility).

**Speakers**

**AS INVITED**

**Moderator:** Ms. Rasha Omar, Country Director, Sudan, IFAD

**Speaker 1:** Mr. Said Mohamoud, Business Development Manager, Solar Energy Consulting & Construction Company (SECCCO), Somalia

**Speaker 2:** Ms. Asunta Akuol Bol, Coordinator of Rural Producer Associations, VSF Germany, South Sudan

**Speaker 3:** Mr. Riadh Ben Messaoud, Coordination Manager, Transition States Coordination Office, African Development Bank (AfDB)

**Speaker 4:** Mr. Bernard Hien, Regional Director, West and Central Africa Division, IFAD

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** What about jobs? challenges and opportunities for rural livelihoods in an inclusive food system transformation.

**Organizers:** EAT Foundation, IKEA Foundation, Just Rural Transition, Food Systems Economics Commission

**Location:** Mt Meru Hall (147 pax)

Almost 1 billion livelihoods are reliant on food systems in Africa, yet food growers often face food insecurity and precarious working conditions. Effective management of food systems transformation is crucial to avoid exacerbating vulnerable livelihoods and to foster improved higher-quality jobs. Join us for an insightful session featuring ground-breaking research from the launch of the Food System Economics Commission's Policy Brief on Africa, shedding light on jobs dynamics in the food system transformation and the significance of job creation within and beyond food systems to ensure just transitions. Attendees will engage in discussions on actionable policy measures and promising examples of equitable and regenerative change.

**Speakers**

**AS INVITED**

- Stella Nordhagen, Senior Technical Specialist with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, GAIN
- Wangari Kuria, Chief Executive Officer, Farmer on Fire Limited
- Richard Kachungu, co-founder/Executive Director of the Young Emerging farmers Initiative (YEFI)
- Jonas Munyurangabo Policy Analyst for the Food Program at the World Resources Institute (WRI)
- Buffy Okeke-Ojiudu founder of Zebra Agro-Industries

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Merged Event**

**Title:** Gender Responsive Policies as Drivers of Innovative Solutions for Equitable Agri-food Systems

**Organizers:** AWARD, African Food Changemakers

**Location:** Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364 pax)

A new FAO Report (2023) that provides a comprehensive picture of the status of women in agrifood systems finds that whilst there has been some progress, there persists substantial gender inequalities in agri-food systems.

This event will draw attention to the role gender-responsive agricultural policies and programs can play to close the gender gaps in agri-food systems, generating gains in innovation-driven development, and enhancing food security and nutrition.

With a focus on diversity, the event will feature a culmination of the Leading African Women in Food Fellowship program. This will allow attendees to meet these incredible women, learn about their impactful work, and discover the transformative outcomes of the program.

**AS INVITED**

**Keynote address:** Ms. Dina Esposito, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, Feed the Future Deputy Coordinator for Development, and the Agency's Global Food Crisis Coordinator.

**High-level moderated panel discussion**

- Dr. Nicoline de Hann, Director, CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform
- Dr. Susan Kaaria, Director, AWARD
- Dr. Nomathemba Mhlanga, Agribusiness Officer, FAO
- Dr. Boaz Keizire, Head of Policy and Advocacy, AGRA
- Mr Robert Ouma, Regional Director, USAID PolicyLink Program
- Ms Raheli Elibariki
- Mrs. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-Founder and Executive Chair, Sahel Consulting: Agriculture & Nutrition Ltd

**Fireside chat featuring leading women revolutionizing African agri-food systems**

**Moderator:** Anne Obize, Communications Officer, AFC

- Ms. Olutayo Adeyemi, National Nutritional Consultant
- Chantelle de Bruyn, Buttercup Farmhouse
- Mrs. Jacqueline Joyreen Banda, Managing Director, Jeyie Foods
- Ms. Anne Kirya, For Food's Sake Eat
- Ms. Moyosoreoluwa Odunfa, The Atije Experience

**14:00 – 17:30**

**Merged Event**



**Title:** Defining Africa's Fertilizer and Soil Health Vision  
**Organizers:** AAP, CIFOR/ICRAF, CGIAR, AGRA, AFAP, IITA, GiZ  
**Location :** AGRF Satellite Venue(600pax)

This side event will be an important moment to address and chart the way forward for Africa's soil health and fertilizer needs. Declining soil health is a major challenge for the continent, and greatly affects its agricultural productivity. In the face of climate change, degraded soils (rampant soil erosion, salinization, acidification, declined fertility), global supply chain disruptions, and a growing population that needs to be food secure, addressing these soil health challenges is a key priority in Africa's Food Systems transformation. This event will bring together actors in soil health and fertilizer to share their experiences and highlight what is working for the continent and provide practical solutions and recommendations around proven technologies for soil fertility management, acid soils management, landscape management, as well as those related to building the resilience of stakeholders and facilitating access to financial solutions. The outcomes of the event will be shared to the African Union's Fertilizer and Soil Health (AFSH) Summit to be held in October and beyond the summit, to inform the implementation of the 10-years action plan.

### Speakers

**AS INVITED**

**Moderator:** Michael Sudarkasa, CEO, AFAP

### Keynote/Firestarter Presentations:

Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania - *to be invited by AGRA (Jennifer)*  
DG - Dr. Mkamilo, TARI – *Backup – to be invited by AGRA (Jennifer/Asseta)*

### Framing Panel

- Dr. Tilahun Amede, Head of Resilience, Climate and Soil Fertility, AGRA – confirmed
- Ms. Mwatima Juma, Chairperson, Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM) – to be invited by IITA (Barbra)
- Professor Sieg Snapp, Director of Sustainable Agrifood Systems Program, CIMMYT – to be invited by AGRA (Tilahun)
- Mr. Geoffrey Kirenga, CEO, SAGCOT (Tanzania) – to be invited by AGRA (Asseta)
- Mr. Jason Scarpone, Director, Sustainability, International Raw Materials – to be invited by AFAP (Michael)
- Dr. Leigh-Ann Winowiecki, Global Research Leader, Soil and Land Health CIFOR-ICRAF/ Co-lead, Coalition of Action 4 Soil Health (CA4SH)

### Expert Panel

**Theme 1:** Promoting Indigenous Crops for Increased Soil and Human Health and Climate Change Resiliency – *led by Alliance for African Partnership (AAP)*

**Expert:** Prof. Lise Korsten, Co-Director of the Department of Science and Innovation, Centre of Excellence in Food Security, University of Pretoria.

#### Intervener(s):

Prof. Richard Mkandawire, Director, Africa, Alliance for African Partnership  
Dr. Tony Milanzi, Assistant Director - Africa Office, Alliance for African Partnership

**Theme 2:** Building Healthy Soil Ecosystems – *led by CIFOR-ICRAF*

**Expert:** Mr. Henk van Duijn, President & CEO, IFDC

**Intervener(s):** Clim-EAT TBC

Rabobank TBC

CGIAR Excellence in Agronomy Initiative TBC

**Theme 3:** Integrated Soil Fertility Management (ISFM) – *led by CGIAR and GiZ*

**Expert:** Dr. [Bernard Vanlauwe](#), Deputy Director General, Research for Development, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) – *to be invited by IITA (Barbra)*

**Intervener(s):**

Ms. Latifa Mafumbi, Co-Founder, Guavay Lt - *to be invited by IITA (Barbra) or GIZ*  
Dr. Job Maguta Kihara, CIAT - *to be invited by IITA (Barbra)*

**Theme 4:** Defining Africa's Fertilizer and Soil Health Vision/Rehabilitating acid soils for food security – *led by AGRA, CIMMYT*  
**Expert:** Dr. Shamie Zingore, APNI  
**Intervener(s):**  
Dr. Samuel Gameda, Soil Scientist, CIMMYT Sustainable Agrifood Systems (SAS) Program  
Ms. Teresia Numbi, Dodoma Cement

**Theme 5:** Innovative Fertilizer Financing Solutions – *led by AFAP*  
**Expert:** Mr. Joseph Mwangangi, Deputy CEO, AFAP  
**Intervener(s):**  
Ms. Marie-Claire Kalihangabo, Coordinator, AFFM, AfDB

**14:15-15:45**

**Deal Room Side event**

**Title:** Climate-Smarter Budgets to Transform Agriculture  
**Organizers:** USDA, FAO  
**Location:** Mikumi Hall (168 pax)

Launched at COP 26, the Agriculture Innovation Mission is an initiative co-led by the US and UAE that seeks to address climate change and global hunger by uniting participants to significantly increase investment in, and other support for, climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation over five years (2021 – 2025). To date, AIM for Climate's partners have collectively increased investments by over \$13 billion. Despite this progress, it is clear many countries across the globe – especially in regions like Africa – do not have the resources to invest further in climate-smart agriculture. How can they get better results with their existing budgets? This event will launch a new collaboration between AIM for Climate and FAO's innovative Monitoring and Analyzing Food and Agriculture Policies Program (MAFAP) - focused on helping governments get better policy results for climate mitigation and adaptation with their current resources allocated to agriculture.

**AS INVITED**

- **Keynote Presenatation** – Dr. Marco Sanchez, Deputy Director of Agrifood Economics, FAO
- **Panel Moderator** – Dr. Christian Man, International Affairs Advisor, USDA
- **Panelist** – Mr. Alan Rennison, Senior Program Officer Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- **Panelist** – Hon. Faouzi Bekkaoui, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Morocco
- **Panelist (TBC)** - Rep. of Government of Ghana
- **Panelist (TBC)** - Rep. of Government of Mozambique

**14:15-15:45**

**Deal Room Side event**

**Title:** Supporting smallholder productivity and resilience through increased access to investment, information, and innovation  
**Organizers:** AAAP. CABI, Virginia Tech  
**Location:** Gambe Room (40 pax)

According to multiple analyses agricultural productivity growth is declining in sub-Saharan Africa. This poses a threat to smallholder producer resilience by constraining profitability, negatively impacting food security, and limiting investments in climate adaptation. Private and public investment in research and development and dissemination of evidence-based practices and tools is imperative to reverse these trends. This 90-minute panel will set the stage for investors, agribusinesses, and governments on the trends and implications of agricultural productivity

growth in Africa. It will also identify leading innovations and investment opportunities that will create high yielding returns to investors, smallholder producers, and the environment.

**AS INVITED**

- **Moderator:** Dr. Phyllis Ombonyo, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Africa, CABI
- Dr. Tom Thompson - Executive Editor, Global Agricultural Productivity Report, Virginia Tech
- Dr. Daniel Elger, Chief Executive Officer, CABI
- Dr. Oluyede Ajayi, Global Program Leader for Food Security & Rural Wellbeing, Global Center on Adaptation
- Ms. Maryanne Gichanga, CEO, AgriTech Analytics

**16:00 - 17:30**

**Deal Room Side event**

**Title:** The Real Cost of Food Security

**Organizer:** AFEX

**Location:** Mikumi Hall (168 pax)

This session will begin with a spokesperson framing the conversation on food security and where but with a particular focus on the emerging challenges within the food value chains emphasizing where Africa stands at the moment and why.

We will then delve into a panel session where we will be discussing issues such as financing, climate change, inter-African and intra-African trade, and their profound impact on food systems. The session aims to analyze these challenges and foster innovative and sustainable solutions that can be scaled across Africa.

The panel session will then open into an interactive session where the audience then shares their thoughts, questions and real-life experiences on how to strengthen the African food security landscape.

**AS INVITED**

- Mrs. Aggie Asiimwe Konde - Vice President, Program Innovation and Delivery, AGRA
- Ms. Nadine Gbossa – Director, Food Systems Coordination, IFAD
- Mr. Kunle Adesuyi – President, Beyond Markets, AFEX

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** Herding Change: Sustainable Livestock Innovation by Women and Youth

**Organizers:** Heifer, ILRI, GDP, Land O'Lakes, SNV

**Location:** Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)

In African food systems, animal source foods (i.e. milk, meat and eggs) can play a critical role in addressing challenges to food security, nutrition, employment, economic growth and climate adaptation, particularly for women and youth.

This session will shed light on the transformative power of sustainable livestock practices in Africa, focusing on women and youth entrepreneurship in the livestock sector. By showcasing successful business models from East Africa and identifying entry points within livestock value chains, the session strives to inspire action and develop recommendations that foster inclusivity and support for these groups while addressing climate-related challenges in the sector.

**AS INVITED**

**Moderator:** Dr. Namukolo Covic, CGIAR Regional Director, East and Southern Africa

**Panel 1 Speakers List – Case Study Presentations**

- Ms. Jemimah Wanjiku, Co-Founder, DigiCow (Kenya)
- Netsanet Solomon, Co-Owner, Kaleb, Ephrem and Netsanet Poultry Farming Enterprise (Ethiopia)
- Mrs. Margaret Munene, Managing Director, Palmhouse Dairies (Kenya)
- Ms. Elizabeth Swai, Founder, AKM Glitters integrated Poultry business (Tanzania)

**Panel 2: Discussants**

- Mr. Joachim Balakana, National Coordinator, Tanzania, Land O'Lakes Venture37
- Mrs. Shirley Tarawali, Assistant Director General, ILRI
- Ms. Adesuwa Ifedi, SVP Africa Heifer Intl.
- TBD discussant, SNV

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** Transforming African Food Systems: Sharable, Reliable and Timely Agricultural Data and Market Information are Essential for Agricultural Policies, Market Information, Food Security and Sustainable Food Systems

**Organizers:** USDA, AKADEMIYA2063, AGRA

**Location:** Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364 pax)

African food systems are critical to national economies, livelihoods, food security, and nutrition. They are also severely stressed under the weight of challenges including environmental degradation, pests and diseases, biodiversity loss, conflict, and climate, health, and economic shocks. Transforming food systems to ensure healthy diets, economic prosperity, and environmental security is vital. For a sustainable transformation, food system actors need reliable, timely, and easily accessible data and information, including technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), to drive innovation and guide decision-making across the food system.

**Potential Speakers**

**AS INVITED**

**USDA**

- **Opening Remarks** - Hon. Jenny Moffitt, USDA Undersecretary for Marketing, Trade and Regulatory Programs
- **Presenter** - Dr. Otto Gonzalez, Senior Director, Agricultural Economic Development Division, Global Programs, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service
- **Presenter** - Lisa Colson, USDA Foreign Agricultural service

**African Union Commission, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (AUC- DARBE)**

- **Keynote Speaker/ Panelist** - Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director

**AKADEMIYA2063**

- **Session Chair/ Moderator** - Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
- **Panelist/ Presenter** - Dr. Racine Ly, Director, Data Management, Digital Products and Technology, AKADEMIYA2063( leveraging remote sensing data and AI, AAgWA)
- **Presenter** - Mr. Babacar Ceesay, Senior Manager, Information Systems, Department of Data Management, Digital Products and Technology, AKADEMIYA2063 (eBR as a tool for improved data quality and data management)

**AGRA**

- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA
- Dr. Paul Thangata- Head, Data and Analytics, AGRA
- Dr. Boaz Blackie Keizire- Head of Policy, Advocacy and Food Systems, AGRA
- Mr. Daniel Njiwa- Head of Regional Food Trade, AGRA

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** Thriving Africa with Aquatic Foods

**Organiser:** *World Fish*

**Location:** Ruaha Hall (296 pax)

Aquatic food systems, comprising fisheries, aquaculture, and supply chains, have the ability to provide sustainable, healthy diets and decent work. Africa has a huge opportunity to benefit given its sizeable coastline but relatively underdeveloped aquatic food sector. From aquatic food production and harvesting to processing and trading, these income-generating activities can help the continent recover and rebuild its food systems following multiple crises and shocks.

In many African countries, including Nigeria, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, and Egypt, women and youth are the backbones of their local aquatic food systems. While their roles are immense, they are still overlooked and underrepresented in strategies and actions for food systems transformation at the national and global levels.

This side event will convene ministries/governments, the private sector, donors, grassroots organizations, and researchers to share impact stories and lessons learned from evidence-based research for the purpose of informing more diverse and inclusive policies, practices, and investments.

**AS INVITED**

**Speakers**

- Mr. Victor Siamudaala, Country Lead, Zambia and Southern Africa, WorldFish
- Dr. Alexander Kefi, PROFISH Blue Project Coordinator, SADC Secretariat and former director of the Department of Fisheries, Zambia
- Ms. Margaret Nakato, Coordinator, Katosi Women Development Trust & World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers, Uganda
- Ms. Mercy Matuma Hamisi, Master's Student, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- Dr. Rahma Adam, Social and economic inclusion scientist, WorldFish, and East & Southern Africa Regional Focal Point for OneCGIAR Initiative

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Side Event**

**Title:** Getting real: The Inclusion debate - Advancing Social Inclusion in Food Systems. Is it a reality or mirage?

**Organizers:** FOLU, AGRA, WRI, GAIN Practical Action (PA), Micro Enterprise Support Program Trust (MESPT), Tanager

**Location:** Mt Meru Hall (147pax)

To transform Africa's Food Systems increased inclusivity and equity is a necessity. This session through panel presentations and a debate presents how youth and women can contribute to national food systems action plans as well as lessons learned from implementing youth and social inclusive programs in Africa. This will challenge African governments to develop and implement food systems plans that are diverse and inclusive as a solution to sustainability. The



session will also seek to determine whether youth are ready to lead the food system transformation agenda and if stakeholders are prepared for the inclusion debate.

### AS INVITED

**Moderator:** Ms. Maureen Muketha, Youth Leader, GAIN Introduction (3Mins)

### Panel discussion (20 Mins)

i) **Panelist:** Mrs. Ndindi Nwuneli, Co-founder and Executive Chair, Sahel Consulting

ii) **Panelist:** Ms. Maureen Munjua, Country Representative- Tanager

iii) **Panelist:** Ms. Wangari Kuria, CEO, Farmer on Fire

### The Inclusion debate (50mins)

**Moderator:** Assan Ngombe Introduction (5 Mins)

- 1) Dr. Wilber Ottichilo, Governor, Vihiga County, Kenya
- 2) Ms. Winnie Osulah, Gender Expert, Tanager
- 3) Ms. Wangari Kuria, CEO, Farmer on Fire
- 4) Mrs. Rebeccah Amukhoye, CEO, MESPT
- 5) Ms. Margert Kilonzo, Policy Officer, GAIN
- 6) Practical Action

**Closing remarks/Call to Action:** Ms. Morgan Gillespy, Executive Director FOLU - (5Mins)

16:00 – 17:30

### Side Event

Gender-responsive African crop innovation pipeline

*GCfGE, Gates Ag One*

**Location:** Experiential Marquee (50pax)

Gender shapes all aspects of agricultural technology development, yet too often, it is neglected or marginalised when developing new crop innovations. The traits that a breeder prioritises in the new or improved crops they develop can have a tremendous impact on who benefits. Integrating gender through the development pipeline requires embedding feedback loops from the outset: Will women benefit from the innovation? What traits are they demanding as a priority? What unique constraints might they face in accessing the product once it has been developed? This side event explores the full innovation pipeline from research and supply chain development to marketing and evaluation, and it shows how breeders can help overcome gendered differences in access to seeds, best practices and markets to improve their incomes, nutrition and well-being.

### Speakers

#### AS INVITED

- Dr. Eveline Sawadogo/Compaoré, Environment and Agricultural Research Institute (INERA)
- Sara Mbago-Bhunu, IFAD
- Dr. Eileen Nchanji, Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT
- Dr. Martina Ocelli, Cornell University
- Moderator: Renée Giovarelli, Global Center for Gender Equality

## Partner Events

### Parallel Sessions

Parallel sessions will advance AGRF's thematic platforms, which have been prioritized for AGRF to deliver under its current strategy against its priority goals. Each session will include special interactive elements, insightful panels, and breakouts to get your feedback.

## DAY 0 : MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2023

### DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

TIME	SESSION
08:00 - 13:00	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>AGRA – PIATA PAC Board Meeting (Closed Meeting)</b> <b>Venue: JNICC Boardroom</b></p>
18:30 - 21:00	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>PIATA PAC Dinner (by invitation only)</b> <b>Venue: Rotana Club</b></p>
18:30 - 21:00	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>BCG Cocktail</b> <b>The power of African orphan crops for sustainable food systems transformation</b> <b>Venue: Johari Rotana Hotel</b></p> <p>Orphan crops, also known as lost, underutilized, or forgotten crops, are cultivated widely in many parts of the world but currently take up lower share of production and consumption. In the African context, these crops are largely indigenous and are often more nutritious as well as more heat, drought, flood, and pest-tolerant compared to mainstream crops.</p> <p>Throughout this side event, we will host an interactive panel discussion on the benefits of African orphan crops for people and planet and, what is needed to increase their production and consumption. In addition we will share a short excerpt of a documentary on the promise of fonio ahead of discussion and networking with event guests.</p>

## DAY 1 : TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2023

## RECOVER

TIME	SESSION
7:00 - 9:30	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>PIATA PAC Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)</b> Venue: Rotana Hotel - Selous</p>
7:00 - 9:30	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>WAYA Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)</b></p>
7:00-9:00	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> DAKAR 2: Food Sovereignty and Resilience <b>Organizer:</b> AFDB <b>Location:</b> Ruaha Hall (296pax)</p> <p>This side event will provide a platform to take stock of progress in implementing Dakar 2 summit outcomes and the declaration. The objectives of the event include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap of follow-ups since the Dakar 2 meeting, including establishment of Presidential Delivery Councils.</li> <li>Provide an update on post-Dakar activity, including new investment projects by Development Partners.</li> <li>Call upon partners to take action to accelerate the Dakar 2 declaration implementation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b> <b>AS INVITED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honorable Hussein Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania</li> <li>Honorable Ali Ngoulie, Minister of Agriculture, Senegal</li> <li>Honorable Mtolo Phiri, Minister of Agriculture, Zambia</li> <li>Honorable Samuel Dalitso Kawale, Minister of Agriculture, Malawi</li> <li>Honorable José Mpanda KABANGU, Minister of Agriculture, DRC</li> <li>Dr. Victoria Kwaka, VP Eastern and Southern Africa, The World Bank</li> <li>Dr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD</li> <li>Dr. Mansur Muhtar</li> <li>Dr. Farrah Barrios, Director for Global Food Security and Development Planning, National Security Council, White House, Washington DC</li> <li>Dr. Lindiwe Sibanda, Chair, CGIAR Systems Council</li> <li>Mr. Gagan Gupta, CEO, ARISE LLP</li> </ul>

**7:00-9:00**

**Partner event**

**Title:** How can the industry help food & nutrition security in Africa in the face of climate change and biodiversity loss by developing a holistic approach for the Smallholder farmer?

**Organizers:** OCP, WBCSD, Fertilizer Canada

**Location:** Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)

**Objectives**

- Raise ambition by showcasing private sector action & accountability on food & nutrition security with focus on African smallholder farmers
- Act as business voice on African stage
- Discuss the trade-off between increasing food production and self-sufficiency of Africa's food production system and embrace sustainable, regenerative farming practices within planetary boundaries,
- Highlight the Key role of smallholder farmers in African Food Security and showcasing successful use-cases through public private partnerships.
- Smart fertilization, integrated soil health management and 4R nutrients stewardship as key drivers of food security in a context of Supply Chain Disruption

**Speakers**

**AS INVITED**

- FAO or Prof. Glen Denning, Columbia University
- Hon. Kyle Nunas, Canada's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Zambia, Seychelles and Comoros
- Clyde Graham, Fertilizer Canada (4R Solution for African Smallholders)
- Mr. Mehdi FILALI - Vice President Farmer Solution OCP Africa
- Rabobank
- Bayer
- NMB
- ZHP

**7:00-9:00**

**Partner Event**

**Title:** Soil as a Strategic Tool for Food Security, Nutrition and Food Systems Transformation

**Organizer:** YARA

**Location:** AGRF Satellite Venue (Youth Dome) (400pax)

The coming decade will be fundamentally critical for transitioning to a global food system in which all stakeholders consider food and nutrients in a holistic manner, including their hidden environmental, health and socio-economic costs. Unlocking the potential of Africa's soils must be achieved in the food system of the future. Agricultural soil is a precious asset and the key to enable climate and nature-positive farming, food security, climate resilience, reforestation and biodiversity. Africa needs a new paradigm for soil health and crop nutrition: What would success look like in 2040?

**AS INVITED**

- Mr. Luis Alfredo Perez, SVP, Yara International
- Hon. Hussein Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania (tbc)
- Dr. David Guerena, Scientist, CIAT Arusha
- Prof. Aurélie Harou, Department of Natural Resource Sciences, McGill
- Dr. Simone Sala, Director, Varda, AG
- Mr. Geoffrey Kirenga, CEO, SAGCOT Centre

18:30 – 22:00	<p><b>Partner Social Events</b> <b>Venue: Serena Garden</b></p> <p>Nutritious Foods Financing Facility, an innovative approach to strengthen Africa’s food systems.</p> <p><i>GAIN N3F</i></p> <p>The Nutritious Foods Financing Facility (‘N3F’) is the first nutrition impact-first fund with consumer nutrition at its core. It catalyzes private sector financing to help scale up the production and distribution of nutritious safe foods for local consumption in Sub-Saharan Africa. N3F will provide SMEs with financing and technical assistance support tailored to challenges hindering their pathways towards sustainable growth.</p> <p>An innovative partnership between the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), with nutritional expertise, and Incofin Investment Management (Incofin), an experienced impact fund manager, backed by the United States Agency for international Development (USAID), the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), and Eleanor Crook Foundation, amongst others.</p> <p>This event will showcase N3F’s innovative model and offering beyond financing, with keynote speakers from the partner organizations GAIN and Incofin, its backers, a brief video, to then culminate with a networking reception.</p>
18:30 – 22:00	<p><b>Partner Event</b> <b>Heifer International Dinner</b> <b>Venue: Stone Town Terrace, JNICC</b></p>
18:00 – 21:00	<p><b>Partner Event</b> <b>Generation Africa Cocktail Reception</b> <b>Venue: Youth Dome, JNICC</b></p>
18:00 – 21:00	<p><b>Partner Event (by invitation only)</b> USAID Cocktail Reception</p>
18:00 – 21:00	<p><b>Partner Event</b> <b>AGRA / AATI Event</b> <b>Venue: Rotana/ Indoor</b></p>

## DAY 2 : WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023

### REGENERATE

TIME	SESSION
7:00-9:00	Deal Room activities continue in parallel.

7:00 - 9:30

**Partner event**

**AGRA Partners Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)**

7:00-9:00

**Partner Event**

**Title:** Breakfast with purpose: savouring the regenerative food systems – energy nexus

**Organizers:** IKEA Foundation, SNV, AGRA, FOLU, GAIN

**Location:** Ruaha Hall(296pax)

This session will unpack how sustainable and resilient food systems can be achieved through farmer-centric and inclusive approaches to regenerative food systems via a nexus approach that integrates Productive Use of Renewable Energy (PURE). These practices accelerate a transition to food systems that are less energy-intensive, more cost-effective and powered by renewables, delivering better outcomes for people, nature, and climate. Participants will share lessons, best practices, and examples of PURE technologies and other innovative approaches that can facilitate the envisioned food systems transformation.

**AS INVITED**

- Mr. Nico Janssen, Programme Manager Agricultural Livelihoods, IKEA Foundation IKEA Foundation
- Mr. Eelico Baan, Network Leader, SNV
- Ms. Sofia Ahmed, WRI Africa / Food and Land Use Coalition: Sofia Ahmed
- Mr. Michael Maina, Senior Program Associate, CLASP
- Ms. Mary Nyale, Country Programmes Manager, Farm Africa
- Ms. Vivian Maduekeh, Program Coordinator, Global Alliance for the Future of Food
- Mr. Charles Wainaina, Head of Advisory Services, Root Capital
- Mr. Sisty Basil, Energizing Director, ELICO Foundation
- Mr. Samson Mogendi, ELICO Foundation

7:00-9:00

**Partner Event**

**Title:** Building the evidence base for regenerative agriculture transitions

**Organizers:** Rockefeller, CIMMYT

**Location:** Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)

This session puts farmers at the center of the regenerative agriculture transition. What are the learnings globally about regenerative outcomes frameworks and actual transition experiences? And in sub-Saharan African landscapes? What are the evidence gaps? What intended impacts should we focus on? Which robust, stakeholder-inclusive, low cost multi-year evidencing approaches work? How can we de-risk the transition for farmers who are confronting unprecedented challenges? What will it take for a critical mass of African farmers and value chains to transition to regenerative approaches to food production? International and national agricultural scientists, farmers, policymakers, and mission-driven funders discuss.

**AS INVITED**

- **Moderator** - Dr. Bram Govaerts, DG, CIMMYT
- Dr. Hambulo Ngoma, Agricultural Economist, CIMMYT
- Female farmer TBC
- Dr. Sieg Snapp, SAS Program Director, CIMMYT



- Mrs. Peggy Mlewa, Zambia, Agriculture Acting Permanent Secretary
  - Dr. Roy Steiner, Senior Vice President, Rockefeller Foundation
- Prof. Alex Awiti, Senior Agroecology and Policy and Advocacy Advisor, World Agroforestry

<p><b>7:00-9:00</b></p>	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p>Leveraging the AfCFTA Protocol on Women and Youth for Inclusive Trade <i>AGRA</i></p> <p>Women agripreneurs boost Africa trade <i>FAO</i></p> <p><b>Location:</b> AGRF Satellite Venue (Youth Dome) (400pax)</p>
<p><b>16:00 – 19:00</b></p>	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p><b>TEDx Talks at AGRF (by invitation only)</b> <b>Venue: CRDB Auditorium</b></p> <p>Inclusive Food Systems: 7 Youth including young &amp; women refugees, migrants and displaced telling their stories on food systems transformation at CRBD office .</p>
<p><b>18:30 – 21:00</b></p>	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p><b>Dealroom Cocktail Reception (by invitation only)</b> <b>Venue: JNICC - Stonetown</b></p>
<p><b>18:30 – 21:00</b></p>	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p><b>AFEX and Food Trade Coalition for Africa Cocktail Reception (by invitation only)</b> <b>Venue: Rotana</b></p>
<p><b>18:30 – 21:00</b></p>	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p><b>Generation Africa Cocktail Reception</b> <b>Venue: Youth Dome, JNICC</b></p>
<p><b>18:30 – 21:00</b></p>	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p><b>IKEA Foundation Cocktail Reception (by invitation only)</b> <b>Venue: Serena – Kibo Garden</b></p>

## DAY 3 : THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023

### ACT; FOOD SYSTEMS PATHWAYS

TIME	SESSION
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<p><b>7:00 - 9:30</b></p>	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>AGRA Partners Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)</b> <b>Venue: Hyatt – Zanzibar Hall</b></p>
<p><b>7:00 - 9:30</b></p>	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>PASS Trust Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)</b></p>
<p><b>7:00 – 9:00</b></p>	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Youth &amp; Women Engage: Growing Africa's Future <b>Organizer:</b> NGIN <b>Location:</b> Ruaha Hall (296pax)</p> <p>This session focuses on the pivotal role of Youth &amp; Women in shaping the future of the country's food systems and agricultural sector. Through insightful inspiring stories, about innovative approaches that empower and engage women &amp; young people in agriculture, we engage the audience in the topic. Participants delve into the challenges faced by youth &amp; women through a panel discussion and an exchange of best practices. In an interactive way together with the audience panelists and groups of young people generate actionable recommendations to foster their participation and entrepreneurship in the agricultural value chain.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b> <b>AS INVITED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator</b> -Mr. Tulisha Malichi</li> <li>• Ms. Lucy Chioma Aniagolu, Lead Project Manager, Agrodemy Enterprises</li> <li>• Mr. Jean-Claude Niyomugabo, Co-Founder, Speke Farms</li> <li>• Ms. Neema K. Lugangira TBC</li> </ul>
<p><b>7:00 – 9:00</b></p>	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Inclusive Policy Action for Transformation in Agriculture <b>Organizer:</b> World Bank, FCDO <b>Location:</b> Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)</p> <p>Policy frameworks set by governments provide the enabling environment for food and agriculture transition pathways to create resilient rural communities, food security and healthy economies and planet. Farmers, particularly women and youth, are key agents of change. This event brings together policy-makers, farmers and other stakeholders in policy change processes to share experience and opportunities for inclusive transition towards sustainable agriculture and food systems in Africa. It will highlight momentum in the continent towards this goal, including through Policy Dialogue, consultations, policy action and redirecting support to deliver better outcomes for people, climate and nature.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p>

### AS INVITED

- **Keynote:** Hon. Sam Kawale, Minister of Agriculture, Malawi,
- **Moderator** - TBC
- **Panelist: Farmer organization representative**
  - Elizabeth Nsimadala, President of the Easter Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)
- **Panelist: Youth farmer representative**
  - Richard Kachungu, Executive Director, Young Emerging Farmers Initiative
- **Panelist: Corporate/ Financial Institution representative** - TBC

### Partner Event

18:30 – 21:00

**IKEA Foundation Banquet Reception (by invitation only)**  
Venue: Rotana

## DAY 4 : FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023

## ACT: CLIMATE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS – ROAD TO COP 28

TIME	SESSION
7:00 - 9:30	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>AGRA Steering Committee Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)</b></p>
7:00-9:00	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> The CAADP Biennial Review Process: Promoting Data Use, Diversity, and Inclusion  <b>Organizer:</b> Akademiya 2063, BMGF, CAADP CNG, AGRA  <b>Location:</b> Ruaha Hall (296pax)</p> <p>The CAADP Biennial Review (BR) has highlighted the enormous demand for timely high-quality data to guide performance monitoring and decision-making. It has also underscored challenges related to data availability and quality as well as the inadequate utilization of BR data and results. This partner event will bring together a broad and diverse group of CAADP stakeholders to 1. Assess current efforts and challenges in promoting the use of CAADP BR data and results, 2. Learn about an interactive web based CAADP BR Decision Support Tool for promoting the use of BR data and evaluating policy options, and 3. Identify opportunities, tools, incentives, and existing good practices for promoting greater use of CAADP BR data and results. Event speakers will also reflect on past and required efforts to make the CAADP BR more inclusive and diverse.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p>

## AS INVITED

- Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, African Union Commission, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AUC- DARBE)
- Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
- Ms. Constance Okeke, Project Manager, ActionAid International and CAADP Non-State Actor Group (CNG)
- Prof. Joao Mutondo, Faculty of Agronomy and Forest Engineering, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique
- Ms. Josephine Love, Principal Agriculture Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives, Kenya
- Dr. Boaz Keizire, Head of Policy, Advocacy and Food Systems, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- Dr. Samuel Benin, Deputy Director, Africa Office, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- Ms. Tsitsi Makombe, Director, External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063
- Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu, Director, Knowledge Systems, AKADEMIYA2063

**7:00-9:00**

## Partner Event

**Title:** One Health for Food Systems Transformation

**Organizer:** World Bank, CGIAR, IFPRI, ILRI , AGRA

**Location:** Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)

Food systems are often described as the single biggest contributor to complex global health challenges for people, animals, plants, and the environment through pollution, ecosystem degradation, greenhouse gas emissions, land and water use, chemical use, unhealthy and unsafe diets, animal welfare concerns, infectious disease risks, and biodiversity loss. The collaborative, multisectoral, transdisciplinary and systems-focused nature of One Health allows it to make important contributions to the functioning of food systems and health through infectious disease prevention, surveillance and control, ensuring food safety along food value chains in both formal and informal settings, and animal welfare in food production systems.

This event will explore how food systems and One Health practitioners could leverage each other's approaches to achieve holistic food system outcomes. The event will include interactions between Food Systems and One Health practitioners across Africa.

### Speakers

#### AS INVITED

**Moderator** – Dr. Namukolo Covic, Director General's Representative to Ethiopia, ILRI

#### **I. Keynote presentations on One Health for Food Systems Transformation**

- Dr. Jo Swinnen, DG, IFPRI/CGIAR [Food Systems]
- Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director, Agriculture and Food Global Practice, World Bank [One Health]
- Government of Tanzania [Tanzania's One Health Platform]

#### **II. Panel Discussion**

- Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, AU-IBAR
- Mrs. Estherine Fotabong, Head Programme Implementation and Coordination Directorate, AUDA-NEPAD

- Mr. Vine Mutyasira, Program Officer, Policy Quantitative Modelling and Data Analytics, AGRA
- Dr. Iain Wright, Deputy Director General, ILRI
- Dipti Thapa or Francisco Obreque, World Bank

<b>7:00-9:00</b>	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p>COP28: Accelerating food system transformation <i>COP28 Presidency</i></p>
<b>15:00 – 18:00</b>	<p><b>Partner Social Events (art, music, entertainment, fashion, culinary village)</b></p>

## L'Arbre À Palabres

### Breakthroughs Tree/ Speakers Corner

Throughout the AGRF, join our special venue to hear from a wide array of innovators on food systems breakthroughs. In a more conversational forum in our interactive stage, join chefs, inventors, authors, academics, policy makers and small businesses as they describe the techniques to break through to a food system that is more inclusive, sustainable, profitable, and nutritious.

## DAY 1 : TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2023

### RECOVER

TIME	SESSION
09:00 – 10:00	<p><b>Session Title:</b> No-one-size-fits-all: The importance of perspective-driven innovations for transforming agri-food systems in Africa</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> <i>Clim-Eat &amp; GIZ</i></p> <p>The session will address the urgent need to transform Africa's agri-food systems amid challenges such as climate change, foreign involvement, and instability. Despite contributing significantly to GDP, agricultural production is susceptible to climatic shifts, leading to food insecurity. Marginalized individuals, especially women and youth, bear the brunt of these issues with limited access to resources and opportunities. To combat these challenges, the event will emphasize the importance of innovation and localized approaches in achieving food security and sustainable agriculture. By showcasing successful examples of context specific solutions, the session aims to empower marginalized communities and foster collaboration to drive inclusive and sustainable agri-food systems transformation in Africa.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p>Wiebe Smit, Policy &amp; Impact Innovator, Clim-Eat Paul Winters, Executive Director, Innovation Commission for Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture (tbc) Inga Jacobs-Mata, Director of Water, Growth and Inclusion, International Water Management Institute (IWMI) Ishmael Sunga, CEO, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Union (SACAU)</p>

TIME	SESSION
	Sophie Rottmann, Shamba Shape-Up (tbc) Aggie Asiimwe Konde, Vice President, Program Innovation and Delivery, AGRA
10:30 – 11:30	African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF)  Session Title: Gender-inclusive and equitable access to innovative mechanization and agro-processing technologies for sustainable food systems in Africa
15:00 – 15:30	International Land Coalition (ILC) / Farm Radio / African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS)  Session Title: Tenure Security for Food Systems / Innovative Extension for Transforming Food Systems
16:00 – 16:30	
17:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Session Title:</b> A critical time for developing the rice system in Africa</p> <p><b>Organizer:</b> <i>International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</i></p> <p>The challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consumption of rice is rising more rapidly than any other commodity in Sub-Saharan Africa, but over 40% of the rice is imported.</li> <li>- Rice imports are soaring in Sub-Saharan Africa, already costing US\$ 6.4 billion/year in 2018.</li> <li>- Imports for all of Africa are expected to grow by 98.7% in the next decade and surpass Asia and become the largest rice importer in the world in 2028–2030.</li> <li>- World prices of rice are rising, putting further stress on foreign exchange and African consumers.</li> </ul> <p>The opportunity</p> <p>This is a critical time. As the rice industry significantly expands in Africa, this is a unique opportunity to get in early to ensure we have healthy rice varieties, grown sustainably and ultimately with the highest yields and resilience for small holder farmers to prosper.</p> <p>Over 230 million ha of inlands are estimated to be suitable for rice production; yet roughly less than 5%, 12 million ha, are currently being used (based on 2007 estimates)</p> <p>Rice yields in Africa have large potential to increase. Currently yields are less than about half of the world average at approximately 2 tonnes/ha, while the global average is about 4.66 tonnes/ha.</p> <p>AS INVITED</p> <p>Joanna Kane-Potaka, Deputy Director General - Strategy, Engagement and Impact, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</p> <p>Abdel Ismail, Regional Director, Africa, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</p> <p>Rosemary Murori, Country Representative for Kenya and Tanzania, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</p>



## DAY 2 : WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023

### REGENERATE

TIME	SESSION
16:00 – 16:30	<p><b>Session Title:</b> A Discussion on Digital Agriculture Roadmaps</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> <i>Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) / World Bank</i></p> <p>Representatives from the Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation, World Bank, and Agricultural Transformation Institute of Ethiopia will share key learnings and research findings from implementation of a long-term strategy and policies for investment in Digital Farmer Services (Digital Ag Roadmap) in Ethiopia. We will also discuss opportunities for expanding Digital Ag Roadmaps to other contexts and foster an open discussion on the topic.</p> <p>AS INVITED Stewart Collis, BMGF Dr. Mandefro Nigussie, Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Institute Parmesh Shah, World Bank</p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Rockefeller / AGRA / Dalberg</p> <p>Session Title: High Iron Bean Strategy Dissemination</p>

## DAY 3 : THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023

### ACT; FOOD SYSTEMS PATHWAYS

TIME	SESSION
09:00 – 10:00	<p>World Food Programme (WFP) / FAO / AGRA</p> <p>Session Title: Bridging the gender gap for food systems transformation in Tanzania Or Empowering youth voices for sustainable food systems in Tanzania</p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p><b>Session Title:</b> Showcasing SAGCOT Empowered Youth in Agriculture &amp; Unlocking Soybean Potential for Women and Youth</p> <p><b>Organizer:</b> Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT)</p> <p>AS INVITED <b>Part 1:</b> Moderator- Tulalumba Mloge- Cluster and Partnership Manager Beno Mgaya- Farmer and Chairman of Lusitu Agribusiness Group</p>

TIME	SESSION
	<p>Kibwana Said Mnyatwili- Secretary of Youth Group VIWAVI</p> <p><b>Part 2:</b> Moderator- Abdallah Msambachi- Program Manager Øystein Botillen: Director, Strategic Partnerships- YARA Dharmesh Ganatra: Consultant, Prorustica</p>
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Farmerline</p> <p>Session Title: Inclusive Climate Action: Panel Discussion</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session Title:</b> Africa Ecological Food Future: moving the needle for an inclusive and nature positive agriculture and food systems.</p> <p><b>Organizer:</b> <i>World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF Kenya)</i></p> <p>For the Agenda 2023, in articulating “The Africa We Want”, Africa emphasizes on placing nature and people at the heart of its inspiration. Healthy African ecosystems are crucial for food, water, energy, health and livelihoods. The call for transforming Africa food systems so as to feed the growing population, if not checked will happen at the expense of the ecology and biodiversity that the production systems and the continents prosperity depends on. Conservation of biodiversity is now a critical voice in any food systems transformation dialogue. WWF and other stakeholders will host an event to demonstrate the role of ecological sustainability in securing Africa’s food future, featuring evidence, providing examples of initiatives that align with Africa’s ecological food future, while highlighting the overall impact on Africa's economic growth. Additionally, the event will outline necessary policy, regulatory, stakeholders and incentive frameworks to facilitate the required transformation in Africa’s food systems.</p> <p>AS INVITED</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Amani Ngusaru (3 Mins) Moderator: Nancy Rapando &amp; James Tiriongo</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa Minister (Tanzania/Zambia/AU/FAO) Policy pathways towards an ecological food systems transformation for Africa.</li> <li>• Donor Rep: AFDB: Investments.</li> <li>• WWF and Technoserve</li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Grameen</p> <p>Session Title: AgriPath: Catalyzing inclusivity within Agtech</p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>CGIAR</p> <p>Session Title: Scaling Roots &amp; Tubers Innovations for Resilience</p>

## DAY 4 : FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023

## ACT: CLIMATE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS – ROAD TO COP 28

TIME	SESSION
09:00 – 10:00	<p><b>Session Title:</b> Innovating for catalytic action towards climate-resilient food systems</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> CGIAR / FCDO</p> <p>The event will explore investment, policies, &amp; practices to incentivize sustainable agrifood systems in Africa. It will examine opportunities to improve &amp; expand climate finance flows, which are important for emissions, adaptation, resilience &amp; food security. A diverse set of African &amp; global experts will discuss the technology areas &amp; enabling environment factors in the Agriculture Chapter of the 2023 Breakthrough Agenda report, which is relevant to AGRF's mission of shaping the debate on international collaboration for climate-smart food systems transformation in Africa. Speakers will respond to report findings &amp; co-identify continental action priorities, including more innovative &amp; inclusive climate finance.</p> <p>AS INVITED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Anne Roth</li> <li>• Dr. Aditi Mukherji, CGIAR</li> <li>• Vasileiou Ioannis, World Bank</li> <li>• Keizire, Boaz Blackie, AGRA (TBC)</li> <li>• Rebecca Brooks, High-Level Climate Champions Team</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:30	<p><b>Session Title:</b> Inclusive, Transformative Horticultural Development in Tanzania</p> <p><b>Organizer:</b> <i>Agribusiness Market Ecosystem Alliance (AMEA)</i></p> <p>Over the past decade, the Tanzanian horticulture sector has been growing at a fast pace, presenting a variety of interesting opportunities for new participants, especially youth and women, to enter into this sector. The horticulture sector also presents specific challenges and opportunities for transforming food systems. Key donors have recognized the horticulture sector's important contribution to the economy and have maintained and renewed their commitment. We will hear from TAHA CEO, Jackie Mkindi, and representatives of strategic programs – AGRICONNECT (EU), Kilimo Tija (USAID) and DECIDE (NORAD) – and an agri-SME who has received support. This will set us up for a lively debate on how the horticultural sector should be supported in the future. Active participation and an open, constructive discussion are welcomed!</p> <p>AS INVITED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Blackett, Network Director Agribusiness Market Ecosystem Alliance (AMEA) - Moderator</li> <li>• Jackie Mkindi, CEO Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA)</li> <li>• Shukuru Tweve, Rikolto Program Coordinator (AGRI-CONNECT program)</li> <li>• Mary Batterman, Tanzania Country Manager, Farm Africa (DECIDE program)</li> <li>• Consolata Moshy, owner of "Produce Tanzania Co Ltd (Kilimo Tija program)</li> </ul>

## AGRIBUSINESS DEALROOM AT THE 2023 AGRF SUMMIT PROGRAM

Please note all session timings are in East African Time (GMT+3)

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### DAY 0 – 4 SEPTEMBER

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**LOCATION: GOMBE ROOM**

**TIME: 16:00 – 17:30 EAT**

**Accelerating Climate Finance and Investments by Private Sector**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom partners**

Building on AGRF's desire to facilitate discussions between investors, governments, and agribusinesses on climate finance and smallholder farmer resilience, this session aims to hear the perspective and highlight the needs of **regional and local agribusiness entrepreneurs to scale and succeed, including different types of capital requirements and their experience of critical factors for a supportive enabling environment for them to succeed.**

**The objectives of the session are to:**

- Center the role of private sector / entrepreneurs in building climate resilient agriculture and food security in Africa
- Discuss what contributes to and detracts from the enabling environment.
- Discuss the various types of capital and climate finance needed for agribusinesses to succeed.
  - Central to the session will be the perspective of entrepreneurs – the type of capital and support required at different stages of growth to address climate resilience and food security.

**Speakers:**

- Christopher Wanye, Head of Agriculture Investing, Acumen
- Moderator:
  - Wambui Chege, Head of Agriculture at Mastercard Foundation
  - Angela Hansen, Founder at Food Systems Foresight
- Panelists:
  - Buffy Okeke-Ojiudu, Founder & CEO, Zebra Group Cropbank (Nigeria)
  - Christopher Zaw, CEO & Partner, WARC (Ghana)
  - Joanne Muchai, Chief Operating Officer, Coconut Holdings/ Kentaste (Kenya)
  - Mulualem Tesfaye, Sales & Marketing Director, Ethiochicken (Ethiopia)

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### DAY 1 – 5 SEPTEMBER

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**LOCATION: SELOUS HALL (MAIN HALL)**

**TIME: 11:30 – 13:30 EAT**

**Accelerating Investments to Transform our Food Systems for a Sustainable Future**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom**

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This session will officially open the 2023 Agribusiness Deal Room, a matchmaking platform that aims to drive new business deals and commitments. The Agribusiness Dealroom is the AGRF vehicle 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. Mobilizing the ecosystem 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.

**Moderator**

- Mr. Gilead Teri, Executive Director, Tanzania Investment Centre

**Opening remarks and Launch of the Deal Room:** Hon. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania

**Panel Discussion 1**

**What will it take to double the numbers of businesses in food systems?**

- Mr. Sergio Pimenta, Vice President Africa, IFC
- Ms. Fatoumata Ba, Founder & President, Janngo Capital & Women-led Financial Business Award Winner CEO Forum 2023
- Mr. Wanjohi Ndagu, Partner and Investment Director, Pearl Capital Partners Ltd
- Mr. John Ellenberger, SVP Venture 37, Land O'Lakes, USA
- Ms. Katerina Ntep, Deputy Vice President for Sector Operations, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
- Ms. Adesuwa Ifedi, Senior Vice President of Africa Programs, Heifer International
- Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Group CEO, AFEX
- Mr. Brent Malahay, Chief Strategy Officer, Equity Group

**Moderator:** H.E. Hans Hoogeveen, Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

**Panel Discussion 2**

**Finance Agro Processing and Agro Industrialization**

- Hon. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba, Governor of the Bank of Tanzania
- Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for Agriculture and Food, World Bank
- Dr. Beth Dunford, Vice President, African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
- Dr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice President Programme Management Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Hon. Clare Akamanzi, CEO, Rwanda Development Board
- Ms. Delphine Traoré, Regional CEO, Allianz Africa & AGRA Board Member

**Closing Remarks**

- Ms. Isobel Coleman, Deputy Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

**LOCATION: KATAVI ROOM**

**TIME: 14:00 – 15:30 EAT**

**Rwanda Investment Opportunities**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Government Rwanda Delegation**

The Government of Rwanda presents investment opportunities for private sector along food systems pathways.

**LOCATION: MIKUMI ROOM**

**TIME: 14:00 – 15:30 EAT**

**Nigeria Investment Opportunities**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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**Organizers: Government Nigeria Delegation**

The Government of Nigeria presents investment opportunities for private sector along food systems pathways.

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**LOCATION: GOMBE ROOM**

**TIME: 14:00 – 15:30 EAT**

**Investing in the agriculture Value Chain**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom**

Showcasing high impact investment opportunities in growing SMEs along the agriculture value chain.

**Moderator:**

**Keynote:** Kindra Halvorson, **Chief Transformation Officer, Technoserve**

**Speakers:**

- Carl Jensen, **CEO, Good Nature Agro**
- Jack Langwort, **CEO, Maua Mazuri**
- Joseph Kilongosi, **Deputy Managing Director, Brazafric**
- Benjamin Okley Quaye, **Founder and CEO, Kosher Feed Mills**

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**LOCATION: GOMBE ROOM**

**TIME: 16:00 – 17:30 EAT**

**Digitally powering Africa's Food Systems**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom**

Leading innovations delivering digital solutions on the continent showcase their business and present growth capital needs.

**Moderator:** Peter Goldstein, **Vice President Communications, Heifer International**

**Speakers:**

- Olusegun Adegun, **CEO, Rural Farmers Hub**
- Jeffrey Appiagyi, **CEO, SAYETECH**
- Nomaliso Musasiwa, **CEO, Fresh in a Box**
- Buffy Okeke-Ojiudu, **CEO, CropBank**

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**LOCATION: KATAVI ROOM**

**TIME: 16:00 – 17:30 EAT**

**Malawi Investor Board Room**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Government Malawi Delegation**

The Government of Malawi presents to private sector and development partners, investment opportunities along its food systems pathways.

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**LOCATION: MIKUMI ROOM**

**TIME: 16:00 – 17:30 EAT**

**Improving Business Development Services to SMEs in Africa**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom partners**

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This interactive session is anchored on research findings of a recently concluded study that focused on the effectiveness and efficiency of BDS delivery models in Africa.

The session seeks to present new knowledge to actors across the ecosystem, validate the interpretation of findings from sector experts and explore potential avenues for practical implementation of the findings in the future. It will also generate discussion on key challenges and opportunities related to adopting fee payment structures and introducing data collection and reporting standards.

**Moderator:** Nadia Martinez, **SAFIN Coordinator, IFAD**

**Keynote Speaker:** Mark Blackett, **Network Director, AMEA**

**Speakers**

1. Hans Muzoora, **Market Systems Agriculture Finance Officer, USAID**
2. Hadija Jabiri, **CEO Eat Fresh**
3. Wanjohi Ndagu, **Partner, Pearl Capital Partners**
4. Josephine Ecklu, **Global Inclusive Business Manager, Rikolto**
5. Nadine Gbossa, **Director Food Systems Coordination, IFAD**

## DAY 2 – 6 SEPTEMBER

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**LOCATION: GOMBE ROOM**

**TIME: 09:30 – 11:00 EAT**

**Scaling up Africa's Innovations**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom**

Showcasing Africa's promising and upcoming innovations from research, food processing, food storage and logistics to digital solutions.

**Ticket size range: Start-ups**

**Keynote/Moderator:** Vanessa Adams, VP Strategic Partnerships, and COP Partnership for Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Africa, AGRA

**Speakers:**

1. Thibaut Mallet De Chauny, **CEO, Kisii Smart Community**
2. Kwabena Tufuor, **CEO, Prosect Feed**
3. Zamzam Haji, **CEO, White Gold Camel Milk**
4. Alexandre Nshimiyimana, **CEO, Sanit Wing**

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**LOCATION: MIKUMI ROOM**

**TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 EAT**

**Mozambique Investor Board Room**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Government Mozambique Delegation**

The Government of Mozambique presents to private sector and development partners, investment opportunities along its food systems pathways.

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**LOCATION: KATAVI ROOM**

**TIME: 09:30 – 11:00 am EAT**

**Creating an enabling environment for climate adaptation investments**

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**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom partners**

The policy and public finance roundtable will build off of the private sector roundtable hosted at the start of the week and will aim to:

- Brief government delegations on the climate finance conversations had at the private sector roundtable.
- Focus on potential areas of policy/de-risking support needed from governments for attracting investments that promote climate adaptation of agribusinesses.
- Identify ways for facilitating similar consultation processes at the national level between investors, agribusinesses and government bodies to increase investments into climate adaptation.

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**LOCATION: MIKUMI ROOM**

**TIME: 11:30 – 13:00 EAT**  
**Togo Investor Board Room**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Government Togo Delegation**

The Government of Togo presents to private sector and development partners, investment opportunities along its food systems pathways.

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**LOCATION: KATAVI ROOM**

**TIME: 11:30 – 13:00 EAT**  
**Ghana Investor Board Room**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Government Ghana Delegation**

The Government of Ghana presents to private sector and development partners, investment opportunities along its food systems pathways.

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**LOCATION: GOMBE ROOM**

**TIME: 11:30 – 13:00 EAT**  
**Fueling Healthy Diets for Africa**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom**

SMEs processing highly nutritious foods to increase availability and affordability of healthy diets for all.

**Moderator:** Peiman Milani, Director Food Team, Rockefeller

**Keynote:** Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, GAIN

**Speakers:**

1. Kyle Denning, **CEO, Kentaste**
2. Faustin Lekule, **CEO, International Tanfeeds**
3. Florence Maximambali, **CEO, Mkuza Chicks**
4. Stephano Karoza, **CEO, KCG Aquatech**

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**LOCATION: KATAVI ROOM**

**TIME: 14:00 – 15:30 EAT**  
**Uganda Investor Board Room**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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**Organizers: Government Uganda Delegation**

The Government of Uganda presents to private sector and development partners, investment opportunities along its food systems pathways.

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**LOCATION: GOMBE ROOM**

**TIME: 14:00 – 15:30 EAT**

**Youth and women in Agribusiness**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom**

Youth and women across the continent are investing in and advancing our food systems, many of them focusing on nutritious value chains or agritech innovations that could change the way we produce, finance, market and consume food. During this session, youth and women leading in food business from across Africa will showcase their businesses and present their growth capital needs.

**Keynote/Moderator: William Matovu, Country Director, Heifer International, Uganda**

**Speakers:**

1. Hadija Jabiri, **CEO, GBRI – EatFresh**
2. Yemi Aganga, **Co-Founder, Maungo Craft**
3. Jeremie Baraka, **CEO, Kilimo Fresh**
4. Angela Odero, **CEO, RioFish**

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**LOCATION: MIKUMI ROOM**

**TIME: 14:00 – 15:30 EAT**

**Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Stimulating the Uptake of Climate Smart Agriculture Technologies**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom partners**

The session is anchored on research and evidence building around investment pathways for stimulating the uptake of climate smart agriculture technologies. Classifying the technologies in two distinct groups: those that are capital intensive (e.g. solar-powered cooling stations), and those that need behavioural and policy changes (e.g. coating seeds at the producer level, the session aims to **focus on financing capital-intensive CSA technologies**.

**Moderator: Hedwig Siewersten, Head Inclusive Finance, AGRA**

**Keynote:**

**Speakers:**

- Marie Ena Derenoncourt, **Gender-Smart Investment Specialist, AICCRA – CIAT**
- Kenneth Kasigila, **Head of Policy Advisory and Climate Finance, CRDB**
- Ann Vaughn, **Senior Policy Advisor for Climate and Agriculture, USAID**
- Godefroy Grosjean, **Co-Lead, CGIAR Hub for Sustainable Finance**

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**LOCATION: KATAVI ROOM**

**TIME: 16:00 – 17:30 EAT**

**Ethiopia Investor Board Room**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Government Ethiopia Delegation**

The Government of Ethiopia presents to private sector and development partners, investment opportunities along its food systems pathways.

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**LOCATION: MIKUMI ROOM**

**TIME: 16:00 – 17:30 EAT**

**Proofing our food for the future**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom partners: Climate Shot Investor Coalition (CLIC), AGRA**

Eight African agribusinesses with exemplary climate and nature-based practices will pitch and showcase their work to potential investors, technical assistance providers, and other key stakeholders.

Agribusinesses in this deal room are supported by the CLIC Agrifood Investment Connector, which works to help scale up and accelerate the finance needed to shift agriculture and food systems to low-carbon and climate-resilient pathways.

**Ticket size range: US\$ 300,000 – US\$ 5 Million**

**Moderator: TBC**

**Keynote: Dan Kimani, Associate Director, Acumen Resilience Fund (ARAF)**

**Presenting agribusinesses:**

1. Riches Attai, **CEO, Winnich**
2. Bronson Eran'ogwa, **Executive Director, The Source Plus**
3. Anaporka Adazabra, **CEO, Farmio**
4. Hafsah Jumare, **CEO, CoAmana**
5. Yi Li, **CEO, FarmWorks**
6. Yvonne Otieno, **CEO, Miyonga Fresh Greens**
7. Geophrey Tenganamba, **CEO, Mazao Hub**
8. Sachin Hanwate, **Managing Director, Agrosahas**

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## **DAY 3 – 7 SEPTEMBER**

**LOCATION: GOMBE ROOM**

**TIME: 8:30 – 12:00 EAT**

**Structuring climate funds from design to performance assessment**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**TARGET AUDIENCE: INVESTORS, FUND MANAGERS AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom Partners: SAFIN and CGIAR**

The masterclass session will be a highly interactive learning event that aims to help audience members structure their thinking and approach to the design, management and assessment of climate fund facilities. The event will be structured into three thematic sessions facilitated by a subject-expert sharing key recommendations based on practical experience. The first session on fund design will offer a framework to think through the definition of “climate” for the fund, the selection of partners, the fund structure and capital needs, and assessment of market demand, all based on the intended target population and impact. The second session on fund management will focus on formulating the investment strategy, the financial products offering, and risk management tools, which will combine to inform the generation of pipeline. The final session on performance assessment will guide participants through the range of available tools, key indicators, and data collection requirements. Participants are expected to leave the session with new tools and resources that will enable them to engage more actively in the launch of climate fund solutions for agriculture.

**Moderator:**

Michael Von Doring, Technical Specialist SAFIN

**Speakers:**

- Mauricio Benitez, Founder Big Valley
- Julian Smykalla, Investment Manager Eco.Business Fund
- Ciniro Costa Junior, Climate and Food Systems Specialist CGIAR

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**LOCATION: MIKUMI ROOM**

**TIME: 9:00 – 11:00 EAT**

**Scaling responsible sourcing through business action**

**Organizers:**

**Moderator:**

**Speakers/Panelists**

- Daan Wensing, CEO, IDH
- Natasha Santos, Vice President, Head of Global Stakeholders Affairs & Strategic Partnerships, Bayer
- Sam Nganga, Upstream & Advisory Manager, Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services, IFC Africa Region
- Dr. Christopher Stewart, Global head of corporate responsibility and sustainability, Olam Food Ingredients
- Mr. Peng Lu, CEO, SF Logistics Africa
- Mr. Gary Darren Brown, MD, WeFreight
- Cathy Gong, Manager, Wilmar International Africa
- Mr. Zaisheng Huang, President, United Construction Tanzania
- Ms. Yi Li, CEO, Farm Works, Kenya

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**LOCATION: KATAVI ROOM**

**TIME: 09:00 – 10:30 EAT**

**Kenya Investor Board Room**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Government Kenya Delegation**

The Government of Kenya presents to private sector and development partners, investment opportunities along its food systems pathways.

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**LOCATION: GOMBE ROOM**

**TIME: 11:00 – 13:00 EAT**

**Harvesting Success: Impact Measurement and Management as a Catalyst for Agribusiness Growth and Food Systems Transformation**

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom Partners: CGIAR Hub for Sustainable Finance, AICCRA, Ukama Ustawi**

This session will showcase how adopting impact measurement practices can minimize risks, create value, and catalyse investments in the context of climate-smart agriculture. Participants will learn to integrate climate-smart agriculture into their business models, identify and prioritize impactful investments, select relevant metrics aligned with CSA outcomes, and collect data to demonstrate the long-term impact of their initiatives. The Masterclass will feature interactive workshops and hands-on exercises, fostering practical application and empowering participants to drive and document positive change within their agribusinesses and the broader African agricultural sector.

**Speakers:**

- Peter Wamicwe, **CGIAR Hub for Sustainable Finance**
- Mercy-Zulu- Hume, **Ukama Ustawi**
- Dr. Stephanie Jacquet, **AICCRA**
- Dorcas Jalango, **AICCRA**

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**LOCATION: MIKUMI ROOM**

**TIME: 11:30 – 13:30 EAT**

**South-South learning: Global food systems innovations**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom**

**Moderator:**

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#### Speakers/Panelists

- Gunnar J. Furehaug, **CEO, Palladin, Norway**
  - Andrew Mack, **CEO Agromovil**
  - Eugene M. Faison, **CEO, DGRIDENERGY, USA**
  - Rodney Muriuki, **FARM FORCE**
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**LOCATION: MIKUMI ROOM**

**TIME: 10:00 – 11:30 EAT**  
**Mali Investor Board Room**

#### **PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Government Mali Delegation**

The Government of Mali presents to private sector and development partners, investment opportunities along its food systems pathways.

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**AGRF Closing**

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