



The United Republic of Tanzania



# AFRICA FOOD SYSTEMS FORUM 2023

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

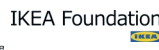


## FORUM PROGRAM

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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.

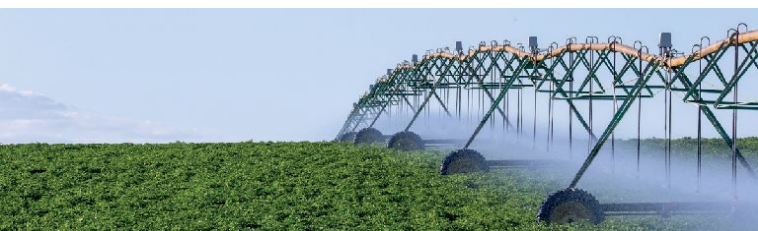


## FIELD VISITS

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.

## 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.



## 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 (BREAKTROUGH 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](#)

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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.

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





**DAY**

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

TIME	SESSION
7:00-9:00	Deal Room
07:00 – 09:00	<p><b>Tanzania Showcase</b> Livestock and Fisheries Sectors at Glance: Direction and Priorities</p> <p>Keynote Speech: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Speakers: DPS-F, CEO SAGCOAT, MD-Dalberg, Heifer</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</li> <li>○ Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria</li> <li>○ Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya</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</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 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).</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Ms. Femi Oke, International Journalist, Broadcaster and Moderator</p>

### **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

### **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) –

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

#### **Presentation of report**

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

#### **Panel Discussion**

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

### **Sequence 2**

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

#### **Moderator**

Dr. Nadine Gbessa, Director, Food Systems Coordination, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

#### **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. Diane Holdorf, Executive Vice-President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
- Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF), Director, Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO) & Director, Africa of World Farmers Organization (WFO)

- H.E. Workneh Gebeyehu, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- Mr. Amadou Allahoury Diallo, Special Counsellor, Office of the President, Niger
- Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania
- Dr. Sylvia Lopez-Ekra, Deputy Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

**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. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania

**Keynote:**

**Panel Discussion 1**

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

- Mr. Sergio Pimente, 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, CEO Land o lakes Venture

**Inspirational Moment**

Mr. Vusi Thembekwayo, Group CEO, MyGrowthFund Venture Partners

## Panel Discussion 2

### Finance Agro Processing and Agro Industrialization

- Hon. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba, Governor of the Bank of Tanzania
- Hon. Moses Kuria, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, Republic of Kenya
- 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)
- Ms. Clare Akamanzi, CEO, Rwanda Development Board
- Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Group CEO, AFEX
- Ms. Delphine Traoré, Regional CEO, Allianz Africa & AGRA Board Member

### Closing Remarks

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

## 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

### 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. Gugulethu Mahlangu, Founder and CEO, House of Harvest
- Mr. John Kamara, Founder & CEO, Adanian Labs (CONFIRMED).
- Ms. Rose Goslinga, Co-Founder & President, Pula Advisors
- Mr Sriram Bharatam, Founder, Kuza Biashara

### **Panel Discussion 2**

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

- Mrs. Karimi Thurania, Country Manager Kenya, OCP
- Hon. Frank Tumwebaze, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Republic of Uganda
- Mr. Omondi Kasidhi, Senior Manager, Digital Growth & Commercialization Africa, YARA
- Ms. Jolein Paalman, Head of Zambia, Apollo Agriculture
- Mr. Emmanuel Birech, Africa Regional Lead, Microsoft Tech for Social Impact, Microsoft
- Ms. Sara Menker, CEO, Gro Intelligence

#### **Closing remarks**

**Mr. Bård Vegar**, Director General, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)

**11:30 – 13:30**

### **Civil Society Forum (Parallel Session)**

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.

#### **AS INVITED**

##### **Moderator**

Amb. David Lane (Ret.), President, Annenberg Foundation Trust & AGRA Board Member

##### **Keynote Speaker**

Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, SDG Advocate

### **Panel Discussion 1**

#### **What are you most worried about today that forms the basis of your advocacy?**

- Ms. Dorine Nininahazwe, African Union and East Africa Director, ONE
- Mr. William Warshauer, President & CEO, TechnoServe
- Ms. Nancy Rapando, Africa Food Futures Lead, World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF)

- Mr. Divine Ntiokam, Executive Director, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global (GCSAYN)
- Mr. Tendai Murisa, Executive Director, Sivio Institute
- Mr. Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General, Alliance of Biodiversity International and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)

### **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
- Dr. Aggrey Agumya, Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
- Dr. Harold Roy-Macauley, Managing Director of Regions and Partnerships, CGIAR
- Dr. Canisius Kanangire, Executive Director, African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF)
- H.E. Dr. Nawal Al-Hosany, Permanent Representative of the UAE to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), United Arab Emirates
- Prof Appolinaire Djikeng, Director General, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Senior Director, CGIAR Livestock-Based Systems, Managing Director, CGIAR Resilient AgriFood Systems (RAFS)
- Mr. Cleber Lima Guarany, President, International Center for Innovation and Transfer of Agriculture, Livestock and Environmental Technology (CIITAA)

**11:30 – 13:30**

### **Parliamentary & Policy Makers Forum: Enabling the Trade Environment for Businesses**

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. 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

##### **Keynote**

**Dr. James Mwangi**, CEO, Equity Bank

#### **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

## **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
- Ms. Edidah Lubega Ampaire, Senior Programme Officer, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- Hon. Rose Kayi Mivedor, Minister of Investment, Togo
- 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. Anne Waiguru, Chair of the Council of Governors, Governor Kirinyaga County, Republic of Kenya

### **Roundtable 2**

- Hon. Renjian Tang, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, People's Republic of China
- 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. Godfred Seidu Jasaw, Member, Ghana Parliament
- Hon. Desalegn Wedajo, Chairperson, Standing Committee for Planning, Budget and Finance, Ethiopia
- Ms. Constance Okeke, Program Lead, Public Finance for Agriculture, ActionAid International
- Hon. Samira Rafaela, Member of the European Parliament
- H.E. Mingjian Chen, Ambassador, Mission of the People's Republic of China to Tanzania

### **Special Youth Message**

Optimizing Opportunities for Youth Employment in Africa's Food Systems

- Ms. Genna Tesdall – Director, Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD)

### **Closing Remarks**

Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson, Speaker of the National Assembly, Tanzania

**11:30 – 13:30**

### **GoGettaz Pitches (finalists)**

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.

### **AS INVITED**

#### **Moderator and Host**

Mr. Dickson Naftali, Head of Generation Africa, AGRA

#### **Opening remarks by Youth Ambassadors and Champions**

- Hon. Elvis Chishala Nkandu, Minister of Youth, Sport and Arts, Zambia
- Ms. Chido Mpemba, Youth Special Envoy, African Union
- Ms. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-founder and Executive Chair, Sahel Consulting & AGRA Board Member
- Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO, Yara International
- Ms. Ada Osakwe, Youth Ambassador, Generation Africa
- Dr. Simon Winter, Executive Director Syngenta Foundation
- Ms. Adesuwa Ifedi, Senior Vice President of Africa Programs, Heifer International
- Prof. Mohamed Ait Kadi, President, General Counsel of Agricultural Development, Morocco

#### **Inspirational Moment**

Mr. Thione Niang, CEO, Jeuf Zone, Political strategist, International Speaker, TEDx (7min)

#### **2023 GoGettaz Agripreneur Prize Competition Judges**

- Ms. Marisa Soares, Senior Vice President Innovation & Impact, Yara International
- Dr. Kelley Cormier, Food Safety Division Chief, USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security
- Ms. Jean Muthamia- Mwenda, Global Lead, Youth Employment & Entrepreneurship, SNV Netherlands
- Ms. Nele Herrmann Valente, NextGen Agricultural Leaders Lead, Bayer AG
- Ms. Agnes Asiimwe Konde, Vice President – PID AGRA
- Mr. Jubilate Lema, Senior Investment Analyst, Africa Opportunity Fund
- Ms. William Nyaoke, Regional Director East-Africa, Norfund
- Mr. Paul Newnham, Director, SDG 2 Advocay Hub
- Ms. Sheila Kaaya, Lead - Agriculture, Agribusiness and Agrifood systems, The Mastercard Foundation

**Pitching continues for rest of day.**

**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

<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)</p> <p><b>Framing Presentation.</b> Mr. Tom Kehoe, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and Sustain Africa</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion 1</b> <b>Re-Inventing Africa's Fertilizer Industry in a Context of Global Crisis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Mohamed Anouar Jamali, CEO, OCP Africa, Morocco</li> <li>○ Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO, Yara International</li> <li>○ Mr. Henk van Duijn, President and CEO, International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC)</li> <li>○ Hon. Ernesto Max Elias Tonela, Minister of Economy &amp; Finance, Mozambique</li> <li>○ Hon. Chipoka Mulenga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia</li> <li>○ Prof. Benedict Oramah, President and Chairman, Afrexim Bank</li> <li>○ Ms. Alzbeta Klein, CEO &amp; Director General, International Fertilizer Association (IFA)</li> <li>○ H.E. Dr. Omar Alieu Touray, President, Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Commission)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion 2</b> <b>Soil Health in the Food Systems: Feeding a Growing Continent</b></p> <p>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!</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p>

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

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

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

**Sequence 1**

- Mr. Dirk Meyer, Head of Department, BMZ (German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development)
- 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 Fávaro, Minister of Agriculture & Livestock, Federal Republic of Brazil
- Dr. Leigh Ann Winowiecki, CIFOR & Co-Lead, Coalition for Action on Soil Health
- Mr. Nico Janssen, Programme Manager Agricultural Livelihoods, IKEA Foundation
- Dr. Rattan Lal, Distinguished Professor of Soil Science, Ohio State University & World Food Prize Laureate

**Closing remarks**

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

**16:00-17:30**

**Deal Room Side event**

**Title:** Improving BDS Delivery to African Agri-SMEs

**Organizers:** SAFIN, AMEA

The session will share key findings from a recent study on the effectiveness and efficiency of business development services in Africa. A panel of experts and practitioners will discuss the impact of smart subsidies and cost-recovery models for BDS delivery, the need for robust data collection and reporting standards, and the factors that affect performance in terms of business revenue and attracting investment. . The objective is to identify concrete options for further research addressing specific knowledge gaps, clear steps for the practical implementation of key findings from the study, and an indication of interest by potential collaborators to operationalize the main recommendations of the study and resulting panel discussion.

**AS INVITED**

- Moderator: Nadia Martinez, Senior Coordinator, SAFIN
- Presenter: Mark Blackett, Director, AMEA
- Panellist 1: Josephine Ecklu, Global Inclusive Business Advisor, Rikolto
- Panellist 2: Wanjohi Ndagu, Pearl Capital Partners (fund manager for Yield Uganda Investment Fund)
- Panellist 3: Hans Muzoora, Market Systems Agriculture Finance Officer, USAID Bureau for

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilience and Food Security</li> <li>• Panellist 4: Hadija Jabiri, Founder/CEO, GBRI</li> </ul> <p>Closing: Nadine Gbossa, Director for Food Systems Summit, IFAD (TBC)</p>
<p><b>17:00 – 18:30</b></p>	<p><b>CEO Chat- Innovation &amp; Technology</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Dr. Blandina Kilama, Personal Assistant to the President- Economic Affairs, Tanzania</p> <p><b>CEO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Erik Fyrwald. CEO, Syngenta</li> <li>○ Mr. Mohamed Shameel Aziz Joosub, CEO &amp; Executive Director, Vodacom Group</li> </ul> <p><b>Africa Youth SMEs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Julio Chilela, Global Head of Innovation Office, Angola Cables, Angola</li> <li>○ Dr. Imen Hbiri, CEO, Robocare, Tunisia</li> </ul>
<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> <b>Mr. Quentin Rukingama</b>, Managing Partner, JBQ Africa</p> <p><b>CEO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Binta Touré Ndoye, CEO, ORABANK Group &amp; AGRA Board Member</li> <li>○ Ms. Ruth Zaipuna, CEO, NMB, Tanzania</li> </ul> <p><b>Africa Youth SMEs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Marie Ange Mukagahima, Managing Director, Zima Health Group, Rwanda</li> <li>○ Ms. Ogola Lois Kange, CEO, Smiley’s Kitchen, Nigeria</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Lillian Mpama, CEO, Lillies Innovations, Malawi</li> <li>○ Mr. Nana Prempeh, CEO, Grow for me, Ghana</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> <b>Mr. Sean de Cleene</b>, International Systems and Partnerships Expert</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pr Edward Mabaya, Department of Global Development, Cornell University</li> <li>○ Mr. Frank Braeken, Chairman, Feronia &amp; AGRA Board Member</li> <li>○ Ms. Carolijn Gommans, IDH – Smallholder Innovation Hub</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</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)</li> <li>○ Ms. Aggie Asiimwe Konde, VP Programme Innovation &amp; Delivery, AGRA</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 02



## 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 (closed session)</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>• HE. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Co-Chair of the President’s Ag Transformation Committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote</b> 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 and Planning, United Republic of Tanzania &amp; Tanzanian sector ministers</li> <li>○ Head of MDBs, UN agencies, IFAD, Bilateral &amp; Multilateral organizations (World Bank, AfDB, IsDB, USAID, NORAD, BMZ, FCDO, BMGF); Representatives of the Private Sector and Investors (Mohammed Industries, Vodacom, NMB, SouthBridge Investment, ETG, Brewers and Bottling Companies, Seed Companies, Millers including Bakhresa etc.</li> <li>○ Youth &amp; Women Civil Society and Farmer Organizations representatives</li> <li>○ Dr. Abou Bamba, Advisor - Office the Prime Minister &amp; Coordinator- Abidjan Legacy Program, Côte d'Ivoire</li> </ul> <p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Victoria Kwakwa, Vice President - Eastern and Southern Africa, World Bank</li> <li>○ Hon. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania</li> </ul>

**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
- Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria
- Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya

**Guests:**

- Ms. Maya Stewart, Director, LenzieMills, Malawi
- Dr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, African Development Bank (AfDB)

**9:00 – 11:00**

**PLENARY**

**Transforming African Food Systems for Stronger Nutritional Benefits**

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 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)

**Inspirational Moment**

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

**Fireside chat**

- Hon. Dr. Lia Tadesse, Minister of Health, Ethiopia
- Hon. Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada
- Hon. Anne Beathe Tvinnereim, Minister of International Development, Norway
- Ms. Anita Zaidi, President, Gender Equality, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)



## Sequence 1

### Roundtable with First Ladies and Senior Leaders

#### Panel Discussion

- H.E. Mariam Mwinyi, First Lady of Zanzibar
- Hon. Ummu 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
- 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
- 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

## Sequence 2

### State of Nutrition and Sustainable Diets

#### Moderator

Ms. Adesuwa Ifedi, Africa Senior Vice President, Heifer International

#### Setting the stage

Dr. Gunhild Stordalen, Founder and Executive Chair, EAT

#### 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)
- 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

#### Panel Discussion

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

### 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)

**9:30 – 11:00**

### Deal Room Side event

**Title:** Masterclass: Agriculture Climate Funds - from Design to Performance Assessment

**Organizers:** SAFIN, UNEP

This highly interactive Masterclass event will impart practical guidance to participants on the design, management and assessment of climate fund facilities for agriculture. The class will be structured into two thematic sessions facilitated by subject-expert sharing key challenges and best practices based on experience. The first will cover fund design and structuring, beginning with the definition of “green” for the fund according to expected objectives. This definition will be the through line to session 2, which will guide participants through the range of available tools, key indicators, and data collection requirements. The session is targeted at investors, fund managers, financial entities and other practitioners interested in climate finance for agriculture.

#### AS INVITED

- Moderator: Michael von Doring, Technical Specialist, SAFIN (confirmed)
- Opening: Sara Mbago-Bhunu, Regional Director East & Southern Africa Division, IFAD (TBC)
- Session 1 Facilitator: Zhengzheng Qu, UNEP Programme Management Officer in the Climate Finance Unit,
- Session 2 Facilitator: (TBD)

**Closing:** Nadia Martinez, Senior Coordinator, SAFIN

### Connecting Together (Parallel Sessions)

**9:00 – 18:30**

### Pitch AgriHack

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

### **Curtain Raisers**

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

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

- Ms. Barbra Muzata, Head of Corporate Communications, Corteva AgriScience
- Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo Executive Director, Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI)
- Ms. Nono Sekhoto, Sector Lead - AL for Agribusiness Network, African Leadership Academy
- Dr. Ademola Braimoh, Coordinator, Climate Smart Agriculture, World Bank
- Mr. Ishmael Sunga, CEO, SACAU
- Mr. Paul Newnham, Director, SDG 2 Advocay Hub
- Ms. Wambui Chege, Director, Agriculture, PANA The Mastercard Foundation (CONFIRMED).
- Dr. Ken Lohento, Digital Agriculture Strategy Specialist, Food and Agricultural Organization

**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)

##### **Framing Remarks**

- Ms. Mauricio Adade, Chief Marketing Officer, Royal DSM
- 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)
- Ms. Yvette Dickson-Tetteh, Co-Founder & CEO, Pure and Just Co, Ghana
- Hon. Ummu Ally Mwalimu, Minister, Ministry of Health, Tanzania
- Ms. Solianna Meaza, Director of Policy and Advocacy, One Thousand Days
- Prof. Joachim von Braun, Director of the Center for Development Research, Bonn University & AGRA Board Member
- Ms Afshan Khan, Coordinator of Scaling up Nutrition movement, SUN Movement

### Panel Discussion 2

#### Inclusive Diets

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

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's 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)

**11:30 – 13:30**

#### Roundtable 1

- Hon. Mr. Alkache ALHADA, Minister of Trade, Niger

- Hon. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania
- Mr. Mansoor Ahmad, MBE, Group Head Africa, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
- Hon. Rose Kayi Mivedor, Minister of Investment, Togo
- Ms. Aysha House, Vice President, Millennium Challenge Corporation
- Hon. Bright Rwamirama, Minister of State for Animal Industry, Uganda

**Moderator**

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

**Roundtable 2**

- Ms. Jane Karuku, CEO, East African Breweries, Kenya
- Ms. Rhoda Mkumbwa, Owner, AW Fishnet, Malawi
- Mr. Jan Vriens, CEO, Africa Improved Foods, Rwanda
- Mr. Christopher Zaw, CEO, WARC, Ghana
- Mr. Nelson Agyemang, COFAG, Ghana & WFO Innovation
- Dr. Simon Winter, Executive Director Syngenta Foundation
- Hon. Ms. Shadiya Alimatou ASSOUMAN, Minister of Trade, Benin
- Mr. Watipaso Mkandawire, Regional Food Trade Advisor, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UK

**11:30 – 13:30**

**Africa Women Leaders Forum and WAYA 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, Executive Chair, Ayavuna Women's Investments & AGRA Board Member
- Dr. Geeta Sethi, Advisor, Global Agriculture Practice, World Bank
- Ms. Sara Mbago-Bhunu, Director East and Southern Africa Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Ms. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-founder and Executive Chair, Sahel Consulting & AGRA Board Member
- Ms. Katie Buntan-Wamaru, Co-CEO, African Visionary Fund
- Ms. Hellen Onyango Oyare, Helena Agspace, Kenya
- Ms. Salma Abdulai, CEO, AMAATI

### **Congratulations**

- Hon. Dr. Dorothee 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
- Ms. Caroline Emond –Director General, International Dairy Federation
- Ms. Betty Kiplagat – Government Affairs Leader, Africa & the Middle East, Corteva
- Ms. Judy Matu – National Executive Chairlady, AWAK
- Ms. Esther Dissanou – Director of Gender Programs, MasterCard Foundation

### **Vote of Thanks**

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

**11:30 – 13:30**

### **Food Safety and Post-Harvest Management**

This session delves into food safety and 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**

Prof. Kwaku Gyebi Duodu, Senior Lecturer Processing and Nutrition, Department of Food Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa & Feed the Future Innovation Lab partner.

### **Fireside Chat**

- H.E. Amb. Hans Hoogeveen, Independent Chairperson of Council, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- H.E. Chileshe Kapwepwe, General Secretary, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
- Chef Pierre Thiam, Founder, Yolélé

### **Panel Discussion 1**

#### **Food Safety**

- Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development AUC
- Mr. Antoine de Saint-Affique, CEO, Danone
- Mr. Jeff Dykstra, CEO, Partners in Food Solutions
- Mr. Simplicie Noulala Fonkou, Senior Animal Production and Health Officer, Coastal Fisheries Initiative, FAO
- Mr. Tom Heilandt, Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission
- Ms. Peace Mutuwa, Knowledge Manager, PACA
- Dr. David Livingstone Ebiru, Executive Director, Uganda National Bureau of Standards
- Mr. Phil Roux, CEO, NAMPAK
- Melvin Spreij, Head, Standards and Trade Development Facility, WTO
- Jean Baptiste Havugimana, Director, Productive Sectors, East African Community
- Dr. Amare Ayalew, Program Manager, PACA (CONFIRMED).
- Ms. Jenny Moffitt, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) (CONFIRMED).

#### **Moderator**

Mr. Adolfo Orive, CEO Tetra Pak

### **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
- Mr. Gerald Masila, CEO, Eastern Africa Grains Council
- Dr. Marco Wopereis, Director General, World Vegetable Centre
- Mr. Chibuiké Emmanuel, Aquaculture & Vegetable Farmer, Global Farmer Network (CONFIRMED).
- Mr. Dymus Kisilu, CEO, Postharvest ninja, Kenya
- Mr. Bright Benjamin Igbokwe, COO, Cold Hubs, Nigeria
- Mr. Gabriel Boc, Senior Agriculture and Food Security Specialist, Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- Mr. Jordan Dey, President & CEO, GrainPro
- Dr. Geeta Sethi, Advisor, Global Agriculture Practice, World Bank

**11:30 – 13:30**

### **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 as inequality, marginalization, and exclusion of youth in countries/regions in fragile contexts.

### **AS INVITED**

#### **Moderator**

Ms. Suzanne Ehlers, Executive Director, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)

#### **Keynote remarks**

Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, Akademiya 2063

#### **Panel Discussion 1**

- Mr. Robert Mardini, Executive Director, International Committee for Red Cross
- Ms. Adeyinka Badejo, Deputy Regional Director, World Food Programme (WFP)
- 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
- Ms. Ada Osakwe, Youth Ambassador, Generation Africa
- Ms. Alice Nzamukosha, Vice president of Zone 2, CODIGA Cooperative

#### **Panel Discussion 2**

- Dr Grethel Aguilar, Acting Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Mr. Henrik Slotte, Chief of the Crisis Management Branch, UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 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
- Mr. KAYITARE SHEMA, Vice president of the Cooperative, CODIGA Cooperative
- Pr Edward Mabaya, Department of Global Development, Cornell University

#### **Closing remarks**

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

<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<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> </ul>
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH TIME</b>
<b>15:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>PLENARY: Trade &amp; Markets</b>



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**

Ms. Femi Oke, International Journalist, Broadcaster and Moderator

#### **Keynote**

- Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General of the World Trade Organization
- H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat

**Framing remarks:** Hon. Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda, Champion – AfCFTA Africa Food Trade Strategy

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

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

#### **Panel Discussion 1**

##### **Trade Infrastructure**

- H.E. Dr. Omar Alieu Touray, President, Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Commission)
- Mr. Amadou Hott, Special Envoy for the Alliance for Green Infrastructure In Africa, African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Hon. Chipoka Mulenga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
- Hon. Dr. Khalid Salum Mohamed, Minister of Infrastructure, Communication and Transport, Tanzania
- Mr. Philippe Labonne, President for Africa, Africa Global Logistics, France
- Ms. Monica Hangi, Regional Senior Director, TradeMark Africa

#### **Framing remarks**

Ms. Harriet Mathews, Director-General Africa and Americas, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) UK

#### **Panel Discussion 2**

##### **Trade Finance and Investment:**

- Ms. Clare Akamanzi, CEO, Rwanda Development Board
- Dr. Benedict Oramah, President, Afrexim Bank

- Mr. Mahesh Patel, CEO, ETG Group
- Ms. Jacqueline Mkindi, Executive Director, Tanzania Horticultural Association, Tanzania
- Mr. Suhas Chougale, Managing Director MozGrain, Mozambique & Mauritius
- Mr. Herbert Wigwe, Group CEO, Access Bank & Corporation
- Mr. Lei Song, Chairman, China Africa Development Fund
- Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Managing Director, International Trade Centre

**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

**CEO**

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

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

- Ms. Emmastella Gakuo, COO, Savannah Circuit, Kenya
- Ms. Seynabou Dieng, Founder & CEO, MAYA, Mali
- Ms. Shandini Naidoo, Avoport, Founder & Director, South Africa
- Ms. Charlotte Binya, Founder, Women in Africa, Cameroon

**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**

Ms. Sherrie Silver, MTV VMA award winning choreographer.

**CEO**

- Mr. Jehiel Oliver, Fonder, Hello Tractor
- Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Group CEO, AFEX

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

- Mr. Eloge Niyomwungere, Best Food Solutions, Burundi
- Mr. Silahlekelwe Mbotana, Tarima Vegetables, Zimbabwe
- Ms. Marcelline Koutatouka, mkTOTO, Congo
- Ms. Oluwaseun Sangoleye, Baby Grubz, Nigeria

**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**

- Mr. Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit for Rural Development, Food Security, Nutrition, European Commission's department for International Partnerships (DG INTPA), EU
- 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. Loko Yeyinou Estelle, Senior Lecturer, National University of Sciences, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics (UNSTIM), Benin
- Mr. Joern Kraegeloh, East Africa Business Lead, Bayer
- 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
- Ms. Edith Wheatland, CEO, Rockland Farms, Ghana
- Mr. Ofer Oveed, SVP Technologies and Crops, Netafim, Israel
- Dr Bridgitta Steyn, Research Platform Manager for Microbials at Natural Plant Protection (NPP), UPL
- Mr. Simon O'Connell, CEO, SNV

**Panel Discussion 2**

- Ms. Ada Osakwe, Managing Partner, Agrolay Ventures & AGRA Board Member
- Ms. Betty Kibara, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation
- Ms. Hazel Awino, CEO, Agri Innovation Hub, Kenya
- Mr. John Ellenberger, SVP Venture 37, Land O'Lakes, USA

- Mr. Adam Gerstenmier, Executive Director, Food Action Alliance
- Ms. Marilia Bezerra, Chief Programmes Officer, IKEA Foundation
- Mr. Boris Büchler, Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- Ms. Nancy Rapando, Africa's Food Future Initiative Lead, WWF
- Dr. Ruben Echeverría, Advisor, Ag Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
- Mr. Apollo Owuor, Coordinator, COMESA – East Africa Horticultural Accelerator

**17:00 – 18:30**

### **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**

- Mr. Thanawat Tiensin, Director, FAO Animal Production and Health Division
- Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania
- Dr. Shirley Tarawali, Chair, Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock & DDG, ILRI

#### **Panel Discussion 1**

##### **Sustainable Livestock Transformation**

- Dr. Babafemi Oyewole, Chief Executive Officer, Pan African Farmers' Organization
- Dr. Robyn Alders, Honorary Professor, Australian National University
- Dr. Awilo Ochieng Pernet, Former Chairperson, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Division of International Affairs, Switzerland
- Hon Franck Tumwebaze, Minister of Agriculture, animal industry and fisheries
- Dr. Nick Nwankpa, Acting Director, AU-IBAR, InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources
- Prof. Martin Shem, Managing Director, Mgolole Agro Processing

#### **Panel Discussion 2**

##### **Supply and demand of animal source food**

- Dr. Abderahim Awat Atteib, Minister of Livestock and Animal Husbandry of Chad
- Ms. Caroline Emond, Director General, International Dairy Federation
- Dr. Chanda Nimbkar, Director, Animal Husbandry Division, Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute, India
- Mrs. Margaret Munene, CEO, Palmhouse Dairy, Kenya
- Dr. Juliana Kantengwa, Founder, Wood Valley Organics
- Dr. Abdrahmane Wane, Director, and Researcher CIRAD-ILRI

**18:30 – 22:00**

**SOCIAL PARTNER EVENTS**

- Networking and drinks
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# 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</b> Harnessing Youth and Women Potentials in Livestock &amp; Fisheries for Economic Prosperity</p> <p>Keynote Speech: DPS-Livestock/DPS-Fisheries Other Speakers: DPMD, DAQ, DFS, DRTE, DGLF, DVS, MD- NARCO, CEO-TAFICO, Director of Fisheries-Zanzibar</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</li> <li>○ Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria</li> <li>○ Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya</li> </ul> <p><b>Guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Assistant Director General, Regional Representative for Africa, FAO</li> <li>○ Dr. Apollos Nwafor, VP Policy &amp; State Capability, AGRA</li> <li>○ Prof. Eric Danquah, Director, West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement, Africa Food Prize 2022 Winner</li> </ul>
9:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Special event: Youth Town Hall</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Georgie Ndirangu, Head of Pan-African Program Communications, Mastercard Foundation</p> <p>Video (3 mins) Mr. Idris Elba &amp; Mrs. Sabrina Elba, UN -IFAD Goodwill Ambassador</p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Youth Envoy <b>Invited Global Ag Youth to Connect</b></p>

- Ms. Chido Cleopatra Mpemba, Youth Envoy, African Union Commission
- Ms. Daniella Raymond Kwayu, National Program Officer & Economist, Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation, Tanzania
- Ms. Jhanira Rodriguez Torrez, United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Bolivia

**Honoured Guests:**

- H. E. President Samia Suluhu Hassan, United Republic of Tanzania
- Dr. Strive Masiyiwa, Businessman and Philanthropist
- 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**

Ms. Morgan Gillespy, Global Director of the Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU)

**Keynote**

Prof. Andrew Campbell, interim Executive Managing Director, CGIAR

**Fireside Chat:**

- Dr. Enock Chikava, Director of Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
- Ms. Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, Managing Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- Dr Daniel Elger, CEO, CABI

**Panel Discussion 1**

- Hon. Ismael Sombie, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, People's Republic of Burkina Faso
- Dr. Bram Govaerts is Director General (Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer) of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)
- 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. Girma Amente, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Ethiopia
- Ms. Vivian Onano, Founder/Director at Leading Light Initiative
- Mr. Stefan Schmitz, Executive Director, Global Crop Diversity Trust
- Dr. Jian Liu, Director of the Science Division, United Nation Environment Program (UNEP)



### Panel Discussion 2

- Hon. Dr. Said Hussein Lid, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Federal Republic of Somalia
- Dr. Canisius Kanangire, Executive Director, African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF)
- 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
- Dr. Joe DeVries, President Seed Systems Group, AGRA
- Dr. Evan Girvetz- Principal Scientist and Global Program Leader, Finance and Investments for Climate Action CIAT
- Ms. Josephine Okot, CEO, Victoria Seeds
- Dr. Baboucar Manneh, Director General, Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice)
- 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, Chairman, Feronia & AGRA Board Member

##### Fireside Chat

- Dr. Victoria KwaKwa, Regional Vice President Eastern and Southern Africa, World Bank

### Panel Discussion 1: Innovative & Blended Finance

- Dr. James Mwangi, CEO, Equity Bank
- Mr. Joshua Oigara, CEO Stanbic Bank Kenya & South Sudan
- Ms. Susan Tirop, Fund Manager, ABC Fund, Bamboo Capital Partners
- Ms. Binta Touré Ndoye, CEO, ORABANK Group & AGRA Board Member
- 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

- Dr. Peter Umunay, Senior Environmental Specialist, Global Environment Facility (GEF)

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

### Panel Discussion 2

#### Securing Investments in Food Systems

- Ms. Ruth Zaipuna, CEO, NMB Bank Tanzania
- Ms. Hedwig Siewertsen, Head of Inclusive Finance, AGRA
- Ms. Victoria Sabula, CEO, Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF)
- 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
- Prof. Dr. Jochen Kluge, Director of Evaluation Unit, KfW Development Bank
- Ms. Nathalie Gabala, Executive Director of Pan-African Programs, Mastercard Foundation
- Ms. Hope Murera, CEO, Zep-Re Insurance

#### 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

##### Fireside Chat

- Mr. Carl Skau, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Program
- Dr. Roy Steiner, Senior Vice President, Rockefeller Foundation
- 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. Frank Tumwebaze, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda
- Ms. Alice Ruhweza, Regional Director for Africa, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

- Mr. Abdiel Mengi, CEO, International Piping Products IPP Group
- Dr. Arun Balal, CEO, HarvestPlus
- Prof. Sheryl Hendricks, Director of Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich

### Panel Discussion 2

- Hon. Dr. Sabin Nsanzimana, Minister of Health, Rwanda
- Ms. Beauty Manake, Assistant Minister of Investment, Trade & Industry, Botswana
- Dr. Mandefro Nigussie, CEO, Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA)
- Hon. Mithuka Linturi, Cabinet Secretary, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Republic of Kenya
- Ms. Ionna Sahas Martin, Executive Director, Pan-Africa and Regional Development Programme, Global Affairs Canada
- Dr. Namukolo Covic, DG Representative to Ethiopia, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), CGIAR

### Concluding Remarks

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

**11.00-13.30**

### Policy Symposium: Infrastructure for Food Systems Transformation

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

### Fire Side Chat:

- Ms. Alice P. Albright, CEO, Millennium Challenge Corporation

### 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)

### Panel Discussion 2

- Mr. Forster Boateng, Deputy CEO, Operations, Tree Crop Authority, Ghana

- 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
- Ms. Tone Tinnes, Deputy Director General, Department for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- Dr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, African Development Bank (AfDB)
- 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**

Ms. Safia Boly, Executive Director, African Agricultural Transformation Initiative (AATI) (CONFIRMED).

**Fireside Chat**

- Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Assistant Director General, Regional Representative for Africa, FAO
- Hon. Renjian Tang, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, People's Republic of China
- H.E. Yerlan Bidaulet, Director General, Islamic Organization for Food Security, OIC

**Panel Discussion 1**

- Mr. Francis Gatere, Senior Economic Advisor, Office of the President, Rwanda
- Ms. Elizabeth Swai, CEO, AKM Glitters Company Limited, Tanzania & CALA Alumni
- Mr. Mamadou Biteye, Executive Secretary, The African Capacity Building Foundation
- Ms. Swantje Nilsson, Director General, BMZ (German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development)
- Dr. Éliane Ubalijoro, CEO, Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF)
- 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. Mohamed Ait Kadi, President, General Counsel of Agricultural Development, Morocco

### **Panel Discussion 2**

- Mr. Amadou Makhtar Ba, Founder and Executive Chairman of AllAfrica Global Media Inc
- Dr. Joshua Ariga, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
- Mr. Christian Hofer, Director of the Federal Office for **Agriculture**, Swiss Ministry for Food and Agriculture
- Mr. Jacob Nyirongo, CALA Alumni
- Dr. Apollos Nwafor, Vice President Policy and State Capacity, AGRA
- Dr. Debisi Araba, Visiting Lecturer, Imperial College London (CONFIRMED).
- Ms Dina Saleh, Regional Director, North Africa and Eastern Europe, IFAD
- H.E. Christian Frutiger, Ambassador & Head of Thematic Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Mr. Dave Watson, Livelihoods Adviser, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UK

### **Concluding Remarks**

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

**10:30 – 13:30**

## **Ministerial Roundtable (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, Co-Director & Chair of Global Health at Imperial's Institute of Global Health Innovation
- Dr. Fadel Ndiame, CEO, Food Systems Transformation Solutions

#### **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

### **Guest Speakers**

- Rt. Hon. Andrew Mitchell, Minister of State for Development and Africa, United Kingdom
- Hon. Renjian Tang, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China
- Ms. Jenny Moffitt, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Ms. Carla Montesi, Director for Green Deal and Digital Agenda, European Commission
- Hon. Renjian Tang, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, People's Republic of China
- Hon. Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávoro, 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
- Mr. Janusz Wojciechowski, Commissioner of Agriculture of European Union
- H.E. Peng Wu, DG for Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China

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

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

- H.E. Philip Isdor Mpango Vice President, The United Republic of Tanzania

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

- Mr. Kolyang Palabele, PAFO & PROPAC

- Mr. Ishmael Sunga, CEO, SACAU
- Ms. Jacqueline Mkindi, Executive Director, Tanzania Horticultural Association, Tanzania
- Ms. Mafalda Duarte, Executive Director, Green Climate Fund
- 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
- Mr. Clarens Renois, Journalist and Entrepreneur, Haiti

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

**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
- 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
- Dr. Sinare Yusufu Sinare, President, SACAU
- Mr. Drem Taing Toutkoul, CEO, PROPAC
- Ms. Rym Ferchichi, General Secretary, UMNAGRI
- Mr Justin Shirima, Managing Director Tanzania, Tanganyika farmers association

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

**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

**Opening Remarks**

H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister, Ethiopia

**11:00 – 13:30**

**Keynote Remarks**

Achieving 2030 Amidst Crises.

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

**Panel Discussion 1**

**Food and Nutrition Security**

- H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister, Ethiopia
- 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
- H.E. Lionel Zinsou, Former Prime Minister; Founder and Managing Partner Republic of Benin
- His Majesty, King Lesie III, Kingdom of Lesotho
- Mr. Donald Kaberuka, Chairman and Managing Partner SouthBridge, Former President African Development Bank

**Moderator**

- Prof. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Board Chair, CGIAR

**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**

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

**Roundtable 1**

**Leading the Way - Africa's Solutions to Transforming Food Systems**

**Roundtable 2**

**The Finance we need for systems transformation in Africa.**

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,



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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? 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
- Mr. Makhtar Diop, Managing Director, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Mr. Tony Elumelu, Chairman, Heirs Holdings, Nigeria
- Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland, Secretary General, Commonwealth
- H.E. Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development, African Union Commission
- Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General of the World Trade Organization
- 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)
- Mr. Ajay Banga, President, World Bank
- Mr. Alvaro Lario, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- H.E. Mariam Bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb Almheiri, Minister of State for Food and Water Security, UAE
- Hon. Anne Beathe Tvinnereim, Minister of International Development, Norway
- Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO, Yara International
- Dr. Benedict Oramah, President, Afrexim Bank

#### **Heads of States Roundtable**

#### **Welcome:**

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

**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**)

**16:00-18:00**

**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**

- Mr. Larry Madowo, CNN International Correspondent, African Voices
- 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 Other Speakers: Director of Fisheries, Director of Blue economy Coordination, Director of Marine Conservation, DG- Word Fish Center, IFAD, UNDP</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. 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</li> <li>○ Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria</li> <li>○ Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya</li> </ul> <p><b>Guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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</li> </ul>
9:00-11:30	<p><b>PLENARY</b> <b>Journey towards COP28: Adapting Africa’s Food System to Climate Change</b></p> <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</p>

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

**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, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- Hon. Lee White, Minister of water, forest, sea and environment, Gabon
- Dr. Andrew Steer, President and CEO Bezos Fund
- Ms. Cristina Duarte, UN USG, Special Advisor on Africa
- Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)

**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
- Mr. Ephraim Mwepya Shitima, Chair, African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change
- Dr. Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance
- Mr. Tabi Joda, Lead, One Billion Trees for Africa Great Green Wall
- Mr. Pascal Lamy, Chair, Climate Overshoot Commission
- Mr. Joseph Nganga, Vice President for Africa, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet
- Dr. Jian Liu, Director of the Science Division, United Nation Environment Program (UNEP)

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

**Keynote:** Dr. Juergen Voegelé, Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank

### Roundtable 3

#### Food Systems Financing

- Hon. Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, Minister of Finance and Planning, United Republic of Tanzania
- Ms. Mafalda Duarte, Executive Director, Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- Mr. Abdulmajid Musa Nsekela, CEO, Cooperative and Rural Development Bank (CRDB), Green Finance, Tanzania
- Dr. Mansur Muhtar, Vice President, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
- Dr. Santiago Alba-Corral, Director for Climate Resilient Food Systems, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- Kristopher Hamel, UAE Climate change Special Envoy

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

### Green Financing Framework for Food Systems Transformation

In the wake of the Paris COP15 accord, 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

#### Global Green Financing Architecture:

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

**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
- Hon. Yasmine Fouad, Minister, Ministry of Environment, Egypt
- Mr. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba, Governor Central Bank of Tanzania

#### 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)

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- Dr. Peter Umunay, Senior Environmental Specialist, Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Mr. Rémy Rioux, CEO, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Group
- Mr. Malick Ndiaye CEO, La Banque Agricole, Sénégal
- Mr. Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General, Alliance of Biodiversity International and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)

**Closing remarks:**

**9:00 –  
11:30**

**GoGettaz & Pitch AgriHack Awards**

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

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**

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

**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
- Ms. Bonolo Monthe, Maungo Craft, Inaugural GoGettaz Winner, Botswana
- Ms. Aggie Asiimwe Konde, VP Programme Innovation & Delivery, AGRA
- Mr. Isaac Sesi, Sesi Technologies, Inaugural GoGettaz Winner, Ghana
- Mr. Samson Alemu, Co-Founder, Thur Biotech, AYuTE winner, Ethiopia (CONFIRMED)
- Ms. Nomaliso Musasiwa, Co-Founder, Fresh-in-a-Box, Pitch AgriHack winner Zimbabwe
- Mr. Thione Niang, CEO, Jeuf Zone,

**AWARDS ceremonies**

**Congratulations**

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

11:30  
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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
- Dr. Beth Dunford, Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank (AFDB)
- Mr. Daan Wensing, CEO, IDH
- Ms. Marilia Bezerra, Chief Programmes Officer, IKEA Foundation
- Mr. Jason Brantley, Director Asia, Africa, Middle East, John Deere
- Ms. Samira Ade-Adebiye, Managing Director, AFEX Investment Limited
- Ms. Francoise Lombard, CEO, Proparco
- Dr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice President Programme Management Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

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

### **Synthesis of AGRF 2023:**

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

### **Call to Action**

- H.E. Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development, African Union Commission
- 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

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

**Closing remarks**

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

**Departure  
15:00  
Ferry**

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

**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-Cost 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	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)	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.

## 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</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.</p> <p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USAID - Assistant Administrator Dina Esposito or Senior Advisor for Climate Change Ann Vaughan</li> <li>• CAN/CGIAR - Nicoline de Haan, Director of CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform</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</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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Safia Boly – Executive Director of the African Agricultural Transformation Initiative</li> <li>• Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe – Minister of Agriculture Tanzania</li> </ul>

<p><b>08:30 – 10:00</b></p>	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p>Launch: CALA Leadership Forum Three Integrating Youth in Africa’s Food Systems Transformation <i>CALA AGRA</i></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</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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Robert Asugure, Country Manager, Ghana, IDH</b></li> <li>• <b>Amaati Company ltd – Salma Abdulai, CEO, Ghana</b></li> <li>• <b>WARC Company ltd – Chris Zaw, CEO, Ghana</b></li> <li>• <b>Raphael Group ltd – Lazaro Mwakipesile, General Manager, Tanzania</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Steve Kisakye – Partner Dalberg Consultancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IDH – Kebba Colley - Global Director, Netherlands</b></li> <li>• <b>MCF – Bernard Ayitey-Adjin, Country Program Coordinator, Ghana</b></li> <li>• <b>Amaati Company ltd – Salma Abdulai, CEO, Ghana</b></li> <li>• <b>WARC Company ltd – Chris Zaw, CEO, Ghana</b></li> <li>• <b>Raphael Group ltd – Lazaro Mwakipesile, General Manager, Tanzania</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>08:30 – 10:00</b></p>	<p><b>Merged Event</b></p> <p>Realizing the power of vegetables <i>World Vegetable Centre</i></p> <p>The Bean Corridor as a Transformative and Inclusive Food Systems Approach <i>PABRA</i></p>
<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</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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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</p> <p><b>Organizer:</b> AECF</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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>Mathias Hague, AECF Sector Lead Agriculture. Rapporteur</li> <li>Matilda Onyango Omollo, CEO of Great Lakes, current investee</li> <li>Elizabeth Swai, CEO AKM Glitters, ex-AECF investee</li> <li>Stephen Kijazi, Embassy of Canada and GAC representative</li> <li>Cosmas Muchina, AECF, IIW BEK programme manager</li> <li>Jael Amati- AECF gender lead</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> <p><b>Title:</b> Financing Seed Companies <b>Organizer:</b> CESSA</p>
<p><b>10:45 – 12:15</b></p>	<p><b>Deal Room Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Financing Farmers Organizations for Resilience <b>Organizer:</b> IFAD, SAFIN, AFEX</p>

	<p>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</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabitha Njuguna, AFEX (introduction/ Moderator)</li> <li>• Donal Brown, IFAD (Opening remarks)</li> <li>• Musa Sibandze, AAACO President &amp; ICA chair (Framer)</li> <li>• Teofora Madilu, Equity Bank (Panelist 1)</li> <li>• Jackie Mkindi, TAHA Group (Panelist 2)</li> <li>• Musa Sibandze, AAACO President &amp; ICA chair (Panelist 3)</li> <li>• Frank Rubio, IFAD (Closing)</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:00 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Policy Prioritization through Value-Chain Analysis: public-private partnerships in policymaking, implementation, competitiveness, and investment. <b>Organizer:</b> RENAPRI</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Lilian Kirimi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miss. Aika Okting'ati Aku (SUA)</li> <li>• Dr. Lilian Kirimi (Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development, Egerton University Senior Research Fellow and Research Coordinator).</li> <li>• Dr John Macharia (Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) Country Manager- Kenya)</li> <li>• Mr. Elifadhili Ezekiel (Qstek Farm Limited Head of Operation- Private sector, Sunflower Value Chain) – Tanzania</li> <li>• Dr. Andrew Agyei-Holmes (institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research University of Ghana Research Fellow)</li> <li>• Alan Rennison (Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation Senior Program Officer)</li> <li>• Dr Nalishebo Meebelo (ReNAPARI Executive Director)</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:00 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Merged Event</b></p> <p>Agri-innovations for transformative food systems <i>EAFF</i> R&amp;D investment for African smallholder innovation <i>CGIAR</i></p>



<p><b>11:00 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> From Farm to Fork for Real – How to Enhance Young People’s Employment and Entrepreneurship Opportunities Within Africa’s Agri-Food Systems</p> <p><b>Organizer:</b> Mastercard Foundation</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fatawu Koniamu Bakari, Public Relations Officer for Ghana society for the Physically Disabled (GSPD) and Ghana Federation for Disabled (GFD), West Gonja Municipal</li> <li>• Harriet Cheelo</li> <li>• Antoinette Moleele, Advocacy and Capacity Development Consultant</li> <li>• Oduma Philip Dennis</li> <li>• Drissa Tessougue, Country Representative of YPARD in Mali</li> <li>• Nduta Kimani, Co-founder of Novelle Generation limited</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:00 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p>Gender-Inclusive Dairy in Tanzania <i>USAID, LandO’Lakes</i></p>
<p><b>11:00 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Role of Science in Agribusiness Acceleration for Climate-smart Agriculture Innovation, Resilience, Gender and Social Inclusion</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> CIAT, AECF, 2SCALE, Women Investment Club (WIC)</p> <p>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</p>

scaling investment in CSA. Let's cultivate a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable agricultural future, empowering all stakeholders to thrive.

**AS INVITED**

- 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
- Angelous Kamande, Head of Investments Advisory Services, AECF
- Peter Kiriimi, Regional Agribusiness Coordinator for East and Southern Africa, 2SCALE
- Ouma Sani, Manager, Women's Investment Club Senegal
- 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

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

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:** Dr. Nadine Gbosa, 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. Boaz Blackie Kezire, Head of Policy and Advocacy, AGRA
4. Dr. Kelley Cormier, Food Safety Division Chief, USAID
5. 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

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.

**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;

	<p>- Dr. Louise Abayomi; and - Richard Lamboll</p> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <p>- 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</p> <p><b>Closing remarks:</b> Dr. Apollos Nwafor, AGRA Vice President, Policy and State Capability</p>
<p><b>14:00 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p>Rural prosperity in fragile situations <i>IFAD</i></p>
<p><b>14:00 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> What about jobs? challenges and opportunities for rural livelihoods in an inclusive food system transformation. <b>Organizers:</b> EAT Foundation, IKEA Foundation, Just Rural Transition, Food Systems Economics Commission</p> <p>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 groundbreaking 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.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonas Munyurangabo Policy Analyst for the Food Program at the World Resources Institute (WRI)</li> <li>• Stella Nordhagen (TBC), Senior Technical Specialist with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)</li> </ul>
<p><b>14:00 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Merged Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Gender Responsive Policies as Drivers of Innovative Solutions for Equitable Agri-food Systems <b>Organizers:</b> AWARD, African Food Changemakers</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p> <p>High-level moderated panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Nicoline de Hann, Director, CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform</li> <li>• Dr. Susan Kaaria, Director, AWARD</li> <li>• Dr. Nomathemba Mhlanga, FAO</li> <li>• Dr. Boaz Keizire, AGRA</li> <li>• Mr Robert Ouma, Regional Director, USAID PolicyLink Program</li> <li>• Ms Raheli Elibariki</li> <li>• Mrs. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-Founder and Executive Chair, Sahel Consulting: Agriculture &amp; Nutrition Ltd</li> </ul> <p>Fireside chat featuring leading women revolutionizing African agri-food systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olutayo Adeyemi, National Nutritional Consultant</li> <li>• Chantelle de Bruyn, Buttercup Farmhouse</li> <li>• Jacqueline Joyreen Banda, Jeyie Foods</li> <li>• Anne Kirya, For Food's Sake Eat</li> <li>• Moyosoreoluwa Odunfa, The Atije Experience</li> </ul>
<p><b>14:00 – 17:30</b></p>	<p><b>Merged Event</b></p> <p><b>SOILS</b> Promoting indigenous crops for increased soil and human health and climate change resiliency <i>Alliance for African Partnership (AAP)</i></p> <p>Building Healthy Soil Ecosystems <i>CIFOR/ICRAF</i></p> <p>Resolving the Organic Input Equation of Integrated Soil Fertility Management towards Enhanced Productivity, Profitability, and Soil Health <i>CGIAR</i></p> <p>Rehabilitating acid soil and managing landscape for resilient food systems on African continent <i>AGRA</i> Innovative Fertilizer Financing Mechanism <i>AFAP</i></p>
<p><b>14:15-15:45</b></p>	<p><b>Deal Room Side event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Climate-Smarter Budgets to Transform Agriculture</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> USDA, FAO</p>

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**

- Marco Sanchez, FAO (keynote presentation)
- Christian Man, USDA (panel moderator)
- Alan Rennison, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (panelist)
- Faouzi Bekkaoui, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Morocco (panelist)
- Rep. of Government of Ghana (panelist; TBC)
- Rep. of Government of Mozambique (panelist; TBC)

**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

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: 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
- Maryanne Gichanga, CEO, AgriTech Analytics

**16:00 - 17:30**

**Deal Room Side event**

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

**Organizer: AFEX**

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**

- Aggie Asiimwe Konde - Vice President, Program Innovation and Delivery, AGRA
- Nadine Gbosa – Director, Food Systems Coordination, IFAD
- 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

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

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

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

**Panel 2: Discussants**

- Joachim Balakana, National Coordinator, Tanzania, Land O'Lakes Venture37
- Shirley Tarawali, Assistant Director General, ILRI
- 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

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**

**USDA**

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

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

- Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, (Keynote Speaker/Panelist)

**AKADEMIYA2063**

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

**AGRA**

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

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Side Event**



	<p>Thriving Africa with Aquatic Foods <i>World Fish</i></p>
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	<p><b>Side Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Getting real: The Inclusion debate - Advancing Social Inclusion in Food Systems. Is it a reality or mirage? <b>Organizers:</b> FOLU, AGRA, WRI, GAIN Practical Action (PA), Micro Enterprise Support Program Trust (MESPT), Tanager</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Maureen Muketha-GAIN Introduction (3Mins)</p> <p><b>Panel discussion (20 Mins)</b></p> <p>i) Panelist: Ndindi Nwuneli – Sahel Consulting ii) Panelist: Maureen Munjua- Tanager iii) Panelist: Wangari Kuria- farmer on Fire</p> <p><b>The Inclusion debate (50mins)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> James Mwangi/ Assan Ngombe Introduction (5 Mins)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Dr. Wilber Ottichilo, Governor - Vihiga County, Kenya</li> <li>2) Winnie Osulah - Tanager</li> <li>3) Wangari Kuria - Farmer on fire</li> <li>4) Rebeccah Amukhoye - MESPT</li> <li>5) Margert Kilonzo - GAIN</li> <li>6) Practical Action</li> </ol> <p><b>Closing remarks/Call to Action:</b> Morgan Gillespy Executive Director FOLU - (5Mins)</p>
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	<p><b>Merged Event</b></p> <p>Women agripreneurs boost Africa trade <i>FAO</i></p> <p>Gender-responsive African crop innovation pipeline <i>GCfGE, Gates Ag One</i></p>

## 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 1 : TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2023

### RECOVER

TIME	SESSION
7:00-9:00	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> DAKAR 2: Food Sovereignty and Resilience <b>Organizer:</b> AFDB</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></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 of CGIAR Systems Council</li> <li>Mr. Gagan Gupta, CEO, ARISE LLP</li> </ul>
7:00-9:00	<p><b>Partner event</b></p>

	<p><b>Title:</b> How can the industry help food &amp; nutrition security in Africa in the face of climate change and biodiversity loss by developing a holistic approach for the Smallholder farmer?</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> OCP, WBCSD, Fertilizer Canada</p>
<p><b>7:00-9:00</b></p>	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Soil as a Strategic Tool for Food Security, Nutrition and Food Systems Transformation</p> <p><b>Organizer:</b> YARA</p> <p>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?</p> <p><b>As Invited</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luis Alfredo Perez, SVP, Yara International</li> <li>• Hussein Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania (tbc)</li> <li>• David Guerena, Scientist, CIAT Arusha</li> <li>• Professor Aurélie Harou, Department of Natural Resource Sciences, McGill</li> <li>• Simone Sala, Director, Varda, AG</li> <li>• Geoffrey Kirenga, CEO SAGCOT Centre</li> </ul>
<p><b>18:30 – 22:00</b></p>	<p><b>Partner Social Events</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>

	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.
18:30 – 22:00	<b>Partner Social Event</b> Cocktail Reception <i>UPL</i>
18:30 – 22:00	<b>Partner Event</b> Heifer International Dinner <i>Stone Town Terrace, JNICC</i>

## 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> Tanzania Showcase: Legacy Program Donor Investment Round Table (closed session)</p> <p>Mifugo na Uvuvi ni Utajiri: Unveiling the Opportunities in Livestock and Fisheries Sectors</p> <p>Keynote Speech: Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Other Speakers: DPS-L; Chair TPSF, FAO, ILRI, CEO-AKM Glitters Company Limited, Chair of Tanzania Commercial Cattle Society, ASAS, TADB</p>
7:00-9:00	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Breakfast with purpose: savouring the regenerative food systems – energy nexus</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> IKEA Foundation, SNV, AGRA, FOLU, GAIN</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>AS INVITED</b></p>

- Farm Africa: Mary Nyale
- Root Capital: Charles Wainaina
- WRI Africa / Food and Land Use Coalition: Sofia Ahmed
- AGRA: Sabdiyo Dido Bashuna
- CLASP: Michael Maina
- Global Alliance for the Future of Food: Vivian Maduekeh
- ELICO Foundation: Sisty Basil
- To be confirmed: Farmer/End-User
- SNV: Eelco Baan
- IKEA Foundation: Nico Janssen

**7:00-9:00**

**Partner Event**

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

**Organizers:** Rockefeller, CIMMYT

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**

- Dr. Bram Govaerts, DG CIMMYT - Moderator
- 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

**7:00-9:00**

**Partner Event**

Leveraging the AfCFTA Protocol on Women and Youth for Inclusive Trade  
*AGRA*

**16:00 – 19:00**

**Partner Event**

TEDx Talks at AGRF (by invitation only)

Inclusive Food Systems: 7 Youth including young & women refugees, migrants and displaced telling their stories on food systems transformation at CRBD office .

**18:30 – 22:00**

**DEALSROOM (by invitation only)**

	Cocktail Reception
18:30 – 22:00	<b>AFEX reception (by invitation only)</b>
18:30 – 22:00	<b>Youth Cocktail event</b> IFAD

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

### ACT; FOOD SYSTEMS PATHWAYS

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 9:00	<p><b>Partner event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Youth &amp; Women Engage: Growing Africa's Future <b>Organizer:</b> NGIN</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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tulisha Malichi - Moderator</li> <li>• Lucy Chioma Aniagolu</li> <li>• Jean-Claude Niyomugabo</li> <li>• Neema K. Lugangira TBC</li> </ul>
7:00 – 9:00	<p><b>Partner Event</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Inclusive Policy Action for Transformation in Agriculture <b>Organizer:</b> World Bank, FCDO</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>

### Speakers

- Keynote: Minister of Agriculture - Malawi, Hon. Sam Kawale
- 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

## DAY 4 : FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023

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

TIME	SESSION
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</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director, African Union Commission, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE)</li> <li>• Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063</li> <li>• Ms. Constance Okeke, Project Manager, ActionAid International and CAADP Non-State Actor Group (CNG)</li> <li>• Prof. Joao Mutondo, Faculty of Agronomy and Forest Engineering, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique</li> <li>• Ms. Josephine Love, Principal Agriculture Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives, Kenya</li> </ul>

- Mr. 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**

Resilient Futures: Transforming Africa's Food Systems through One Health  
*World Bank, CGIAR*

Towards a Multidisciplinary Approach for Food Systems Transformation in Africa  
*IFPRI ILRI AGRA*

**7:00-9:00**

**Partner Event**

COP28: Accelerating food system transformation  
*COP28 Presidency*

**15:00 –  
18:00**

**Partner Social Events (art, music, entertainment, fashion, culinary village)**

## 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</p>



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	<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiebe Smit, Policy &amp; Impact Innovator, Clim-Eat</li> <li>• Marc Nolting, Head of Unit, Global Agenda for Food and Nutrition Security, GIZ (tbc)</li> <li>• Paul Winters, Executive Director, Innovation Commission for Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture (tbc)</li> <li>• Inga Jacobs-Mata, Director of Water, Growth and Inclusion, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)</li> <li>• Ishmael Sunga, CEO, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Union (SACAU)</li> <li>• Sophie Rottmann, Shamba Shape-Up (tbc)</li> <li>• Aggie Asiimwe Konde, Vice President, Program Innovation and Delivery, AGRA</li> </ul>
<p>10:30 – 11:30</p>	<p>African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF)</p> <p>Session Title: Gender-inclusive and equitable access to innovative mechanization and agro-processing technologies for sustainable food systems in Africa</p>
<p>15:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>International Land Coalition (ILC) / Farm Radio / African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS)</p> <p>Session Title: Tenure Security for Food Systems / Innovative Extension for Transforming Food Systems</p>
<p>16:00 – 16:30</p>	
<p>17:00 – 17:30</p>	<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>

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	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joanna Kane-Potaka, Deputy Director General - Strategy, Engagement and Impact, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</li> <li>• Abdel Ismail, Regional Director, Africa, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</li> <li>• Rosemary Murori, Country Representative for Kenya and Tanzania, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</li> </ul>

## 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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewart Collis, BMGF</li> <li>• Dr. Mandefro Nigussie, Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Institute</li> <li>• Parmesh Shah, World Bank</li> </ul>
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	World Food Programme (WFP) / FAO / AGRA  Session Title: Bridging the gender gap for food systems transformation in Tanzania Or Empowering youth voices for sustainable food systems in Tanzania
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Session Title:</b> Showcasing SAGCOT Empowered Youth in Agriculture & Unlocking Soybean Potential for Women and Youth  <b>Organizer:</b> Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT)  AS INVITED <b>Part 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator- Tulalumba Mloge- Cluster and Partnership Manager</li> <li>• Beno Mgaya- Farmer and Chairman of Lusitu Agribusiness Group</li> <li>• Kibwana Said Mnyatwilu- Secretary of Youth Group VIWAVI</li> </ul> <b>Part 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator- Abdallah Msambachi- Program Manager</li> <li>• Øystein Botillen: Director, Strategic Partnerships- YARA</li> <li>• Dharmesh Ganatra: Consultant, Prorustica</li> </ul>
14:00 – 14:30	Farmerline  Session Title: Inclusive Climate Action: Panel Discussion
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Session Title:</b> Africa Ecological Food Future: moving the needle for an inclusive and nature positive agriculture and food systems.  <b>Organizer:</b> <i>World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF Kenya)</i>  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.

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	<p>AS INVITED</p> <p>Keynote speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amani Ngusaru (3 Mins)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nancy Rapando &amp; James Tiriongo</li> </ul> <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>

TIME	SESSION
	<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>

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## DAY 1 - 5 SEPTEMBER

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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.

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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:** Heifer

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

#### **Speakers:**

- Kellan Hays, CEO, Good Nature Agro
- Jack Langwort, CEO, Maua Mazuri
- Jose Efrain Solano Peraza, CEO, Bio Agro

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.

**Ticket size range: US\$ 1 Million to US\$ 4 Million**

**Moderator:** Jehiel Oliver, **Founder Hello Tractor**

**Keynote:** Catherine Muraga, **Managing Director, Microsoft Africa**

**Speakers:**

- Olusegun Adegun, CEO, Rural Farmers Hub
- Nomaliso Musasiwa, CEO, Fresh in a Box
- Uwe Schwarz, CEO, Sibesonke
- Jeffrey Appiagyi, CEO, SAYETECH
- Enock Naika, CEO, FAMUNERA

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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.

1. Vertically integrated aquaculture
2. Mega farms for livestock

TIME: 16:00 – 17:30 EAT

Improving Business Development Services to SMEs in Africa

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom partners**

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**

- IFAD senior management (TBC)

**Speakers**

Mark Blackett, **Network Director, AMEA**

- SME: TBC -- NEI ltd (Tanzania), Uzima Chicken (Uganda), MEDFOOD Company (Tanzania)
- Wanjohi Ndagu, **Partner, Pearl Capital Partners**
- Donor institution: TBC - GIZ, EU
- Josephine Ecklu, **Global Inclusive Business Manager, Rikolto**



## DAY 2 – 6 SEPTEMBER

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TIME: 09:30 – 11:00 am EAT  
Nigeria Investor Board Room

### **PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

#### **Organizers: Government Delegation**

Presentation of Flagship Programs and investment opportunities.

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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 and Below US\$ 250,000**

**Moderator:**

**Keynote:** Lyndsay Handler, **Managing Partner**, Delta40

#### **Speakers:**

1. Clinton Obura, **CEO, Clean crop**
  2. Thibaut Mallet De Chauny, **CEO, Kisii Smart Community**
  3. Kwabena Tufuor, **CEO, Prosect Feed**
  4. E-Aqua Health Solutions
  5. TBC
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TIME: 09:30 – 11:00 am EAT  
Creating an enabling environment for climate adaptation investments

### **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

TIME: 11:30 – 13:00  
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.

1. Poultry industry opportunities
2. Rice industry opportunities
3. Mango industry opportunities

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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.

**Ticket size range: US\$ 2 Million to US\$ 3 Million**

**Moderator:** Mr. Peiman Milani, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation

**Keynote:** Lawrence Haddad, CEO GAIN

**Speakers:**

1. Kyle Denning, **CEO, Kentaste**
2. Faustin Lekule, **CEO, International Tanfeeds**
3. Florence Maximambali, **CEO, Mkuza Chicks**
4. Alexandre Nshimiyimana, **CEO, Sanit Wing**
5. Jeremie Baraka, **CEO, Kilimo Fresh**

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TIME: 11:30 – 13:00 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.

TIME: 14:00 – 15:30

Uganda Investor Board Room

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Government Uganda Delegation**

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

1. Integrated Agro-industrial parks
2. Beef and dairy industry opportunities
3. Coffee industry opportunities

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TIME: 14:00 – 15:30 EAT

Advancing Women in Agribusiness

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom**

Women across the continent are investing in and advancing our food systems, many of them focusing on nutritious value chains or indigenous food crops that are good for the environment. During this session, women leading in food business from across Africa will showcase their businesses and present their growth capital needs.

**Ticket size range: US\$ 250,000 – US\$ 1 Million**

**Moderator:** Dr. Blandina Kilama, Personal Assistant to the President, Economic Affairs, Tanzania

**Keynote:** Ruth Zaipuna, CEO NMB Bank

**Speakers:**

1. Hadija Jabiri, CEO, GBRI – EatFresh
2. Angela Odera, CEO, RioFish
3. TBC

TIME: 14:00 – 15:30

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 Siewertsen, Head of Inclusive Finance, AGRA

**Keynote:** Alvaro Valverde, Partnerships Manager, CABI

**Speakers:**

1. CGIAR
2. Acumen
3. Responsibility
4. CRDB
5. USAID
6. Government of Ghana/Niger

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TIME: 16:00 – 17:30 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.

1. Land Commercialization Initiative
2. Beef and dairy industry opportunities

TIME: 16:00 – 17:30

Proofing our food for the future

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom partners: Climate Policy Initiative (CPI), AGRA**

Presenting exemplary climate and nature-smart practices across their operations and developing products and services to address climate and nature deterioration in agrifood systems across Africa, **eight SMEs will be presenting** to an audience of investors, partners and other SMEs.

**Ticket size range: US\$ 250,000 – US\$ 1 Million**

**Moderator: TBC**

**Keynote: Dan Kimani, Associate Investment Director, ARAF**

**Speakers:**

1. Winnich
2. The Source Plus
3. Farmio
4. CoAmana
5. FarmWorks
6. Miyonga Fresh Greens
7. Mazao Farm
8. Agrosahas

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TIME: 16:00 – 17:30 EAT

Increasing local sourcing in Africa

**Organizers: AGRA**

**Moderator:**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Speakers/Panelists**

TIME: 8:30 – 12:00 EAT

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

### **PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

#### **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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TIME: 09:00 – 10:30 EAT

Senegal Investor Board Room

### **PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

#### **Organizers: Government Senegal Delegation**

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

TIME: 11:00 – 12:30

From flagship to investment: Best practices and experiences from Investment Promotion Agencies

**Organizers: RDB and TIC**

This peer exchange session brings together the CEOs of Investment Promotion Agencies, to share learnings on the strategies used to successfully convert investments and challenges faced particularly in promoting food and agriculture investments.

**Moderator:** Safia Boly, CEO AATI

**Keynote Speaker**

- Hon. Clare Akamanzi, **CEO RDB**
- Teri Gilead, **CEO TIC**

**Speakers/Panelists**

- Paul Kwengwere, **CEO MITC**
- June Chepkemei, **CEO KENINVEST**
- Senegal IPA
- Non-African IPA
- COMESA RIA

TIME: 11:00 – 12:30 EAT

South-South learning: Global food systems innovations

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom**

**Moderator:**

**Speakers/Panelists**

- Erlend Johan Gjønnes, **CEO, ORKEL AS , Norway**
- Gunnar J.Furehaug, **CEO, Palladin, Norway**
- Mark Thompson, **CEO, Trinity Super Nutrition, USA**
- Eugene M. Faison, **CEO, DGRIDENERGY, USA**

TIME: 12:00 – 13:30 EAT

Investor round table

**PRE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Organizers: Agribusiness Dealroom**

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