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



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OVERVIEW



Global food systems are facing unprecedented challenges from climate change, the Russia-Ukraine crisis, population growth, economic downturn, youth unemployment, gender gap, 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



SIDE EVENTS

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



FIELD VISITS

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



PARTNER EVENTS

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



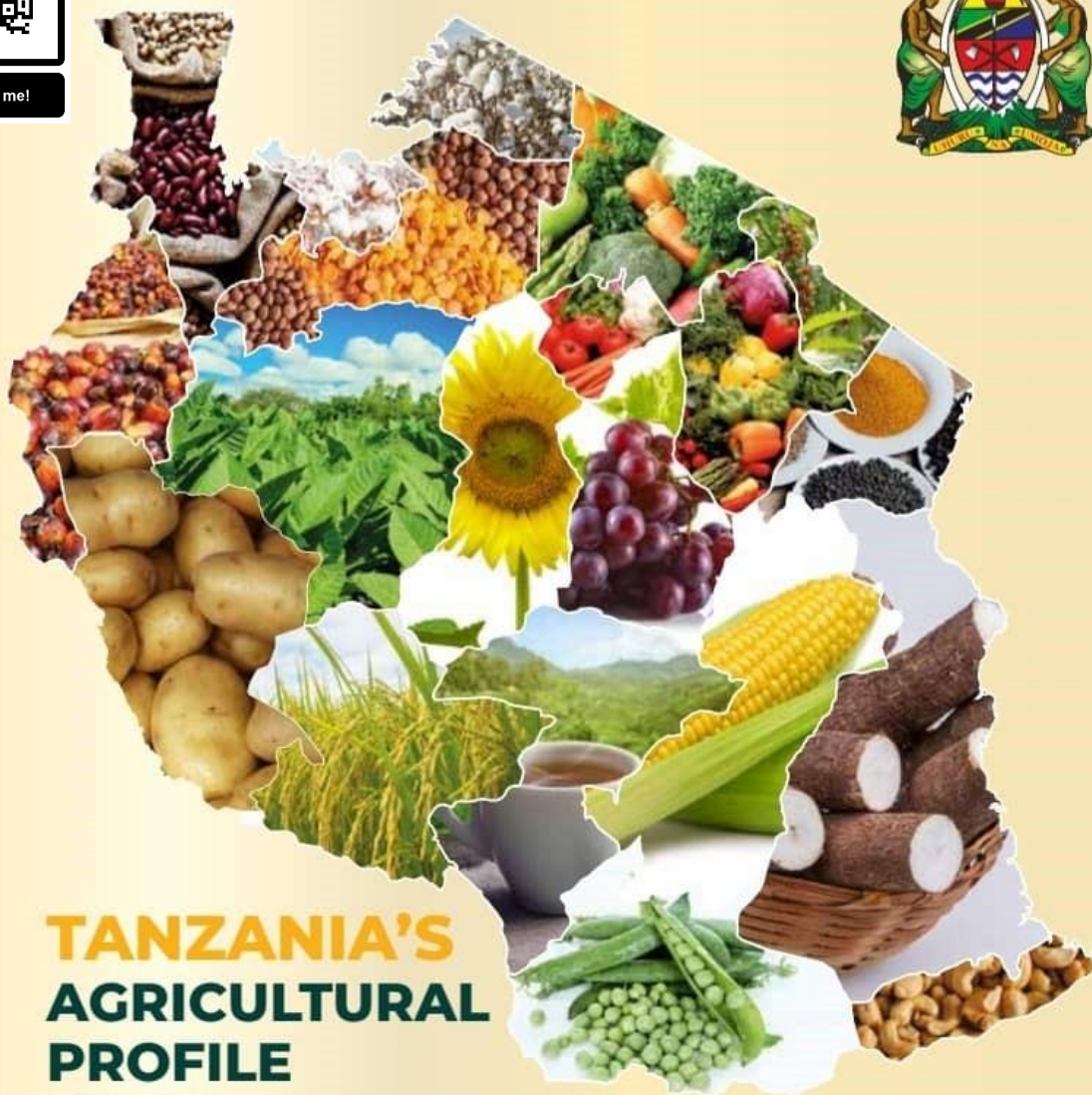
TANZANIA'S AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

The book "Tanzania's Agricultural Profile" offers an insightful exploration of Tanzania's journey towards agricultural transformation from its post-independence era to the present day. Through meticulous research and expert contributions, the book captures the multifaceted dimensions of Tanzania's agricultural sector, elucidating its historical context, policy frameworks, trade opportunities and advancements, that have shaped its trajectory.

Readers will gain insights into how Tanzania's agricultural sector has grown and diversified over time and the immense trade opportunities that are available. Its dissemination at the 2023 Africa Food Systems Forum promises to ignite meaningful discussions, foster knowledge sharing, and inspire collaborations that can catalyze positive change not only in Tanzania but across the world.



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Africa's Food Systems Forum



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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.

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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 BBT legacy investment 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.

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PARTNER EVENTS

Parallel Sessions

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L'ARBRE À PALABRES

Breakthroughs Tree/Speakers Corner

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DEAL ROOM

4-8 September 2023

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

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DAY 1: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH 2023 RECOVER

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 9:00	Deal Room
7:00 – 9:00	<p>Tanzania Showcase Tanzania Agricultural Sector: Direction and Priorities</p> <p>Venue: Mt Meru Hall</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Peniel M. Lyimo, former Permanent Secretary – Prime Minister’s Office, The United Republic of Tanzania <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Shamata Shaame Khamis, Minister of Agriculture Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Suleiman Masoud Makame, Minister of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Prof. Riziki S Shemdoe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania Mr. Seif Shaaban Mwinyi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Dr. Mwigulu L. Nchemba, Minister of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Good Morning AGRF</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>Hosts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jolenta Joseph, Tanzania Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya <p>Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Amath Pathé Sene, Managing Director, Africa Food Systems Forum - AGRF Mr. Michael Doane, Global Provide Food and Water MD, The Nature Conservancy
9:00 – 11:00	<p>PLENARY Official Opening Ceremony: Recover, Regenerate, Act: Africa’s Solutions to Food Systems Transformation</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</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>Moderator</p>

- Ms. Femi Oke, International Journalist, Broadcaster and Moderator

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

- 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
- Prof. Joachim von Braun, Professor at the Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn University & AGRA Board Member
- Mr. Omid Kassiri, Managing Partner of McKinsey East Africa, Co-Leader of Agriculture Practice in Africa, McKinsey & Company, Nairobi

Sequence 2: The Food Systems Stocktaking: Critical parameters for Food Systems transformation

Moderator

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

Framing Presentation

- Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
- Dr. Jean Jacques Muhinda, Regional Manager for East Africa, AGRA

Panel Discussion

- Hon. Sam Kawale, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Malawi
- Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania
- Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF), Director, Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO) & Director, Africa of World Farmers Organization (WFO)
- Dr. Sylvia Ekra, Deputy Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

Interlude (Music & Dance)

Welcome to the 2023 Food Systems Forum

- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA

Introductions

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

Welcome and Introduction of Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania

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

Official Opening Remarks and Ceremony

- Hon. Dr. Philip Isidor Mpango, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania

Launch of the AASR Report

<p>11:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>Deal Room Opening</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</p> <p>The Deal Room 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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sam Kimera, Learning Facilitator & Trainer, African Management Institute (AMI) <p>Opening remarks and Launch of the Deal Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, Minister of State, President's Office - Planning and Investment, United Republic of Tanzania <p>Panel Discussion 1 What will it take to double the numbers of businesses in food systems?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Wanjohi Ndagu, Partner and Investment Director, Pearl Capital Partners Ltd Ms. Katerina Ntep, Deputy Vice President for Sector Operations, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Ms. Adesuwa Ifedi, Senior Vice President of Africa Programs, Heifer International Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Group CEO, AFEX Mr. John Ellenberger, SVP Venture 37, Land O'Lakes, USA Mr. Brent Malahay, Chief Strategy Officer, Equity Group <p>Panel Discussion 2 Finance Agro Processing and Agro Industrialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba, Governor of the Bank of Tanzania Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for Agriculture and Food, World Bank Ms. Nelly Mukazayire, Deputy CEO, Rwanda Development Board Dr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice President Programme Management Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Mr. Mohammed Dewji, President, MeTL Mr. Erik Fyrwald, CEO Syngenta <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Isobel Coleman, Deputy Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
<p>Building Together (Parallel Sessions)</p>	
<p>11:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>Policy: The Power of Data, Information & Research for Sustainable Food System- Parallel Session</p> <p>Venue: Mt Meru Hall</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Zak Gaibi, Senior Partner, Leader of McKinsey Transformation (MT) EEMA, McKinsey & Company, Johannesburg <p>Fireside Chat How important is data for policy today and are we prepared to harness its full potential?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Henry Musa Kpaka, Minister of Agriculture Sierra Leone <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Esther Kimani – 2022 Pitch Agrihack Winner & CEO, FarmerLifeLine Technologies Ms. Sarah Coughlin, Senior Policy Associate, J-PAL Global Mr. John Kamara, Founder & CEO, Adanian Labs Ms. Rose Goslinga, Co-Founder & President, Pula Advisors Mr. Sriram Bharatam, Founder, Kuza Biashara <p>Panel Discussion 2 Challenges and Opportunities related to Data and Digital Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Fred Bwino Kyakulaga, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries, Republic of Uganda Mr. Omondi Kasidhi, Senior Manager, Digital Growth & Commercialization Africa, YARA Dr. Dave Watson, Livelihoods Adviser, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UK Mr. Kunal Prasad, CEO, CropIn Dr. Mduduzi Mbuya, Director Knowledge Leadership, GAIN
<p>11:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>Civil Society Forum (Parallel Session)</p> <p>Venue: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall</p> <p>Immerse yourself in the transformative realm of the Civil Society Forum, a platform dedicated to amplifying the voices and aspirations of civil society organizations working towards transformation in food systems. Through engaging discussions, knowledge sharing, and interactive sessions, we aim to amplify the voices of civil society and promote their meaningful engagement in shaping agricultural policies and programs. This forum serves as a catalyst for collective action, where diverse stakeholders come together to address the challenges faced by smallholder farmers, rural communities, and vulnerable populations, particularly with a focus on gender. Together, we will explore innovative solutions, advance co-working, and drive positive change across the continent. Join us in this transformative journey as we strive to build a resilient and prosperous future for Africa's agricultural sector, leaving no one behind.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amb. David Lane (Ret.), President, Annenberg Foundation Trust & AGRA Board Member <p>Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Jeanine Cooper, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Liberia <p>Panel Discussion 1 What are you most worried about today that forms the basis of your advocacy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) <p>Panel Discussion 2 Advancing Africa's Agricultural systems in the face of Climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Ikechukwu Anthony Kanu, President, Association for the Promotion of African Studies Dr. Aggrey Agumya, Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) 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 (CIITTAA)
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Parliamentary & Policy Makers Forum: Creating an Enabling Environment for Private Sector Investments and Trade</p> <p>Venue: Ruaha Hall</p> <p>This session delves into the critical significance of fostering a conducive climate for enterprises in the food systems sector. What policies, laws and regulations can help attract investments and support the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the agriculture and food sectors? Experts and policymakers will discuss the challenges faced by businesses and the role of governments, parliamentarians, and private sector actors in creating a conducive business environment and the ability to trade. Prepare to be inspired by success stories and best practices from diverse regions across Africa, offering valuable lessons for advancing business potential and food system transformation. Don't miss this opportunity to unlock the pathways to a thriving business ecosystem in the realm of food systems.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Robert Ouma, Regional Director, DAI Policy LINK Dr. Apollos Nwafor, VP Policy & State Capability, AGRA <p>Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Dr. Jakaya Kikwete, Former President, United Republic of Tanzania <p>Fireside Chat The complementary roles of Government and Parliaments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Roundtable Discussion Which laws, policies and regulations are required for food systems transformation?</p> <p>Roundtable 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Rose Kayi Mivedor, Minister of Investment, Togo Hon. Godfred Seidu Jasaw, Member of Parliament, Ghana Hon. Anne Waiguru, Chair of the Council of Governors, Governor Kirinyaga County, Republic of Kenya Mr. Zwelivelile Mandlesizwe Dalibhunga Mandela, Chairperson, Parliament Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Republic of South Africa Dr. Edidah Lubega Ampaire, Senior Program Specialist – Climate Resilient Food Systems, International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Mr. Ibrahima Coulibaly, President, ROPPA (PAFO) <p>Roundtable 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Ms. Neema Lugangira (MP), Member of Parliament, Tanzania

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Francois Kanimba, Commissioner, Economic Community of Central African States, (ECCAS) Hon. Jeremy Lissouba (MP), Assemblée Nationale, Republic of Congo Hon. Desalegn Wedajo, Chairperson, Standing Committee for Planning, Budget and Finance, Ethiopia Ms. Constance Okeke, Program Lead, Public Finance for Agriculture, ActionAid International Mr. Kun Chu, Economic and commercial counselor, Chinese Embassy in Tanzania <p>Special Youth Message</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Millicent Adoboe, Co-Founder & Deputy CEO, Achiever Foods Ltd <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson, Speaker of the National Assembly, Tanzania
11:30 – 13:30	<p>GoGettaz Pitches (finalists)</p> <p>Venue: Youth Dome</p> <p>Get inspired! GoGettaz is part of Generation Africa, helping connect the next generation of African agripreneurs to resources to move successfully from idea to scale. Finalists of the GoGettaz competition will showcase their new ventures – from production to agri-tech to value addition to market linkages to agri-finance. These young business people will pitch their ideas in front of a panel of judges and potential investors. Two entrepreneurs, one woman and one man, will each win USD\$50,000 for the most innovative and scalable agri-food business ventures.</p> <p>Moderator and Host</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Dickson Naftali, Head of Generation Africa, AGRA Ms. Sherrie Silver, IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) <p>Opening remarks by Youth Ambassadors and Champions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-founder Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO, Yara International Ms. Ada Osakwe, Managing Partner, Agrolay Ventures, AGRA Board Member, & Youth Ambassador Generation Africa Dr. Simon Winter, Executive Director Syngenta Foundation Ms. Surita Sandosham, CEO, Heifer international <p>2023 GoGettaz Agripreneur Prize Competition Judges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Marisa Soares, Senior Vice President Innovation & Impact, Yara International Ms. Aggie Asiimwe Konde, VP Programme Innovation & Delivery, AGRA Dr. Kelley Cormier, Food Safety Division Chief, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Ms. Jean Muthamia-Mwenda Global Lead, Youth Employment & Entrepreneurship, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation Ms. Mildred Nadah Pita, Head Public Affairs Science & Sustainability Africa Crop Science, Bayer Mr. Jubilate Lema, Co-Founder & CEO, Farmtime Company Limited Ms. Wambui Chege Director, Agriculture, PANA Ms. William Nyaoke, Regional Director East-Africa, Norfund Mr. Paul Newnham, Director, SDG 2 Advocacy Hub <p>Pitching continues for rest of day.</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Culinary Village & Recipe of change</p> <p>Venue: Experiential Marque</p> <p>Hosted by Paul Newnham, Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bean challenge Culinary Village & Recipe of change

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chefs: TV conversation and tasting
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH TIME
15:00 – 17:00	<p>PLENARY Africa's Fertilizer and Soil Health Vision</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</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>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Michael Sudarkasa, CEO, African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership (AFAP) <p>Introductory Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon. Mizengo Pinda, Former Prime Minister, United Republic of Tanzania <p>Framing Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Tom Kehoe, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and Sustain Africa <p>Panel Discussion 1 Re-Inventing Africa's Fertilizer Industry in a Context of Global Crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon. Ernesto Max Elias Tonela, Minister of Economy & Finance, Mozambique ○ Hon. Chipoka Mulenga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia ○ 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 ○ Mr. Mehdi Filali, VP Farmer Solutions, OCP Africa, Morocco ○ Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO, Yara International ○ Mr. Henk van Duijn, President and CEO, International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) ○ Mr. Patrick Heffer, Deputy Director General, International Fertilizer Association (IFA) <p>Panel Discussion 2 Soil Health in the Food Systems: Feeding a Growing Continent</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>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Nteranya Sanginga, former Regional Director, West and Central Africa, CGIAR, and Director General of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) <p>Introductory Remarks: Building and Safeguarding Soil Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon. Dr. Ildephonse Musafiri, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI), Rwanda ○ Hon. Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki, Secretary General of the East African Community <p>Sequence 1</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Bernard Vanlauwe, Deputy Director, Director R4D, and Director for Natural Resources Management, International Institutes of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) ○ Dr. Tilahun Amede, Head of Resilience, Climate and Soil Fertility, AGRA ○ Dr. Joe Cornelius, CEO, Bill & Melinda Gates Agricultural Innovations ○ Dr. Leigh Ann Winowiecki, CIFOR & Co-Lead, Coalition for Action on Soil Health ○ Mr. Nico Janssen, Programme Manager Agricultural Livelihoods, IKEA Foundation <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Ishmael Sunga, CEO, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)
17:00 – 18:30	<p>CEO Chat– Innovation & Technology</p> <p>Venue: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall</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>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Blandina Kilama, Personal Assistant to the President- Economic Affairs, Tanzania <p>CEO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Erik Fyrwald, CEO, Syngenta ○ Mr. John Ulanga, CEO, Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) <p>Africa SMEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Maryanne Ruguru Gichanga, Director, AgriTech Analytics, Kenya ○ Ms. Lucy Chioma Aniagola, Founder, Agrodemy Enterprises ○ Mr. Dick Lukala, FSC, Ifakara ○ Ms. Esther Kimani, Founder and CEO, Farmer Lifeline Technologies
17:00 – 18:30	<p>CEO Chat – Financing</p> <p>Venue: Mt Meru Hall</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>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Quentin Rukingama, Managing Partner, JBQ Africa <p>CEO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Ruth Zaipuna, CEO, NMB, Tanzania ○ Ms. Oluyemisi Iranloye, CEO, Psaltry International, 2023 WAYA Award winner <p>Africa SMEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Marie Ange Mukagahima, Managing Director, Zima Health Group, Rwanda ○ Ms. Ogola Lois Kange, CEO, Smiley’s Kitchen, Nigeria ○ Mr. Abrhame Endrias, Founder and Managing Director, Lersha Platform ○ Ms. Silahlekelwe Mbofana, Founder, Tarima Vegetables

17:00 – 18:30	<p>Innovation and Research Launch Pad</p> <p>Venue: Ruaha Hall</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>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sean de Cleene, International Systems and Partnerships Expert <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition Mr. Frank Braeken, Non-Executive Director and Chairman and AGRA Board Member Ms. Carolijn Gommans, IDH – Smallholder Innovation Hub 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&D investment and innovation. Dr. Lauren M. Phillips, Deputy Director, Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division (ESP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Ms. Aggie Asiimwe Konde, VP Programme Innovation & Delivery, AGRA Prof. Edward Mabaya, Department of Global Development, Cornell University
18:30 – 22:00	<p>SOCIAL PARTNER EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Networking and drinks

DAY 02



DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023 REGENERATE

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 9:00	Deal Room activities continue in parallel.
7:00 – 9:00	<p>Tanzania Showcase</p> <p>Venue: Mt Meru Hall</p> <p>Unveiling Opportunities and Potentials of Livestock Sector in Tanzania</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Raphael Chibunda, Vice Chancellor of Sokoine University of Agriculture <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Suleiman Masoud Makame, Minister of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Prof. Riziki S Shemdoe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania Mr. Seif Shaaban Mwinyi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Shamata Shaame Khamis, Minister of Agriculture Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Good Morning AGRF</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>Hosts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jolenta Joseph, Tanzania Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya <p>Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, African Development Bank (AfDB)
9:00 – 11:00	<p>PLENARY</p> <p>Transforming African Food Systems for Stronger Nutritional Benefits</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</p> <p>This session delves into the crucial intersection of productive systems, nutrition, human health, resilient and sustainable food production, with a focus on transforming our food systems for the betterment of all individuals- including women - and the planet. Join us as we explore the multifaceted challenges and opportunities in 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.</p> <p>Sequence 1</p>

The Status of Women in Food Systems

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. Anne Beathe Tvinneim, Minister of International Development, Norway
- **H.E. Mariam Mwinyi, First Lady of Zanzibar, Founder and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Zanzibar Maisha Bora Foundation**
- **H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye, First Lady of the Republic of Burundi**

Sequence 1

Women Leaders in Food Systems Roundtable

Panel Discussion

- 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
- Ms. Wilma van Esch, Head of the Food Security and Nutrition Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
- Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, Global Lead for Nutrition and Public Health, World Fish & World Food Prize Laureate
- Mrs. Hiwot Darsene Dimd, Nutrition Coordination Lead Executive Officer, Ministry of Health, Ethiopia

Sequence 2

State of Nutrition and Sustainable Diets

Moderator

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

Fireside Chat on Implication to African Food Systems

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

Keynote Speaker

- Dr. Namukolo Covic, ILRI DG Rep & CGIAR East & Southern Africa Regional Director, EAT-Lancet 2.0 Commissioner

Panel Discussion

- Ms Afshan Khan, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations, Coordinator of Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement
- Dr. Robert Bertram, Chief Scientist, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, USAID
- Dr. Roy Steiner, Senior Vice President, Rockefeller Foundation
- Ms. Liz Ogutu, Policy and Advocacy Officer; Regional Coordinator, Africa, HarvestPlus
- Ms. Christine Campeau, Global Advocacy Director, Food Systems, CARE International

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)

Connecting Together (Parallel Sessions)

9:00 – 18:30

Pitch AgriHack Finale and AYuTe Showcase

Venue: Youth Dome

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.

Moderator

- Ms. Vanessa Adams, VP Strategic Partnerships, and COP Partnership for Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Africa, AGRA
- Ms. Sherrie Silver, IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Curtain Raisers

- Mr. Frank Braeken, Non-Executive Director and Chairman and AGRA Board Member
- Mr. Jordan Dey, President & CEO, GrainPro
- Mr. Jens Hartmann - Head of Europe, Middle East, Africa (EMEA), Crop Science, Bayer
- Ms. Caroline Mutepe, Community Engagement Lead, Central Europe, Middle East, and Africa at Microsoft

2023 Pitch AgriHack Competition Judges

- Ms. Barbra Muzata, IITA CGIAR Excellence in Agronomy Initiative
- 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
- Ms. Jane Lowicki-Zucca, Senior Youth Advisor, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Ms. Sheila Kaaya, Lead - Agriculture, Agribusiness and Agrifood Systems, The Mastercard Foundation
- Mr. Victor Mugo, Head of Local Youth Action at World Food Forum, FAO
- Mr. Patrick Heffer, Deputy Director General, International Fertilizer Association
- Mr. Jehiel Oliver, Founder & CEO, Hello Tractor
- Dr. Charles Iyangbe, Signature Program Director – Africa Programs, Heifer International

Pitching continues for rest of day

11:30 – 13:30

The Cost of a Healthy Diet

Venue: Mt Meru Hall

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.

Moderator

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

Keynote Speaker

- Mr Stanlake Samkange, Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships, World Food Programme (WFP)

Framing Remarks

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

Panel Discussion 1**Access and Affordability**

- Hon. Ummu Ally Mwalimu, Minister, Ministry of Health, Tanzania
- Dr. Obai Khalifa, Deputy Director, Africa, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Director of Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
- Prof. Joachim von Braun, Professor at the Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn University & AGRA Board Member
- Mr. Emmanuel Ampadu, Co-Founder & COO, Pure and Just Co, Ghana

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. Lunna Kyungu, Senior Technical Advisor Organisation; COUNSENUTH
- Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation

11:30 – 13:30**CEO Roundtable: Trade & Investments****Venue:** Ruaha Hall

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.

Moderator

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

Keynote Speaker

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

Roundtable 1

- Hon. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister of Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania
- Hon. Melaku Alebel, Minister of Industry, Ethiopia
- Hon. Rose Kayi Mivedor, Minister of Investment, Togo
- Hon. Fred Bwino Kyakulaga, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries, Republic of Uganda
- Mr. Mansoor Ahmad, MBE, Deputy Group Head – Africa Economic Development & Team Lead – Agribusiness Investment & Food Trade, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)
- Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Group CEO, AFEX
- Mr. Freddie Tucker, Investment Director, British International Investment

Roundtable 2

- Hon. Aly Gouille Ndiaye, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Equipment, Senegal
- Mr. Ramesh Mochikal, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Improved Foods
- Mr. Christopher Zaw, CEO, WARC, Ghana
- Dr. Simon Winter, Executive Director, Syngenta Foundation
- Dr. Boladale Adebawale, Executive Secretary, Ecowas Rice Observatory

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Yohannes Assefa, Director of Market Systems, Economic Growth & Governance, DT Global
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Africa Women Leaders Forum and Awards</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Femi Oke, International Journalist, Broadcaster and Moderator <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Hixonia Nyasulu, Founder, Ayavuna Women's Investments & AGRA Board Member 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. Hellen Onyango Oyare, Helena Agspace, Kenya <p>Congratulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Patrick Golwike, Director of Community Development, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC), Tanzania Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA <p>WAYA Awards Ceremony</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Judges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Binta Touré Ndoye, AGRA Board Member Ms. Betty Kiplagat – Government Affairs Leader, Africa & the Middle East, Corteva Ms. Judy Matu – National Executive Chairlady, AWAK Ms. Marieme Esther Dassanou – Director of Gender Programs, MasterCard Foundation <p>Vote of Thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Oluyemisi Iranloye, CEO, Psaltry International, 2023 WAYA Award winner <p>Concluding Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Sabdiyo Dido Bashuna, Head of Gender and Inclusiveness, AGRA
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Food Safety, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Systems, and Post-Harvest Management</p>

	<p>Venue: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall</p> <p>This session delves into food safety, sanitary and Phytosanitary Systems, as well as post-harvest management discussions. Food safety and post-harvest practices are critical to Africa's food security. Africa faces SPS challenges to its agricultural and food systems. Poor handling and inadequate storage lead to large quantities of food lost and wasted. Through an engaging discussion, bringing together key stakeholders, to discuss the challenges and opportunities in ensuring that food is safe and minimizing post-harvest losses. By sharing knowledge, experiences and lessons, the session catalyzes action and driving the adoption of effective food safety measures and post-harvest management practices that contribute to building resilient and sustainable food systems in Africa.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sean de Cleene, International Systems and Partnerships Expert <p>Fireside Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Jenny Moffitt, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) <p>Panel Discussion 1 Food Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Peace Mutuwa, Knowledge Manager, PACA Mr. Watipaso Mkandawire, Regional Food Markets Adviser, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UK Mr. Johnson Kiragu, East Africa Regional Director, Partners in Food Solutions Ms. Candida Shirima, Ag, Director of Compliance and Enforcement, Tanzanian Bureau of Standards Dr. Amare Ayalew, Program Manager, PACA Ms. Lucy Komen, CEO, Warehouse Receipt System Council (WRSC) <p>Panel Discussion 2 Innovative Technologies to reduce Post-harvest Loss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Geeta Sethi, Advisor, Global Agriculture Practice, World Bank Dr. Marco Wopereis, Director General, World Vegetable Centre Ms. Emmastella Gakuo, COO, Savannah Circuit, Kenya Mr. Jordan Dey, President & CEO, GrainPro Dr. Bridgitta Steyn, Research Platform Manager for Microbials at Natural Plant Protection (NPP), UPL Eng. Godfrey Mwimama, Ag, Director of Research and Development, CRMARTEC
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Culinary Village & Recipe of change</p> <p>Venue: Experiential Marque</p> <p>Hosted by Paul Newnham, Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bean challenge Culinary Villages & Recipe of change Chefs: TV conversation and tasting
13:30 – 14:30 LUNCH TIME	
15:00 – 17:00	<p>PLENARY: Trade & Markets</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</p> <p>The session aims to share experiences on successful trade and markets policies and interventions contributing towards achieving sustainable and resilient food systems. Critical to increased trade in Africa 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 Area Agreement will require the combined efforts of governments, the private sector, and other critical stakeholders such as the Regional Economic</p>

Communities, research institutions among others. Through interactive discussions, the session delves into 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 traders, women and youth. By critically analysing the trade and market dynamics, this session contributes to identifying strategies and policy recommendations for transforming the current food systems into one that is sustainable, inclusive and resilient.

Moderator

- Ms. Femi Oke, International Journalist, Broadcaster and Moderator

Keynote Speaker

- H.E. Lionel Zinsou, Former Prime Minister, Republic of Benin; Founder and Managing Partner, Southbridge

Framing remarks:

- Hon. Simplex Chithyola Banda, Minister of Trade and Industry, Malawi
- Ms. Melinda Bohannon, DG Humanitarian & Development, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UK
- Ms. Beth Dunford, Vice President, Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM) Launch Speaker

- Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, Akademiya 2063

Video presentation, Launch of the AATM report and official photo

Panel Discussion

Trade Infrastructure & Trade Finance and Investment

- Hon. Dr. Khalid Salum Mohamed, Minister of Infrastructure, Communication and Transport Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania
- Mr. Muluaem Syoum, CEO, AeTrade Group (AeTrade Group)
- Ms. Monica Hangi, Regional Senior Director, TradeMark Africa
- Mr. Mahesh Patel, Chairman, ETG Group
- Mr. Tom Kehoe, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and Sustain Africa
- Ms. Dorice Mgeta, Lawyer, Economist, Diplomat, Executive Board Member of the Tanzania Trade Development (TanTrade)
- Ms. Nelly Mukazayire, Deputy CEO, Rwanda Development Board
- Sir Danny Alexander, Vice President, Policy and Strategy, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Closing Remarks

- Dr. Gérardine Mukeshimana, Vice President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

17:00 – 18:30

CEO Chat – Social Impact (Parallel Sessions)

Venue: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall

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.

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

	<p>Conversation between 4 Africa Youth led SMEs and leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Emmastella Gakuo, COO, Savannah Circuit, Kenya Ms. Charlotte Binya, Founder, Women in Africa, Cameroon Ms. Hadija Jabiri, Managing Director and Founder, GBRI Ltd Ms. Nancy Iraba, CEO, Healthy Seaweed
17:00 – 18:30	<p>CEO Chat – Leadership - (Parallel Sessions)</p> <p>Venue: Ruaha Hall</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Omid Kassiri, Managing Partner of McKinsey East Africa, Co-Leader of Agriculture Practice in Africa, McKinsey & Company, Nairobi <p>CEO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jehiel Oliver, Founder, Hello Tractor Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Group CEO, AFEX <p>Conversation between 4 Africa led SMEs and leaders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Eloge Niyomwungere, Best Food Solutions, Burundi Mr. John Charles Nuwagaba, CEO, NatureNow, Uganda Ms. Marcelline Koutatouka, CEO, mkTOTO, Congo Ms. Judith Endelesi Karia, Founder and Managing Director, Ava Group Investment, Tanzania
17:00 – 18:30	<p>Program & Innovation: Regenerative Agriculture and Resilient Food Systems</p> <p>Venue: Mt Meru Hall</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Anthony Mhagama, Senior Programme Manager, SUSTAIN, IUCN <p>Fireside Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Hon. Cecily Mbarire M.G.H, Governor of Embu County, Kenya <p>Panel Discussion 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala is the regional president of Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF) and board member of Pan Africa Farmers Organisation (PAFO) Ms. Natasha Santos, Vice President, Head of Global Stakeholders Affairs & Strategic Partnerships, Bayer Ms. Damilola Aminat Adeyemi, Co-Founder, D-Olivette Enterprise, Nigeria Ms. Edith Wheatland, CEO, Rockland Farms, Ghana Dr. Bridgitta Steyn, Research Platform Manager for Microbials at Natural Plant Protection (NPP), UPL Mr. Simon O'Connell, CEO, SNV Mr. Don White, CEO, Agventure Ltd.

	<p>Panel Discussion 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Ada Osakwe, Managing Partner, Agrolay Ventures, AGRA Board Member, & Youth Ambassador Generation Africa ○ Ms. Betty Kibaara, 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 ○ Ms. Nancy Rapando, Africa's Food Future Initiative Lead, WWF ○ Dr. Sieglinde Snapp, Global Program Director – Sustainable Agri-food Systems, CIMMYT ○ Mr. Apollo Owuor, Coordinator, COMESA – East Africa Horticultural Accelerator
18:30 – 22:00	<p>SOCIAL PARTNER EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Networking and drinks

DAY 03



DAY 3: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023

ACT-FOOD SYSTEMS PATHWAYS

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 9:00	AGRF Partners Breakfast (By invitation only)
7:00 – 9:00	<p>Tanzania Showcase (By Invitation only)</p> <p>Venue: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall</p> <p>Legacy Program Donor Investment Roundtable</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>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Geoffrey Kirenga, CEO, Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania Ltd. (SAGCOT) <p>Introductory remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania <p>Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar <p>In attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Shamata Shaame Khamis, Minister of Agriculture Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Suleiman Masoud Makame, Minister of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Dr. Saada S. Mkuya, President's Office, Finance and Planning Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Mudrick Ramadani Soraga, Minister, Ministry of Labour, Economy and Investment Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister of Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania Ms. Beth Dunford, Vice President, Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank (AfDB) Mr. Boleslaw Stawicki, Country Director, Tanzania, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Tanzania Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for Agriculture and Food, World Bank <p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, Minister of State, President's Office - Planning and Investment, United Republic of Tanzania
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Good Morning AGRF</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>Hosts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jolenta Joseph, Tanzania Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya <p>Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Assistant Director General, Regional Representative for Africa, FAO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Apollos Nwafor, VP Policy & State Capability, AGRA ○ Prof. Eric Danquah, Director, West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement, Africa Food Prize 2022 Winner
8:30 – 10:30	<p>Policy Symposium: Transforming African Food Systems to Cope with Climate Change</p> <p>Venue: Youth Dome</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) <p>Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Simeon Ehui, Director-General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and Regional Director for Continental Africa, CGIAR <p>Fireside Chat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Enock Chikava, Director of Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) ○ Dr. Daniel Elger, CEO, CABI <p>Panel Discussion 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Bram Govaerts, Director General, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) ○ Dr. George Bigirwa, Deputy Vice President Program Innovations & Delivery, AGRA ○ Dr. Edward Mabaya, Research Professor and Director of Humphrey Fellowship Program, Department of Global Development, Cornell University ○ Hon. Dr. Fikru Regassa, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Ethiopia ○ Ms. Vivian Onano, Founder/Director at Leading Light Initiative ○ Mr. Stefan Schmitz, Executive Director, Global Crop Diversity Trust ○ Ms. Elizabeth Swai, CEO, AKM Glitters Company Limited, Tanzania ○ Mr. Peter Veal, Head of Sub-Saharan Africa, Syngenta <p>Panel Discussion 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon. Ahmed Madobe Nunow, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Federal Republic of Somalia ○ 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 ○ Dr. Evan Girvetz- Principal Scientist and Global Program Leader, Finance and Investments for Climate Action CIAT ○ Ms. Josephine Okot, CEO, Victoria Seeds ○ Dr. Baboucarr Manneh, Director General, Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice) <p>Closing Remarks Hon. Aly Gouille Ndiaye, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Equipment, Republic of Senegal</p>
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Special event: Youth Town Hall</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</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. Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the <u>United Republic of Tanzania</u> is committed to engaging with the youth and listening to their inputs. She believes that young people are the key to the country's future, and she is eager to hear their ideas.</p> <p>Taking that forward, the Youth Townhall will therefore offer 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. At the Youth Town Hall, AGRF partnership will recognize excellence among youth and women entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Georgie Ndirangu, Head of Pan-African Program Communications, Mastercard Foundation <p>Video (3 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Sabrina Elba, UN - IFAD Goodwill Ambassadors (BY VIDEO) <p>Keynote Speaker Honoured Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania <p>Invited Global Ag Youth to Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Hadija Jabiri, Managing Director and Founder, GBRI Ltd Ms. Nancy Iraba, Co-Founder and CTO, Healthy Seaweed Company Ltd Ms. Jhanira Rodriguez Torrez, United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Bolivia <p>Celebrating Youth - Awarding Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO, Yara International
<p>9:00 – 10:30</p>	<p>Policy Symposium: Financial Solutions and Blended Finance</p> <p>Venue: Mt Meru Hall</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Frank Braeken, Non-Executive Director and Chairman and AGRA Board Member <p>Fireside Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Lidia de Fátima da Graça Cardoso, Minister of the Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries, Mozambique Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for Agriculture and Food, World Bank <p>Panel Discussion 1 Innovative & Blended Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Binta Touré Ndoye, AGRA Board Member Mr. Temi Adegoroye, Managing Partner, Sahel Consulting Dr. Peter Umunay, Senior Environmental Specialist, Global Environment Facility (GEF)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gunther Beger, Managing Director for the Directorate for SDG Innovation and Economic Transformation, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Mr. Theobald Sabi, Managing Director, National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Mr. Brent Malahay, Chief Strategy Officer, Equity Group Mr. Samuel Akyianu, Managing Director, Mastercard Foundation Africa Growth Fund <p>Panel Discussion 2</p> <p>Securing Investments in Food Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ruth Zaipuna, CEO, NMB Bank Tanzania Ms. Hedwig Siewertsen, Head of Inclusive Finance, AGRA Ms. Victoria Sabula, CEO, Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) Dr. Birama Sidibé, Member of ABC Fund Investment Committee Ms. Hope Murera, CEO, Zep-Re Insurance Ms. Carlyne Gathinji, Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company Mr. Samuel Kamau Nganga, Upstream and Advisory Manager; Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Policy Symposium: Local Procurement to Catalyze Food Systems Transformation</p> <p>Venue: Stone Town Terrace</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Chris Mitchell, Economic Development Expert, BCG <p>Fireside Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Peiman Milani, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation Ms. Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, World Food Program H.E. Gustavo Nogueira, Ambassador of Brazil to Tanzania <p>Panel Discussion 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Fred Bwino Kyakulaga, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries, Republic of Uganda Ms. Nancy Rapando, Africa Food Futures Lead, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Dr. Arun Balal, CEO, HarvestPlus Dr. Simon Heck, Senior Director for Urban Food Systems and Agrobiodiversity, & Director General CIP, CGIAR Dr. Germana Leyna, Managing Director, Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC) <p>Panel Discussion 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Dr. Sabin Nsanzimana, Minister of Health, Rwanda Dr. Namukolo Covic, ILRI DG Rep & CGIAR East & Southern Africa Regional Director Ms. Jennifer Baarn, Head of Partnerships, AGRA Mr. Florent Clair, Head of Partnerships for Sustainability (P4S) – Africa & Middle East, UPL Mr. Makoto Goda, President & CEO, Nippon Biodiesel Fuels & Special Envoy, Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) & Representative of the Working Group on Agriculture, Japanese Africa Business Council <p>Concluding Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki, Secretary General, East African Community

<p>09:30 – 12:00</p>	<p>Ministerial Roundtable: Country Actions to Progress Pathways to Food Systems Transformation (By Invitation Only)</p> <p>Venue: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall</p> <p>Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, the African Union Special Envoy for Food Systems & Former Prime Minister of Niger <p>Co-hosts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sir David Nabarro, Strategic Director, 4SD Foundation ○ Dr. Fadel Ndiame, CEO, Food Systems Transformation Solutions <p>Ministerial roundtable</p> <p>Ministers, Development partners, Heads of International Organizations, and corporate leaders (by invitation only)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ministerial Roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <p>Guest Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Mariam Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, UAE ○ Hon. Jenny Moffitt, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) ○ Ms. Melinda Bohannon, DG Humanitarian & Development, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UK ○ Ms. Cristina Duarte, UN USG, Special Advisor on Africa <p>Concluding Remarks and take away</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
<p>10.30 – 12.00</p>	<p>Policy Symposium: Infrastructure for Food Systems Transformation</p> <p>Venue: Stone Town Terrace</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Jonathan Said, Partner, Growth Teams

	<p>Fire Side Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Katerina Ntep, Deputy Vice President for Sector Operations, Millennium Challenge Corporation Ms. Treasure Maphanga, Chief Operating Officer, AeTrade Group Dr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, African Development Bank (AfDB) <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Anxious Masuka, Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement, Zimbabwe Mr. Daouda Sembene, CEO, AfriCatalyst (former Executive Director, IMF) Mr. Forster Boateng, Deputy CEO, Operations, Tree Crop Authority, Ghana Mr. Kebba Colley, Global Director – Value Chain Transformation, IDH Mr. Alfred Chengula, Cofounder, Imara Tech Mr. Isdor Paul Nkindi, Principal Legal Officer, BRELA Mr. Jahan Chowdhury, Cluster Lead for Environment and Climate, IFAD Mr. Hiro Iwanaga, Co-founder and CEO, Talus Renewables
10.30 – 12.00	<p>Policy Symposium: Governing for Food Systems Transformation and Better Food Security</p> <p>Venue: Mt Meru Hall</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg, Board Director, The Global Food Banking Network and Executive-In-Residence, Schmidt Futures <p>Fireside Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Assistant Director General, Regional Representative for Africa, FAO Mr. Mamadou Biteye, Executive Secretary, The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) <p>Panel Discussion 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Elizabeth Swai, CEO, AKM Glitters Company Limited, Tanzania & CALA Alumni Hon. Lamba Mamadu Saliu, Minister of Agriculture Guinea Bissau Prof. Joyce Kinabo, Professor of Human Nutrition in the Department of Food Technology, Nutrition, and Consumer Sciences at the Sokoine University of Agriculture Dr. Joshua Ariga, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) Mr. Jacob Nyirongo, CALA Alumni Prof. David Nyange, Chief of Party, USAID SERA BORA Project Dr. Elida Kazira, Director of Crop Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Malawi <p>Panel Discussion 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Amadou Makhtar Ba, Founder and Executive Chairman of All Africa Global Media Inc Dr. Apollos Nwafor, Vice President Policy and State Capacity, AGRA Dr. Debisi Araba, Visiting Lecturer, Imperial College London Ms. Safia Boly, Executive Director, African Agricultural Transformation Initiative (AATI) & the Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania Ms. Sara Mbago-Bhunu, Director East and Southern Africa Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) <p>Concluding Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria

10.30 – 12.00	<p>Farmers Forum</p> <p>Venue: Youth Dome</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Norbert Tuyishime, Program Officer, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF) <p>Keynote Remarks: The Role of Cooperatives in advancing Prosperity and Food Security in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Mizengo Pinda, Former Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania <p>Panel Discussion 1</p> <p>Climate Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Kolyang Palabele, PAFO & PROPAC Mr. Ishmael Sunga, CEO, SACAUI Ms. Ruramiso Mashumba, Regional Lead: Africa, Global Farmer Network (GFN), Zimbabwe Mr. Clarens Renois, General Coordinator, UNIR, Haiti <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maness Ngoma, President, Farmers Union of Malawi <p>Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF), Director, Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO)& Director, Africa of World Farmers Organization (WFO) <p>Panel Discussion 2</p> <p>Farmers Showcase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. King-David Amoah, FONG President, Network of West African Farmers and Agricultural Producers' Organizations (ROPFA) Ghana Mr. Ibrahima Coulibaly, President, ROPFA (PAFO) Mr. Philip Kiri, East Africa Farmers Federation Board Member Dr. Sinare Yusufu Sinare, President, SACAUI Mr. Drem Taing Toutkoul, CEO, PROPAC Ms. Rym Ferchichi, General Secretary, UMNAGRI Mr Justin Shirima, Managing Director Tanzania, Tanganyika Farmers Association <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Babafemi Oyewole Olulopo, CEO, Pan-African Farmers Organization
10.30 – 12.00	<p>Council of the Wise - Intergenerational Conversation with the Wise Leaders</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, United Nations Assistant Secretary General (UN-ASG) and Director General (GDG), African Risk Capacity Group <p>Opening Remarks</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister, Ethiopia & Chair, AGRF Partner's Group <p>Panel Discussion 1 Food and Nutrition Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister, Ethiopia & Chair, AGRF Partner's Group ○ H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, Former President, Republic of Kenya ○ H.E. Lionel Zinsou, Former Prime Minister, Republic of Benin; Founder and Managing Partner, Southbridge <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Board Chair, CGIAR <p>Panel Discussion 2 Feeding people under a changing climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Dr. Jakaya Kikwete, Former President, United Republic of Tanzania ○ H.E. Jonathan Goodluck, Former President, Nigeria ○ H.E. Mohamed Beavogui, Former Prime Minister of Guinea and Special Envoy for the 13th Replenishment of IFAD ○ H.E. Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, the African Union Special Envoy for Food Systems & Former Prime Minister of Niger
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Culinary Villages & Recipe of changes</p> <p>Venue: Experiential Marque</p> <p>Hosted by Paul Newnham, Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bean challenge ○ Culinary Villages & Recipe of changes. ○ Chefs: TV conversation and tasting ○ Networking and drinks
12:00 – 14:30	LUNCH TIME
14:30 – 18:00	<p>PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</p> <p>Africa's Solutions to Food Security and Sustainable Food Systems Transformation.</p> <p>The Presidential Summit at AGRF 2023 engages high-level dialogues and commitments to advance Africa's food systems transformation, focusing on the theme "Recover, Regenerate, Act." This high-level summit serves as a catalyst for forging the Africa position on food systems, deepen partnerships between nations, and create actionable plans and legacy programs and deals to mobilize investments, including with private sector to ensure a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive equitable food system across the continent. This session offers an opportunity to share experiences, challenges, and solutions, fostering a shared understanding and commitment to transforming Africa's food systems.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Larry Madowo, CNN International Correspondent <p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania <p>AGRF Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA ○ H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia & Chair, AGRF Partner's Group <p>Video Message: The Africa We Want.</p> <p>Presidential Keynote Remarks: Transforming Food Systems for Food Security and Prosperity</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania <p>THE GREAT DEBATE: CAN AFRICA FEED ITSELF? Leaders' perspectives on Africa's Vision for Food System Transformation</p> <p>Round 1 Quantum Leap for Food Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Rodger Voorhies, President - Global Growth and Opportunity Division, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) & AGRA Board Member ○ Mr. Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO, Yara International <p>Round 2 Financing Food Systems Transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Mariam Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, UAE ○ Hon. Anne Beathe Tvinneim, Minister of International Development, Norway ○ Ms. Melinda Bohannon, DG Humanitarian & Development, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UK ○ Dr. Gérardine Mukeshimana, Vice President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) <p>PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT: Heads of State Roundtable</p> <p>Special remarks: Feeding people and safeguard the planet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General, UN (by video) <p>Heads of State Roundtable discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania ○ H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya ○ H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal ○ H.E. General Évariste Ndayishimiye, Republic of Burundi <p>Vote of Thanks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar
19:30 – 22:00	<p>AGRF GALA dinner and Africa Food Prize Award Ceremony (by invitation only) at the State House.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>



DAY 04



DAY 4 : FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023

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

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 9:00	<p>Tanzania Showcase Taking Blue Economy into the Next level: Experience from Zanzibar</p> <p>Venue: Mt Meru Hall</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Lawrence Mafuru, Executive Secretary of the National Planning Commission, Tanzania <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Suleiman Masoud Makame, Minister of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Shamata Shaame Khamis, Minister of Agriculture Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania Prof. Riziki S Shemdoe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania Mr. Seif Shaaban Mwinyi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Good Morning AGRF</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>Hosts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jolenta Joseph, Tanzania Mr. John Agboola, Nigeria Ms. Wangari Kuria, Kenya <p>Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jason Brantley, Vice President, Production Systems, Small Ag & Turf, John Deere Mrs. Ndèye Diop Niang, Partnerships Manager, Syngenta Foundation Dr. Rebbie Harawa, Regional Director-East & Southern Africa, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
9:00 – 11:30	<p>PLENARY Journey towards COP28: Adapting Africa's Food System to Climate Change</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</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</p>

	<p>Systems into National Adaptation and mitigation plans, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and other national strategies. On the second roundtable, we will focus on solutions to improve the resilience of food systems, including sustainable agriculture practices, innovative technologies, and improved supply chains. Lastly, on the third roundtable, we will explore the financing needed to support these solutions, including public and private sector investment, and access to climate finance. This session builds on the Climate Action Summit and provides key recommendations as well as Africa's position on food systems and climate nexus for COP 28.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jeff Koinange, Anchor/Talk Show Host <p>Framing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA and Special Envoy for the 2021 Food Systems Summit <p>Keynote Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mariam Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, UAE <p>Roundtable 1</p> <p>Food Systems into National Plans and Implementation Mechanisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Selemeni Saidi Jafo, Minister of State, Office of the Vice President Union and Environment, United Republic of Tanzania Dr. Johan Swinnen, Director General, Managing Director of Systems Transformation, CGIAR and Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Ms. Cristina Duarte, UN USG, Special Advisor on Africa Dr. Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Daouda Sembene, CEO, AfriCatalyst (former Executive Director, IMF) <p>Roundtable 2</p> <p>Future Proofing and Financing Food Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Abdulmajid Musa Nsekela, CEO, Cooperative and Rural Development Bank (CRDB), Green Finance, Tanzania Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for Agriculture and Food, World Bank Ms. Ann Vaughan, Senior Advisor for Climate Change, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, USAID Mr. Tabi Joda, Lead, One Billion Trees for Africa Great Green Wall <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Nadine Gbessa, Director, Food Systems Coordination, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
<p>9:00 – 11:30</p>	<p>Sustainable Livestock and Pastoralism Transformation</p> <p>Venue: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Zuhura Yunus, Director of Presidential Communications, Tanzania State House <p>Fireside Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania Dr. Shirley Tarawali, Chair, Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock & DDG, ILRI <p>Roundtable 1 Sustainable Livestock Transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Babafemi Oyewole, Chief Executive Officer, Pan African Farmers' Organization

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon. Fred Bwino Kyakulaga, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries, Republic of Uganda ○ Mr. Jean Baptiste HATEGEKIMANA, President of Continental Executive Committee, African Youth in Livestock, Fisheries and Aquaculture Incubation Network (AYL-FAIN) ○ Dr. Nyabenyi Tipo, Representative to Tanzania, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) <p>Roundtable 2 Supply and Demand of Animal Sourced Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Anthony Whitbread, Director of the Sustainable Livestock System program, ILRI ○ Mrs. Margaret Munene, CEO, Palmhouse Dairy, Kenya ○ Dr. Juliana Kantengwa, Founder, Wood Valley Organics ○ Ms. Emmastella Gakuo, COO, Savannah Circuit, Kenya ○ Mr. Jay Waldvogel, Senior Vice President Strategy and International Development, Dairy Farmers of America, and Chair, Dairy Nourishes Africa for Global Dairy Platform ○ Ms. Prudence Masako, Country Director, CARE Tanzania
9:00 – 11:30	<p>Food Systems in a time of Crisis: Youth Refugees, Migrants and displaced people as part of the solutions</p> <p>Venue: Mt Meru Hall</p> <p>This session seeks to share impactful stories on how the inclusion of young the refugees, migrants and displaced in Agri-Food Systems have helped to address urgent food demand and long-term recovery process and development in a humanitarian and post conflicts and climate crisis context. It is a conversation with youth refugees, migrants and humanitarian leaders/scientists/cash payments/preparedness mechanisms on practical solutions including school gardens, cash payments among others to address the root causes of conflict such us inequality, marginalization, and exclusion of youth in countries/regions in fragile contexts.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Vanessa Adams, Vice President Strategic Partnership and CoP for Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Africa, AGRA <p>Panel Discussion 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Stanlake Samkange, Senior Director for Strategic Partnerships, World Food Programme (WFP) ○ Ms. Ada Osakwe, Managing Partner, Agrolay Ventures, AGRA Board Member, & Youth Ambassador Generation Africa ○ Ms. Alice Nzamukosha, Vice President of Zone 2, CODIGA Cooperative ○ Mr. Bernard Hien, Regional Director, West and Central Africa Division, IFAD ○ Mr. Ahmed Madobe Nunow, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Federal Republic of Somalia ○ Ms. Lian Biar Kuoirot Deng, NextGen Ag Impact Network, South Sudan (VIDEO) <p>Panel Discussion 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Kayitare Shema, Vice President of the Cooperative, CODIGA Cooperative ○ Mr. Mahadi Hasan TUSHAR, NGIN Ambassador and Regional External Relations Coordinator, IAAS Asia Pacific ○ Mr Anthony Mhagama, Programme Manager, IUCN <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Zlatan Milisic, UN Resident Coordinator, Tanzania
9:00 – 11:30	<p>Green Financing Framework for Food Systems Transformation</p> <p>Venue: Ruaha Hall</p> <p>In the wake of the Paris agreement, green financing mechanisms were heralded as a crucial pathway to support climate change mitigation and safeguard global food systems. However, despite the growing awareness of the urgent need for sustainable funding, the world has fallen short in meeting</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Geeta Sethi, Advisor, Global Agriculture Practice, World Bank <p>Panel 1 Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, United Nations Assistant Secretary General (UN-ASG) and Director General (GDG), African Risk Capacity Group ○ Hon. El Sayed el Quseir, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt ○ Hon. Mudrick Ramadani Soraga, Minister, Ministry of Labour, Economy and Investment Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania ○ H.E. Mohamed Beavogui, Former Prime Minister of Guinea and Special Envoy for the 13th Replenishment of IFAD ○ Mr. Bhupen Dubey, CEO, Advanta Seeds ○ Mr. Maurits Waardenburg, Co-Leader of McKinsey partnership with the Hydrogen Council, McKinsey & Company ○ Ms. Hope Murera, CEO, COMESA Insurance <p>Panel 2 Discussion</p> <p>Green Banking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Kenneth Davis Kasigila, Head of Policy Advisory and Climate Finance, CRDB Bank ○ Dr. Peter Umunay, Senior Environmental Specialist, Global Environment Facility (GEF) ○ Mr. Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General, Alliance of Biodiversity International and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) ○ Dr. Conrad Rein, Director of Policy Outreach, Innovation Commission, Development Innovation Lab (DIL) ○ Hon. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba, Governor of the Bank of Tanzania ○ Mr. Boleslaw Stawicki, Country Director, Tanzania, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Tanzania
<p>9:00 – 11:30</p>	<p>Youth Innovation Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Venue: Youth Dome</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Sherrie Silver, IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) <p>Fire starters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. John Kamara, Founder and CEO, Adanian Labs & Founder and CEO, AICE at Adanian Labs/AI Centre of Excellence (AICE), Sierra Leone ○ Ms. Aggie Asimwe Konde, VP Programme Innovation & Delivery, AGRA <p>Youth Guests</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Samson Alemu, Co-Founder, Thur Biotech, AYUTE winner, Ethiopia Ms. Esther Kimani, 2022 Pitch Agrihack Winner & CEO, FarmerLifeLine Technologies Ms. Anaporka Adazabra, CEO, Farmio, Ghana <p>AWARDS ceremonies</p> <p>Congratulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Surita Sandosham, CEO, Heifer international Ms. Delphine Traoré, Regional CEO, Allianz Africa & AGRA Board Member Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland, Secretary General, Commonwealth (by VIDEO)
11:30 – 13:30	<p>CLOSING PLENARY</p> <p>Venue: Selous Hall</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jeff Koinange, Anchor/Talk Show Host <p>Commitments and Showcase</p> <p>The High-Level Closing Ceremony is the culmination of the four-day AGRF 2023 Program.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Raising the Bar on 2023: Committing to More Inclusive and Resilient Food Systems in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Ms. Marilia Bezerra, Chief Programmes Officer, IKEA Foundation Mr. Jason Brantley, Vice President, Production Systems, Small Ag & Turf, John Deere Ms. Samirah Ade-Adebiyi, Managing Director, AFEX Investment Limited Dr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice President Programme Management Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) H.E. Amb. Ertharin Cousin, Founder and CEO, Food Systems for the Future Dr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, AfDB Rt. Hon. Andrew Mitchell, Minister of State for Development and Africa, United Kingdom (ADDRESS VIA VIDEO) <p>Deal Room Report Back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Vanessa Adams, VP Strategic Partnerships, and COP Partnership for Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Africa, AGRA <p>Synthesis of AGRF 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Amath Pathé Sene, Managing Director, Africa Food Systems Forum – AGRF Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA <p>Call to Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Abdallah Ulega, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania <p>AGRF 2023 Declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Amath Pathé Sene, Managing Director, Africa Food Systems Forum - AGRF <p>Closing video: A Week In Review</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister, Ethiopia & Chair, AGRF Partner's Group Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania
Departure 15:00 Ferry (by own arrangement)	ZANZIBAR Tour (optional) 19:00 - Late night: Entertainment and FOOD FESTIVAL at Forodhani Gardens Local Cuisine Dinner & Entertainment

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



DAY 00 : SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023

FIELD VISITS

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

PROPOSED AREAS TO BE VISITED DURING AGRF PRESUMMIT

S/N	AREA		SPECIFIC SITE	MAIN ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
1.	Tanzania Main Land	Kibaha-Coast Region	TANCHOICE	Meat production and processing	The largest meat processing plant in the country with modern slaughtering facilities and a strong commitment to quality and sustainability, TanChoice has established itself as a leader in the poultry industry in Tanzania. TanChoice's comprehensive approach spans poultry breeding and rearing to processing and distribution, ensuring that only the finest poultry products reach the market.
2.		Bagamoyo Coastal Region	TANLAPIA	Fish farming technology	Tanlapia's Innovative Fish Farming: known for its innovative “in-pond raceway system” and quality fish, followed by a visit to IRVINE’S, one of the renowned commercial poultry producers operating breeder farms and hatcheries, which will present its successful poultry business models to visitors.
		Chalinze	Mbogo Ranches	Beef cattle production	Mbogo Ranches, located on Ubena Estate in Chalinze, Tanzania, is at the forefront of advancing beef cattle production. Dedicated to improving genetics, enhancing meat yield, and maintaining international quality standards, the ranch orchestrates an intricate interplay of innovative practices and traditional principles.
6.		Bagamoyo – Coastal Region	Bagamoyo Sugar Limited	Sugar manufacturing Industry	A large-scale factory which specializes in sugar production, utilizing modern technology and sustainable practices to ensure high-quality output. As a key player in the sugar industry, Bagamoyo Sugar Limited is essential in addressing Tanzania's demand for sugar, currently producing over 40% of the total annual demand in the country and ensuring a stable supply of this crucial commodity.

					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.	Strongly focuses on improving crop yields, enhancing food security, and promoting sustainable farming practices, which are vital in supporting agricultural research and development in Tanzania. IITA collaborates closely with local communities, government agencies, and research institutions to address critical challenges facing agriculture in the region. The research conducted by IITA helps identify resilient crop varieties, innovative farming techniques (such as sustainable intensification of mixed maize – legume – livestock farming systems), and sustainable solutions to combat pests and diseases.
8.		Buguruni – Dar Es Salaam	Buguruni Flour Mills (Azam Flour)	Wheat Flour Processing Industry	A prominent, well-established milling company based in Tanzania. Since its inception, the company has consistently been a cornerstone of the nation's agricultural and food processing sector. As a provider of essential wheat flour products, it plays an instrumental role in addressing the dietary needs of Tanzanian households, while also creating employment opportunities and fostering economic growth and social development within the community.
9	Zanzibar Island	Zanzibar	Stone Town World Heritage Site: Malindi	Fish farming and Market development	Malindi Fish Market Visit: an innovative project supported by JICA, which has helped to modernize the artisanal fishery industry and support thousands of youth and women in Zanzibar. The

			Fish Market		government aims to replicate this project in other islands.
10		Zanzibar	Kizimbani Spice production and Agri-tourism promo	Spice Tour Farm: Agri-Tourism (Government and Private sector initiatives)	Kizimbani Spice Farm Visit - a main tourist destination on the islands, famous for their spice production and trade tradition dating back over a thousand years ago. Local youth are developing many unique enterprises on the island, where investment is required to support the modernization and attractiveness of the spice tourism sector.

DAY 0: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2023

SIDE EVENTS: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

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

TIME	SESSION
08:30 – 10:00	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: AIM for Climate: Making investments in climate-smart innovation count for women Organizer: USAID Location: Ruaha Hall (296 pax)</p> <p>The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM for Climate) addresses climate change and global hunger by uniting participants to increase investment and support for research and development for climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation.</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> <p>Keynote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Nicoline de Haan, Director of CGIAR GENDER Impact PlatformMaggie Kasiko, Gender and Youth Lead, Land o'Lakes Venture37Betty Kiplagat, Government & Industry Affairs Leader for Africa, Corteva AgriscienceElizabeth Nsimadala, President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF), Director, Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO) & Director, Africa of World Farmers Organization.Moderator: Ms. Ann Vaughan, Senior Advisor for Climate Change, USAID
08:30 – 17:00	<p>Side Event</p>

	<p>Title: Launch: CALA Leadership Forum Three Integrating Youth in Africa's Food Systems Transformation</p> <p>Organizer: CALA AGRA</p> <p>Location: Selous Hall (1,213 pax)</p> <p>The proposed theme is Food Systems Leadership in Africa; An inclusive approach. CALA will develop leaders who can respond to the current and future food situations that the continent faces. The forum would include; plenary sessions, discussion panels of subject matter experts in politics, economics and delivery, implementation oriented working groups, an interactive breakfast, thematic sessions, follow-on working groups to revise and produce viable outputs from initial working group session, a curated networking session and a closing charge. It will also include introduction of the CALA fellowship as the next step.</p> <p>Welcome remarks</p> <p>Opening remarks and plenary discussion by Keynote Speakers to introduce LF Theme: Food systems leadership in Africa: An inclusive approach</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Agnes Kalibata, AGRA President ○ Professor Joachim - AGRA Board Member ○ H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn - Former PM Ethiopia ○ Rogder Voorhies - AGRA Board Member (BMGF) ○ Ndidi Nwuneli-Sahel consulting ○ Rebecca Harisson CEO African Management Institute
08:30 – 10:00	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: Increasing local sourcing in Africa</p> <p>Organizer: IDH</p> <p>Location: Experiential Marquee (50pax)</p> <p>The Session will highlight the G4G Program in Ghana and Farmfit TA support Program in Tanzania, as part of the Grown Sustainably in Africa (GSA) initiative and showcase how IDH is working in partnership with off-takers, state institutional buyers, service providers, SMEs, SHFs and other stakeholders to commercialize and develop an inclusive grains supply chain that is increasing local sourcing, domestic, regional trade, incomes and job creation as well as scaling business operations of SMEs and SHFs in Ghana and Tanzania.</p> <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Robert Asugure, Country Manager, Ghana, IDH ○ Amaati Company Ltd – Ms. Salma Abdulai, CEO, Ghana ○ WARC Company Ltd – Mr. Chris Zaw, CEO, Ghana ○ Raphael Group Ltd – Mr. Lazaro Mwakipesile, General Manager, Tanzania <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Steve Kisakye – Partner, Dalberg Consultancy

	<p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IDH – Mr. Kebba Colley - Global Director – Value Chain Transformation ○ MCF – Mr. Bernard Ayitey-Adjin, Country Program Coordinator, Ghana ○ Amaati Company Ltd – Ms. Salma Abdulai, CEO, Ghana ○ WARC Company Ltd – Mr. Chris Zaw, CEO, Ghana ○ Raphael Group Ltd – Mr. Lazaro Mwakipesile, General Manager, Tanzania
08:30 – 10:00	<p>Merged Event</p> <p>Title: Putting greens and beans at the center of nutritious and resilient food systems Organizers: <i>World Vegetable Centre, PABRA</i> Location: Mt Meru Hall (147 pax)</p> <p>The scene will be set, alongside 50 years of research and development experience by WorldVeg, and over 25 years of the PABRA program of the Alliance of Biodiversity and CIAT. Panelists will take questions, rather than the usual series of presentations, to open debate on the importance of vegetables and beans for women and youth across the value chain. Panelists will share experience on business development, home gardens, urban gardening, etc., and propose bold priority actions for debate, as a cornerstone of a broader strategy for nutritious and resilient food systems.</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gloria Phekani, Managing Director, Milele Agroprocessing Limited, Lilongwe, Malawi ○ Khadija Jabri, producer, champion farmer, exporter, Tanzania ○ Joyce Mulila Mitti, Consultant, Zambia, supporting the WorldVeg TAVI project in Eswatini ○ Erick Nduwarugira, Senior researcher, Institute des Sciences Agronomiques du Burundi (ISABU) ○ Dr. Geoffrey Mkamilo, Director General, Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) ○ Dr. Sognigbe N'Danikou, Scientist, traditional vegetable conservation and utilization, WorldVeg East and Southern Africa ○ Paul Newnham, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 Advocacy Hub <p>Open/close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marco Wopereis, Director General, World Vegetable Centre ○ Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General, Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), and Global Director, Partnerships and Advocacy, CGIAR <p>Co-chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gabriel Rugalema, Regional Director East and Southern Africa, WorldVeg ○ Jean Claude Rubyogo, Bean Programme Leader and Director, PABRA <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marcel Beira, Communications officer, WorldVeg West and Central Africa

	<p>Rapporteurs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nick Pasiecznik, Communications Lead, WorldVeg ○ Jefferson Munyao, communications consultant, Alliance Bioversity, CIAT
08:30 – 12:30	<p>Merged Side Event</p> <p>Title: Youth in agri-food systems: Opportunities and Gaps? Organizer: FAO, CGIAR GENDER IMPACT PLATFORM, SACAU, AGRA Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)</p> <p>This event will spotlight impactful youth-led and youth-responsive innovations across Africa that are addressing climate change, gender inequality, job scarcity, and sustainable entrepreneurship within agrifood systems. We will host an interactive discussion about crucial investments, policies, and programs that can empower African youth to take charge of transforming agrifood systems in ways that are attuned to both climate and gender concerns. Moreover, the session will feature compelling evidence highlighting strategies to bolster the connection between research and business, a crucial step in facilitating investment streams and enhancing the profitability of youth-driven agripreneurship across Africa.</p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) ○ Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) ○ Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) <p>Moderator: Vivian Nerea Atakos, Engagement, Policy & Advocacy Expert, CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon. Gerald G. Mwel, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, The United Republic of Tanzania ○ Mr. Edson Mpyisi, Chief Financial Economist and the Coordinator of the ENABLE Youth Program at the African Development Bank (AfDB) ○ Dr. Eileen Nchanji, Gender Specialist, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (ABC) ○ Ms. Pauline Lingg, Program Designer & Manager, Ghana Food Movement ○ Mr. William Madudike, President of the youth board, Zimbabwe Farmers' Union ○ Ms. Beatrice S Marandu, Projects Coordinator, YouLead - Africa Youth Leadership Program ○ Ms. Judith Endelesi Karia, Founder and MD, Ava Group Investment Ltd. <p>Closing remarks/Call to Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Nicoline de Haan, Director, CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Deal Room Side Event</p> <p>Title: Investing in Women – an AECF initiative to support transformation for women in agriculture Organizer: AECF</p>

Location: Mikumi Hall (168 pax)

AECF has over the past four years developed a broader approach to intentionally target gender transformation in the climate smart agriculture sector. By providing finance not just to SMEs but also to other economic entities where women work; by placing capacity building at the core of investment decisions; and by strengthening the broader enabling environment, our Investing in Women approach takes a new and more holistic attitude to building women as entrepreneurs.

The session will present the Investing in Women concept, outlining how and why it provides a range of support to women and to men fighting for the rights of women in agriculture. It will bring together other financiers, women entrepreneurs and policy makers to hear their stories of the challenges that women face in business in agriculture, the solutions that they have found and what still needs to happen.

The objective of the session is to show how to move the conversation on from gender inclusion and 'counting women' to gender transformation and 'changing the lives of women' in agriculture.

- **Rapporteur** - Mr. Mathias Hague, AECF Sector Lead Agriculture
- Mrs. Matilda Onyango Omollo, CEO of Great Lakes, current investee
- Ms. Elizabeth Swai, CEO AKM Glitters, Ex-AECF investee
- Mr. Stephen Kijazi, Embassy of Canada, and GAC representative
- Mr. Cosmas Muchina, Programme Manager, AECF, IIW BEK
- Ms. Jael Amati, Gender lead, AECF
- +1 youth woman agri-entrepreneur TBC

10:00 – 12:00

Deal Room Side Event

Title: Financing Seed Companies

Organizer: CESSA

Location: Gombe Room (40 pax)

Most seed companies in Africa are start-ups and one of the challenges they continuously face is limited financing to enable them grow, expand and invest in modern facilities. AGRA has previously established a special window to support these companies with an investment of USD \$26.8M but this is far below what they need. Several financial institutions are willing to support seed companies but for one reason or the other only a few have benefitted.

The main objective of the session is to share lessons learned in financing seed business in Africa, why seed companies are failing to tap into financing opportunities and how they can be adequately supported.

The discussions will feature three key questions.

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

	<p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Braison Salisali, Senior Consultant, Sundry Merchants, Tanzania ○ Nicolai Roydens, MD, Naseco Seeds, Uganda ○ Stephanie Angomwile, CEO, Stewards Globe Ltd/Afriseed, Zambia ○ Wanjohi Ndagu, Investment Director, Pearl Capital Kenya ○ Victoria Sabula, CEO, AECF, Kenya
10:45 – 12:15	<p>Deal Room Side Event</p> <p>Title: Financing Farmers Organizations for Resilience Organizer: IFAD, SAFIN, AFEX Location: Mikumi Hall (168 pax)</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction/ Moderator – Ms. Tabitha Njuguna, Managing Director, AFEX ○ Opening Remarks – Mr. Bernard Hien, Regional Director of the West and Central Africa, IFAD ○ Mr. Musa Sibandze, AAACO President & ICA chair (Framer) ○ Panelist 1 – Ms. Teofora Madilu, Senior Manager Agribusiness, Equity Bank ○ Panelist 2 – Mr. Musa Sibandze, AAACO President & ICA chair ○ Closing Remarks – Mr. Frank Rubio, Senior Technical Advisor, IFAD
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: Policy Prioritization through Value-Chain Analysis: public-private partnerships in policymaking, implementation, competitiveness, and investment. Organizer: RENAPRI Location: Experiential Marquee (50pax)</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>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: Dr. Lilian Kirimi, Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development, Egerton University Senior Research Fellow and Research Coordinator. ○ Miss. Aika Okting'ati Aku, SUA ○ Dr. Lilian Kirimi, Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development, Egerton University Senior Research Fellow and Research Coordinator. ○ Dr John Macharia, Country Manager, Kenya, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) ○ Mr. Elifadhili Ezekiel, Head of Operation, Qstek Farm Limited Head of Operation- Private sector, Sunflower Value Chain, Tanzania ○ Dr. Andrew Agyei-Holmes, Research Fellow, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research University of Ghana ○ Mr. Alan Rennison, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation ○ Dr Nalishebo Meebelo, Executive Director, ReNAPARI
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Merged Event</p> <p>Title: Agri-innovations for transformative food systems (45 min) Organizer: <i>EAFF & ILC Africa</i> Location: Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)</p> <p>The side event titled “Agri-innovations for transformative food systems” aims to bring together stakeholders in the agriculture sector towards the contribution to food security. Different innovations continuously become generated by research sectors and agri players/actors; where the intention has been to discuss innovations that contribute to food systems security in line with the regional platforms. Youth and women are the main players at the lower level of the value chain. Across the sub-Saharan Africa, women are disadvantaged on land tenure and use. Uptake of innovations is low for women yet they play a big role in agriculture. Youth on the other hand do not like engaging in agriculture, as most would like to settle in urban centers where they can access paid jobs mainly white color jobs. Agriculture is not attractive to the youth due to overall profitability and returns on investment. Value chain development at different stages of production to marketing are still lacking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hillary Cheruiyot <p>Title: R&D investment for smallholder-centered innovation in Africa (45 min) Organizer: <i>CGIAR</i> Location: Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)</p> <p>Smallholders, rural communities, and value chain actors can build resilience against environmental and economic shocks if robust research and development (R&D) empowers them to undertake context-specific innovation. Climate adaptation in Africa is impeded by chronic under-investment in smallholder-centered R&D and this could worsen as urgent humanitarian crises squeeze public research budgets. This session will launch a new policy brief titled "Empower resilient smallholder agriculture by investing in African research and innovation." Drawing on the collective</p>

	<p>insights of fifteen African researchers and innovators, this brief recommends three strategies for more effectively investing in smallholder-centered research and innovation that advance climate-resilient agriculture. Individual and collective action by research centers, global donors, UN agencies, governments, producer associations, financial institutions, private companies, and other agri-food system stakeholders will contribute to Africa's transition into an epicenter of resilient agricultural innovation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jean-Claude Rubyogo, Director, Pan-Africa Bean Research Alliance (PABRA) / Global Bean Program Leader, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT ○ Ajay Panchbhair, Regional Breeding, Seed Systems, and Product Management Lead in Africa, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) ○ Abdulsamad Isah, Lead Research & Extension, Extension Africa, Nigeria ○ Atu Bilaro, Maize & Rice Breeder, Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) ○ Gloria Phekani, Managing Director, Milele Agro-processing Limited ○ Hellen Ket, Director, Abosi Top Hill Farmers' Cooperative, Kenya – TBC ○ Representative of an R&D funding organization – TBC ○ Representative of an African government – TBC
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: From Farm to Fork for Real – How to Enhance Young People's Employment and Entrepreneurship Opportunities Within Africa's Agri-Food Systems</p> <p>Organizer: Mastercard Foundation</p> <p>Location: AGRF Satellite Venue (600pax)</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Fatawu Koniamu Bakari, Public Relations Officer for Ghana Society for the Physically Disabled (GSPD) and Ghana Federation for Disabled (GFD), West Gonja Municipal ○ Ms. Harriet Cheelo ○ Ms. Antoinette Moleele, Advocacy and Capacity Development Consultant

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<p>11:00 – 12:30</p>	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: Gender-Inclusive Dairy in Tanzania Organisers: <i>USAID, LandO'Lakes</i> Location: Mt Meru Hall (147 pax)</p> <p>Tanzania's smallholder dairy farms have historically exhibited a stark division of labor: Women are overwhelmingly involved in day-to-day livestock management while men dominate higher-value work such as milk sales and formal market engagement. It is critical to bridge these gender gaps, strengthen productivity, and improve nutritional outcomes among rural populations.</p> <p>This event will explore how strategic investments in Tanzania's dairy sector can deepen women's autonomy as decisionmakers and make the value chain more resilient and inclusive. Representatives from the AgResults Tanzania Dairy Challenge Project, Tanzania Inclusive Processor-Producer Partnerships in Dairy Project (TI3P), and Building Inclusive Livelihoods through Dairy Project (BILD) will discuss interventions that engage public and private sectors to strengthen farmers' technical knowledge and management practices – ranging from a Pay-for-Results prize competition to programs that support formal milk aggregation, processing, and marketing systems. Attendees will learn how empowering women in the dairy sector can have far-ranging economic and social benefits.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Neema Mrema, Team Leader, AgResults Tanzania Dairy Productivity Challenge project; Land O'Lakes Venture37 ○ Ms. Consolata Kavishe, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Manager, TI3P and DNA-BILD projects, Land O'Lakes Venture37 ○ Lightness Justine, Dairy Specialist, DNA-BILD project; Land O'Lakes Venture37 ○ Mr. Dai Harvey, Group Director, Technical Impact and Innovation; Land O'Lakes Venture37 (<i>moderator</i>)
<p>11:00 – 12:30</p>	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: Agribusiness Acceleration approaches for CSA innovation, resilience, gender and social inclusion Organizers: CIAT, AICCRA, IWMI, CGIAR Location: Ruaha Hall (296pax)</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-</p>

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

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

12:30 – 14:00

Deal Room Side Event

Title: Leveraging innovative capital for youth

Organizer: HEIFER

Location: Mikumi Hall (168 pax)

Africa boasts the youngest population globally, with almost 80% of its people under 35 years old. By 2055, the number of young people will more than double. Despite the numerous opportunities available in the agricultural sector, youth participation remains low. With agriculture accounting for approximately 23 per cent of Sub-Saharan Africa's GDP, Africa's full agricultural potential remains untapped due to several factors ranging from a lack of access to finance, and poor youth participation. Heifer International's session themed – Leveraging Innovative Capital for Youth in Agriculture, will explore sustainable growth opportunities in agriculture by providing equitable, innovative financing aimed at young agri-innovators transforming the agricultural landscape for smallholder farmers and improving Africa's food systems. The session will bring together experts in finance and technology from the private sector, government and youth agri-innovators to discuss these issues and many more.

- **Moderator:** Ms. Ifeoluwa Olatayo, Co-Founder, Soupah Farm-En-Market, Ltd
- **Keynote speaker:** Ms. Surita Sandosham, President & CEO, Heifer International
- Dr. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture, AfDB
- Hon. Abdallah Ulega (MP), Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, Tanzania
- Mr. Ayo Arikawe, Co-Founder, Thrive Agric (AYuTe Regional Winner 2022 West Africa)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Daniel Huba, VP, Sub Saharan Africa, Mastercard ○ Ms. Jemimah Wanjiku, Co-Founder, DigiCow (AYuTe Regional Winner 2022 East Africa) ○ Mrs. Adesuwa Ifedi, SVP Africa Programs, Heifer International
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: Food Systems Transformation: Supporting government leadership for pathway implementation.</p> <p>Organizer: GAIN, ACT4Food, Akademiya2063</p> <p>Location: Experiential Marquee (50pax)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Nadine Gbossa, Director, Food Systems Coordination, IFAD <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, GAIN <p>Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prisca Rwezahura, Country Director, GAIN Tanzania <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Honest Kessy, National Convenor, United Republic of Tanzania ○ National Convenor (TBC from Nigeria or Kenya) ○ Dr. Boaz Blackie Keizire, Head of Policy and Advocacy, AGRA ○ Dr. Kelley Cormier, Food Safety Division Chief, USAID ○ Ms. Hadija Jabiri, Managing Director and Founder, GBRI Ltd <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, Akademiya 2063
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: The Malabo Declaration on Africa's Agriculture: fostering coalitions of decision-makers, and stakeholders to accelerate implementation</p> <p>Organizer: Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom, AGRA</p> <p>Location: Ruaha Hall (296pax)</p>

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
- Dr. Louise Abayomi
- Richard Lamboll

Panel discussion

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

Closing remarks

- Dr. Apollos Nwafor, AGRA Vice President, Policy and State Capability

14:00 – 15:30

Side Event

Title: Rural prosperity in fragile situations

Organisers: IFAD

Location: Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)

This session will:

1. Share private businesses' strategies to resilience building in fragile contexts and their outcomes in terms of transformation of food systems, business growth and increase in income/well-being of poor producers.
2. Learn from AfDB fragility analysis and its use in customizing AfDB approach to private sector development in fragile contexts.

	<p>3. Present IFAD approach to building the resilience of private sector businesses in fragile contexts and achieving food systems transformation drawing on evidence from IFAD programmes (IOE evaluation, fragility gap analysis in NEN, corporate paper on fragility).</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: Ms. Rasha Omar, Country Director, Sudan, IFAD ○ Mr. Simon Gitonga Taveta, Communication Officer, Solar Energy Consulting & Construction Company (SECCCO), Somalia ○ Ms. Asunta Akuol Bol, Coordinator of Rural Producer Associations, VSF Germany, South Sudan ○ Mr. Riadh Ben Messaoud, Coordination Manager, Transition States Coordination Office, African Development Bank (AfDB) ○ Mr. Bernard Hien, Regional Director, West and Central Africa Division, IFAD
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: What about jobs? challenges and opportunities for rural livelihoods in an inclusive food system transformation.</p> <p>Organizers: Food Systems Economics Commission, IKEA Foundation, WRI Africa, Just Rural Transition</p> <p>Location: Mt Meru Hall (147 pax)</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 ground-breaking research from the launch of the Food System Economics Commission's Policy Brief on Africa, shedding light on jobs dynamics in the food system transformation and the significance of job creation within and beyond food systems to ensure just transitions. Attendees will engage in discussions on actionable policy measures and promising examples of equitable and regenerative change.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stella Nordhagen, Senior Technical Specialist with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, GAIN ○ Wangari Kuria, Chief Executive Officer, Farmer on Fire Limited ○ Richard Kachungu, co-founder/Executive Director of the Young Emerging farmers Initiative (YEFI) ○ Jonas Munyurangabo, Policy Analyst for the Food Program at the World Resources Institute (WRI) ○ Buffy Okeke-Ojiudu founder of Zebra Agro-Industries
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Merged Event</p> <p>Title: Gender Responsive Policies as Drivers of Innovative Solutions for Equitable Agri-food Systems</p>

Organizers: AWARD, African Food Changemakers

Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364 pax)

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

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

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

Keynote address:

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

High-level moderated panel discussion

- Dr. Nicoline de Hann, Director, CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform
- Dr. Susan Kaaria, Director, AWARD
- Dr. Nomathemba Mhlanga, Agribusiness Officer, FAO
- Dr. Boaz Keizire, Head Policy, Advocacy and Food Systems, AGRA
- Mrs. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Founder and Executive Director, African Food Changemakers

Fireside chat featuring leading women revolutionizing African agri-food systems

Moderator:

- Anne Obize, Communications Officer, AFC
- Olutayo Adeyemi, National Nutritional Consultant
- Chantelle de Bruyn, Buttercup Farmhouse
- Jacqueline Joyreen Banda, Jeyie Foods
- Moyosoreoluwa Odunfa, The Atije Experience
- Anne Kirya, For Food's Sake Eat

14:00 – 17:30

Merged Event

Title: Defining Africa's Fertilizer and Soil Health Vision

Organizers: AAP, CIFOR/ICRAF, CGIAR, AGRA, AFAP, IITA, GiZ

Location : AGRF Satellite Venue(600pax)

This side event will be an important moment to address and chart the way forward for Africa's soil health and fertilizer needs. Declining soil health is a major challenge for the continent, and greatly affects its agricultural productivity. In the face of climate change, degraded soils (rampant soil erosion, salinization, acidification, declined fertility), global supply chain disruptions, and a growing population that needs to be

food secure, addressing these soil health challenges is a key priority in Africa's Food Systems transformation. This event will bring together actors in soil health and fertilizer to share their experiences and highlight what is working for the continent and provide practical solutions and recommendations around proven technologies for soil fertility management, acid soils management, landscape management, as well as those related to building the resilience of stakeholders and facilitating access to financial solutions. The outcomes of the event will be shared to the African Union's Fertilizer and Soil Health (AFSH) Summit to be held in October and beyond the summit, to inform the implementation of the 10-years action plan.

Moderator

- Michael Sudarkasa, CEO, AFAP

Keynote/Firestarter Presentations:

- Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania
- DG - Dr. Mkamilo, TARI

Framing Panel

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

Expert Panel

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

Expert

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

Intervener(s):

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

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

Expert

- Mr. Henk van Duijn, President & CEO, IFDC

Intervener(s):

- Dr. Liesl Wiese-Rozanov, International Consultant, Agricultural Science and Policy/ Editorial Board Member, Soil Security Journal
- Dr. Anthony Kimaro, Country Director, Tanzania, CIFOR-ICRAF.

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

	<p>Expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Bernard Vanlauwe, Deputy Director General, Research for Development, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) <p>Intervener(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Latifa Mafumbi, Co-Founder, Guavay Lt ○ Dr. Job Maguta Kihara, CIAT <p>Theme 4: Defining Africa's Fertilizer and Soil Health Vision/Rehabilitating acid soils for food security – <i>led by AGRA, CIMMYT</i></p> <p>Expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Shamie Zingore, APNI <p>Intervener(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Samuel Gameda, Soil Scientist, CIMMYT Sustainable Agrifood Systems (SAS) Program ○ Ms. Teresia Numbi, Dodoma Cement <p>Theme 5: Innovative Fertilizer Financing Solutions – <i>led by AFAP</i></p> <p>Expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Joseph Mwangangi, Deputy CEO, AFAP <p>Intervener(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Marie-Claire Kalihangabo, Coordinator, AFFM, AfDB
<p>14:15-15:45</p>	<p>Deal Room Side event</p> <p>Title: Climate-Smarter Budgets for Agricultural Transformation Organizers: USDA, FAO Location: Mikumi Hall (168 pax)</p> <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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome, introduction & Moderation - Lauren M. Phillips, Deputy Director, Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality, FAO ○ Opening remarks - Christian Man, International Affairs Advisor & AIM for Climate Co-Lead, US Department of Agriculture ○ Marco V. Sánchez, Deputy Director, Agrifood Economics, FAO ○ Faouzi Bekkaoui, Director of the National Institute of Agronomic Research, Morocco ○ Kingsley Kwako Amoako, Deputy Director of Crop Services, Ministry of Food

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> and Agriculture, Ghana ○ Alan Rennison, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation ○ Rep. from Uganda (TBC) ○ Lauren M. Phillips, Deputy Director, Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality, FAO
14:15-15:45	<p>Deal Room Side event</p> <p>Title: Supporting smallholder productivity and resilience through increased access to investment, information, and innovation Organizers: AAAP, CABI, Virginia Tech Location: Gambe Room (40 pax)</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: Dr. Phyllis Ombonyo, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Africa, CABI ○ Dr. Tom Thompson - Executive Editor, Global Agricultural Productivity Report, Virginia Tech ○ Dr. Daniel Elger, Chief Executive Officer, CABI ○ Dr. Oluyede Ajayi, Global Program Leader for Food Security & Rural Wellbeing, Global Center on Adaptation ○ Ms. Maryanne Gichanga, CEO, AgriTech Analytics
16:00 - 17:30	<p>Deal Room Side event</p> <p>Title: The Real Cost of Food Security Organizer: AFEX Location: Mikumi Hall (168 pax)</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mrs. Aggie Asiimwe Konde - Vice President, Program Innovation and Delivery, AGRA ○ Ms. Nadine Gbossa – Director, Food Systems Coordination, IFAD ○ Mr. Kunle Adesuyi – President, Beyond Markets, AFEX ○ Ms. Tucci Ivowa – Chief Executive Officer, GCX
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: Herding Change: Sustainable Livestock Innovation by Women and Youth Organizers: Heifer, ILRI, GDP, Land O'Lakes, SNV Location: Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: Dr. Namukolo Covic, CGIAR Regional Director, East and Southern Africa <p>Panel 1 Speakers List – Case Study Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Jemimah Wanjiku, Co-Founder, DigiCow (Kenya) ○ Netsanet Solomon, Co-Owner, Kaleb, Ephrem and Netsanet Poultry Farming Enterprise (Ethiopia) ○ Mrs. Margaret Munene, Managing Director, Palmhouse Dairies (Kenya) ○ Ms. Elizabeth Swai, Founder, AKM Glitters integrated Poultry business (Tanzania) <p>Panel 2: Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Joachim Balakana, National Coordinator, Tanzania, Land O'Lakes Venture37 ○ Mrs. Shirley Tarawali, Assistant Director General, ILRI ○ Ms. Adesuwa Ifedi, SVP Africa Heifer Intl. ○ TBD discussant, SNV
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Side Event</p>

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

Organizers: USDA, AKADEMIYA2063, AGRA

Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364 pax)

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

Potential Speakers

Welcome and session introduction

- Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

Opening and framing remarks

- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, African Union Commission, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AUC- DARBE)

Presentations

- Dr. Otto Gonzalez, Senior Director, Agricultural Economic Development Division, Global Programs, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service
- Ms. Lisa Colson, GIS and Imagery Specialist, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service
- Mr. Andrew Mack, CEO and Founder of Agromovil, a data and market-access company for small farmers, and project implementer for USDA Foreign Agricultural Service
- Dr. Racine Ly, Director, Data Management, Digital Products and Technology, AKADEMIYA2063
- Mr. Babacar Ceesay, Senior Manager, Information Systems, Department of Data Management, Digital Products and Technology, AKADEMIYA2063
- Dr. Paul Thangata, Head of Data and Analytics, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- Ms. Providence Mavubi, Director for Agriculture and Industry, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

Closing remarks

- Dr. Otto Gonzalez, Senior Director, Agricultural Economic Development Division, Global Programs, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service
- Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

<p>16:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: Thriving Africa with Aquatic Foods Organiser: <i>World Fish</i> Location: Ruaha Hall (296 pax)</p> <p>Aquatic food systems, comprising fisheries, aquaculture, and supply chains, have the ability to provide sustainable, healthy diets and decent work. Africa has a huge opportunity to benefit given its sizeable coastline but relatively underdeveloped aquatic food sector. From aquatic food production and harvesting to processing and trading, these income-generating activities can help the continent recover and rebuild its food systems following multiple crises and shocks.</p> <p>In many African countries, including Nigeria, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, and Egypt, women and youth are the backbones of their local aquatic food systems. While their roles are immense, they are still overlooked and underrepresented in strategies and actions for food systems transformation at the national and global levels.</p> <p>This side event will convene ministries/governments, the private sector, donors, grassroots organizations, and researchers to share impact stories and lessons learned from evidence-based research for the purpose of informing more diverse and inclusive policies, practices, and investments.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Victor Siamudaala, Country Lead, Zambia and Southern Africa, WorldFish ○ Dr. Alexander Kefi, PROFISH Blue Project Coordinator, SADC Secretariat and former director of the Department of Fisheries, Zambia ○ Ms. Margaret Nakato, Coordinator, Katosi Women Development Trust & World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers, Uganda ○ Ms. Mercy Matuma Hamisi, Master's Student, University of Nairobi, Kenya ○ Dr. Rahma Adam, Social and economic inclusion scientist, WorldFish, and East & Southern Africa Regional Focal Point for OneCGIAR Initiative
<p>16:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Title: Getting real: The Inclusion debate - Advancing Social Inclusion in Food Systems. Is it a reality or mirage? Organizers: FOLU, AGRA, WRI, GAIN Practical Action (PA), Micro Enterprise Support Program Trust (MESPT), Tanager Location: Mt Meru Hall (147pax)</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</p>

	<p>determine whether youth are ready to lead the food system transformation agenda and if stakeholders are prepared for the inclusion debate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: Charles Opiyo-GAIN <p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Panelist: Mrs. Ndindi Nwuneli, Co-founder and Executive Chair, Sahel Consulting ○ Panelist: Dr Apollos Nwafor, AGRA ○ Panelist: Ms. Maureen Munjua, Country Representative- Tanager ○ Panelist: Ms. Wangari Kuria, CEO, Farmer on Fire <p>The Inclusion debate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: Assan Ngombe Introduction (5 Mins) ○ Ms. Winnie Osulah, Gender Expert, Tanager ○ Ms. Wangari Kuria, CEO, Farmer on Fire ○ Mrs. Rebecca Amukhoye, CEO, MESPT ○ Ruth Okowa- GAIN ○ Tim Mwangi-Practical Action ○ Closing remarks/Call to Action: Dr Apollos Nwafor, AGRA
<p>16:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Side Event</p> <p>Mainstreaming Gender into the African Crop Innovation Pipeline Organizers: GCfGE, Gates Ag One Location: Experiential Marquee (50pax)</p> <p>Gender shapes all aspects of agricultural technology development, yet too often, it is neglected or marginalised when developing new crop innovations. The traits that a breeder prioritises in the new or improved crops they develop can have a tremendous impact on who benefits. Integrating gender through the development pipeline requires embedding feedback loops from the outset: Will women benefit from the innovation? What traits are they demanding as a priority? What unique constraints might they face in accessing the product once it has been developed? This side event explores the full innovation pipeline from research and supply chain development to marketing and evaluation, and it shows how breeders can help overcome gendered differences in access to seeds, best practices and markets to improve their incomes, nutrition and well-being.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Eveline Sawadogo/Compaoré, Environment and Agricultural Research Institute (INERA) ○ Sara Mbago-Bhunu, IFAD ○ Dr. Eileen Nchanji, Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT ○ Dr. Martina Occelli, Cornell University ○ Moderator: Renée Giovarelli, Global Center for Gender Equality

Partner Events

Parallel Sessions

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

DAY 0 : MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2023

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

TIME	SESSION
8:00 – 15:00	Partner event AGRA – PIATA PAC Board Meeting (Closed Meeting) Venue: JNICC Boardroom
9:00 – 12:00	Partner event Development Gateway & Data Lab TZ Cocktail Venue: Serena
18:30 – 21:00	Partner event (by invitation only) PIATA PAC Dinner (by invitation only) Venue: Rotana Club
18:30 – 21:00	Partner event African Crops Alliance cocktail, co-hosted by BCG Venue: Johari Rotana Hotel <p>Orphan crops, also known as lost, underutilized, or forgotten crops, are cultivated widely in many parts of the world but currently take up lower share of production and consumption. In the African context, these crops are largely indigenous and are often more nutritious as well as more heat, drought, flood, and pest-tolerant compared to mainstream crops.</p> <p>Throughout this side event, we will host an interactive panel discussion on the benefits of African orphan crops for people and planet and, what is needed to increase their production and consumption. In addition, we will share a short excerpt of a documentary on the promise of fonio ahead of discussion and networking with event guests.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pierre Thiam – Founder of Africa Crops Alliance (Panelist)○ Simballa Sylla – President of SAF Africa (Panelist)○ Dr. Michel Edmond Ghanem – Researcher CIRAD (Panelist)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aaron Adu – Managing Director Global Shea Alliance (Panelist) ○ Zoe Karl-Waithaka – Managing Director and Partner BCG (Moderator)
19:00 – 21:30	Partner event WAYA – Cocktail Venue: Serena Hotel

DAY 1: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2023

RECOVER

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 9:30	Partner event (by invitation only) PIATA PAC Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only) Venue: Rotana Hotel - Selous
7:00 – 9:30	Partner event (by invitation only) XYX Breakfast Meeting Venue: Serena Hotel
7:00 – 9:00	Partner event Title: DAKAR 2: Food Sovereignty and Resilience Organizer: AFDB Location: Ruaha Hall (296pax) <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"> ● Recap of follow-ups since the Dakar 2 meeting, including establishment of Presidential Delivery Councils. ● Provide an update on post-Dakar activity, including new investment projects by Development Partners. ● Call upon partners to take action to accelerate the Dakar 2 declaration implementation. <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Honourable Hussein Bashe, Minister of Agriculture of Tanzania ○ Honourable Ali Ngoulie, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Equipment & Food Sovereignty of Senegal ○ Honourable Demba Sabally, Minister of Agriculture of Gambia ○ Honourable António Francisco de Assis, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Angola

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Honourable Henry Musa Kpaka, Minister of Agriculture and Food security of Sierra Leone ○ Dr Martien van Nieuwkoop, Global Director, Agriculture and Food Global Practice, World Bank ○ Dr Donal Brown, Vice President International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) ○ Dr Simeon Ehui, Regional Director, Continental Africa, CGIAR, and Director General of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) ○ Nivedh Shetty, Marketing Head-Benin, ARISE IIP ○ Dr Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture and Agro-Industry, African Development Bank <p>Moderator: Dr Victor Oladokun, Senior Advisor (Communications and Stakeholder Engagement) to the President of the African Development Bank.</p>
<p>7:00 – 9:00</p>	<p>Partner event</p> <p>Title: ACT: How the private sector can help increase food & nutrition security through sustainable intensification of local food production and economic empowerment of smallholders.</p> <p>Organizers: OCP, WBCSD, Fertilizer Canada</p> <p>Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the position of the private sector on food & nutrition security in Africa and demonstrate progress. • Raise ambition by showcasing private sector action & accountability on food & nutrition security with a focus on African smallholder farmers. • Discuss the trade-off between increasing food production and self-sufficiency of Africa's food production system, and embrace sustainable, regenerative farming practices within planetary boundaries. • Highlight the key role of smallholder farmers in African Food Security and showcase successful case studies through public private partnerships. • Demonstrate the role of smart fertilization, integrated soil health management and 4R nutrients stewardship as key drivers of food security in a context of Supply Chain Disruption. <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mehdi Filali, Vice President Farmer Solution, OCP Africa ○ Clyde Graham, Executive Vice-Preside, Fertilizer Canada ○ Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA ○ Kyle Nunas, Canada's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Zambia, Seychelles and Comoros ○ Ben Valk, Head Strategic Alliances and Transition Finance, Rabobank ○ Kai Wirtz, Senior Advisor, WBCSD <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anthony Chamanga, Chief Development Manager, TAHA ○ Mehdi Filali, Vice President Farmer Solution, OCP Africa ○ Clyde Graham, Executive Vice-Preside, Fertilizer Canada

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nana-Aisha Mohammed, West Africa Program Implementation Lead and Ghana ○ Country Manager, The African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership ○ Ben Valk, Head Strategic Alliances and Transition Finance, Rabobank ○ Kai Wirtz, Senior Advisor, WBCSD ○ Ruth Zaipuna, CEO, NMB Bank <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Shamie Zingore, Director of Research and Development for the African Plant Nutrition Institute (APNI) <p>Rapporteur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clarice Mporamazina, Manager, Agriculture & Food, WBCSD
7:00 – 9:00	<p>Partner Event</p> <p>Title: Soil as a Strategic Tool for Food Security, Nutrition and Food Systems Transformation</p> <p>Organizer: YARA</p> <p>Location: AGRF Satellite Venue (Youth Dome) (400pax)</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Svein Tore Holsether, CEO, Yara International ○ Hussein Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania ○ Bernard Vanlauwe, Deputy Director, Director for Research for Development (R4D) of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) ○ Geoffrey Kirenga, CEO, SAGCOT Centre ○ Beverly Agesa, Head of Agricultural Innovations and Extension, One Acre Fund, Tanzania ○ David Guerena, Scientist, CIAT Arusha, Tanzania ○ Simone Sala, Varda, AG ○ Luis Alfredo Perez, SVP, Yara International ○ Christian Witt, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Deal Room Side Event</p> <p>Title: Improving BDS Delivery to African Agri-SMEs</p> <p>Organizer: IFAP, SAFIN, AMEA, AGRA</p> <p>Location: Mikumi Hall (168 pax)"</p>

	<p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nadia Martinez, SAFIN <p>Presentation of Key Findings from BDS Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mark Blackett, AMEA <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wanjohi Ndagu, Pearl Capital ○ Josephine Ecklu, Rikolto ○ Hadija Jabiri, GBRI ○ Hans Muzoora, USAID <p>Closing remarks: Nadine Gbossa, IFAD</p> <p>Session recap: Nadia Martinez, SAFIN</p>
18:30 – 22:00	<p>Partner Social Events Venue: Serena Garden</p> <p>Nutritious Foods Financing Facility, an innovative approach to strengthen Africa's food systems.</p> <p><i>GAIN N3F</i></p> <p>The Nutritious Foods Financing Facility ('N3F') is the first nutrition impact-first fund with consumer nutrition at its core. It catalyzes private sector financing to help scale up the production and distribution of nutritious safe foods for local consumption in Sub-Saharan Africa. N3F will provide SMEs with financing and technical assistance support tailored to challenges hindering their pathways towards sustainable growth.</p> <p>An innovative partnership between the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), with nutritional expertise, and Incofin Investment Management (Incofin), an experienced impact fund manager, backed by the United States Agency for international Development (USAID), the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), and Eleanor Crook Foundation, amongst others.</p> <p>This event will showcase N3F's innovative model and offering beyond financing, with keynote speakers from the partner organizations GAIN and Incofin, its backers, a brief video, to then culminate with a networking reception.</p>
18:30 – 22:00	<p>Partner Event Heifer International Dinner</p>

	Venue: Stone Town Terrace, JNICC
18:30 – 21:00	Partner Event Generation Africa @5 Celebration Reception Venue: Youth Dome, JNICC
19:00 – 21:00	Partner Event AATI/Ministry of Agriculture of Tanzania Event (by invitation only) Venue: Rotana/ Indoor
19:00 – 21:00	Partner Event African Managers Cocktail (by invitation only) Venue:
19:00 – 21:00	Partner Event AGRA – MFC Mastercard Cocktail (by invitation only) Venue:

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023

REGENERATE

TIME	SESSION
7:00-9:00	Deal Room activities continue in parallel.
7:00 - 9:30	Partner event (by invitation only) Friends of Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)
7:00-9:00	Partner Event Title: Breakfast with purpose: savouring the regenerative food systems – energy nexus Organizers: IKEA Foundation, SNV, AGRA, FOLU, GAIN Location: Ruaha Hall (296pax) This session will unpack how sustainable and resilient food systems can be achieved through farmer-centric and inclusive approaches to regenerative food systems via a nexus approach that integrates Productive Use of Renewable Energy (PURE). These practices accelerate a transition to food systems that are less energy-intensive, more cost-effective and powered by renewables, delivering better outcomes for people, nature, and climate. Participants will share lessons, best practices, and examples of PURE technologies and other innovative approaches that can facilitate the envisioned food systems transformation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Nico Janssen, Programme Manager Agricultural Livelihoods, IKEA Foundation IKEA Foundation ○ Mr. Eelico Baan, Network Leader, SNV ○ Ms. Sofia Ahmed, WRI Africa / Food and Land Use Coalition: Sofia Ahmed ○ Mr. Michael Maina, Senior Program Associate, CLASP ○ Ms. Mary Nyale, Country Programmes Manager, Farm Africa ○ Ms. Vivian Maduekeh, Program Coordinator, Global Alliance for the Future of Food ○ Mr. Charles Wainaina, Head of Advisory Services, Root Capital ○ Mr. Sisty Basil, Energizing Director, ELICO Foundation ○ Mr. Samson Mogendi, ELICO Foundation
7:00-9:00	<p>Partner Event</p> <p>Title: Building the evidence base for regenerative agriculture transitions Organizers: Rockefeller, CIMMYT Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bram Govaerts. Director General of CIMMYT, Moderator. ○ Hambulo Ngoma. Agricultural Economist, CIMMYT. ○ Sieg Snapp. Sustainable Agrifood Systems (SAS) Program Director, CIMMYT. ○ Peggy Mlewa. Director Planning and Policy, Ministry of Agriculture, Zambia. ○ Roy Steiner. Senior Vice President, Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation. ○ Alex Awiti. Senior Agroecology and Policy and Advocacy advisor, World Agroforestry. ○ Mwanakhmis Ramadhan Hassan, Farmer, Zanzibar.
7:00-9:00	<p>Partner Event</p> <p>Title: Women and Youth: The Levers of Food Trade in Africa – Leveraging the AfCFTA and the Protocol on Women and Youth in Trade Organizers: Food Trade Coalition for Africa, Trademark Africa, FAO Location: AGRF Satellite Venue (Youth Dome) (400pax)</p>

	<p>The objectives of this session are to discuss perspectives on transitioning women and youth from informal to formal trade; innovative agribusiness ideas and practices based on the experiences of women and youth in trade, challenges to access to finance faced by women and youth and share ideas on financial tools/credit instruments that facilitate their participation in formal trade. In addition to that, the session aims to highlight the progress and promise of the Protocol on Women and Youth in Trade and policy recommendations that ensure inclusive implementation of the AfCFTA; to showcase inspirational stories of women and youth in food trade; and to discuss and develop policy recommendations and practical solutions that enable women and youth to leverage trading opportunities offered by the AfCFTA.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gloria Atuheirwe, Director, Gender, Inclusion and Women, TradeMark Africa <p>Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister, Trade and Industry, Tanzania <p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Halima Noor, AfCFTA Secretariat ○ Dr. Lauren M. Phillips, Deputy Director, Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division, FAO Or Abebe Haile Gabriel, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa, FAO ○ Dr. Hashil T. Abdallah PS, Investment, Industry and Trade, Tanzania Woman Chamber (TBC by TMA) ○ Martin Fregene, Director, Agriculture and Agro-Industry, African Development Bank
<p>9:30 - 11:00</p>	<p>Title: Masterclass: Agriculture Climate Funds - From design to Performance Organizer: IFAD, UNEP, SAFIN Location: Gombe Room (40 pax)</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michael von During, SAFIN <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sara Mbago-Bhunu, IFAD <p>Presentation of Design Frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jahan-Zeb Chowdhury, IFAD <p>Group activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michael von During, SAFIN <p>Presentation of Impact management framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zhengzheng Qu, UNEP ○ Christopher Wayne, Acumen <p>Closing Remarks</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nadia Martinez, SAFIN
16:00 – 19:00	<p>Partner Event (by invitation only)</p> <p>TEDx Talks at AGRF (by invitation only) Venue: CRDB Auditorium</p> <p>Inclusive Food Systems: 7 Youth including young & women refugees, migrants and displaced telling their stories on food systems transformation at CRBD office.</p>
18:30 – 20:30	<p>Partner Event (by invitation only)</p> <p>Title: Striking the balance: Implementing a sustainable land use transition across food, fuel and nature needs (by invitation only) Organizers: McKinsey & Company Location: Dar es Salaam Serena Hotel (Ohio Street, Dar es-Salaam, Tanzania), Garden</p> <p>With only six harvest cycles to 2030, every land use decision counts to address our competing demands for food, fuel, natural capital and materials. On the road to CoP28, this event will launch the Africa insights from our latest research on integrated land use management. By 2030, the world needs 3x the cropland of Tanzania to meet our land use demands, at a time when climate induced volatility is impacting yields, and our commitments to biodiversity must be met. Most of this land is expected to come from Africa. Following a brief presentation of insights, we will facilitate a series of small, curated roundtable discussions on 10 acceleration actions to strike the balance for a sustainable land-use transition, focused on yield growth, trade expansion and pasture-land conversion. These actions will require intentional private and public sector commitment, without which land competition and prices are likely to intensify in hotspots that we identify.</p> <p>Hosts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tilahun Amede, Head Resilience, Climate and Soil Fertility, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) ○ Amandla Ooko-Ombaka, Partner, Co-Leader Agriculture Practice in Africa, McKinsey & Company, Nairobi ○ Maurits Waardenburg, Partner, Co-Leader of McKinsey partnership with the Hydrogen Council, McKinsey & Company, Brussels ○ Omid Kassiri, Managing Partner of McKinsey East Africa, McKinsey & Company, Nairobi ○ Stephanie Stefanski, Manager, Nature & Nature Capital, McKinsey & Company, Washington D.C.
18:30 – 21:00	<p>Partner Event (by invitation only)</p> <p>Dealroom Cocktail Reception (by invitation only) Venue: JNICC - Stonetown</p>

18:30 – 21:00	Partner Event (by invitation only) AFEX and Food Trade Coalition for Africa Cocktail Reception (by invitation only) Venue: Rotana
18:30 – 21:00	Partner Event Launch of Generation Africa Online Academy Venue: Youth Dome, JNICC
18:30 – 21:00	Partner Event (by invitation only) IKEA Foundation Cocktail Reception (by invitation only) Venue: Serena – Kibo Garden
18:00 – 21:00	Partner Event (by invitation only) USAID Cocktail Reception (by invitation only)
18:00 – 21:00	Partner Event (by invitation only) McKinsey Cocktail Reception (by invitation only) Venue: Serena Garden Pool

DAY 3: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023

ACT; FOOD SYSTEMS PATHWAYS

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 9:30	Partner event (by invitation only) AGRA Partners Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only) Venue: Hyatt – Zanzibar Hall
7:00 – 9:30	Partner event (by invitation only) PASS Trust Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only) Venue: Four Points by Sheraton
7:00 – 9:00	Partner event Title: Youth & Women Engage: Growing Africa's Future Organizer: NGIN Location: Stone Town Terrace <p>This session focuses on the pivotal role of Youth & 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 & young people in</p>

agriculture, we engage the audience in the topic. Participants delve into the challenges faced by youth & 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.

Moderator

- Mr. Tulisha Malichi
- Ms. Lucy Chioma Aniagolu, Lead Project Manager, Agrodemy Enterprises
- Mr. Jean-Claude Niyomugabo, Co-Founder, Speke Farms
- Ms. Neema K. Lugangira TBC

7:00 – 9:00

Partner Event

Title: Inclusive Policy Action for Transformation in Agriculture

Organizer: World Bank, FCDO, Just Rural Transition

Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)

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.

- Moderator: Melissa Pinfield, Senior Fellow, Meridian Institute
- Keynote/Panellist: David Nabarro, Strategic Director, 4SD Foundation
- Panelist: Elizabeth Nsimadala, President of the Easter Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)
- Panelist: Richard Kachungu, Executive Director, Young Emerging Farmers Initiative
- Panelist: Bowofade Elegbede, Associate Director, Investing in West Africa, Acume
- Closing remarks: COP28 Presidency
 - Adam Gerstenmier, COP28 (TBD)

**14:00 –
17:00**

Partner Event

Launch of Index Based Livestock Insurance - Tanzania (IBLI)

Organizer: ACRE Africa Limited / Tanzania Agriculture Insurance Consortium (TAIC)

Venue: Serena Hotel

Index-Based Livestock Insurance is a product that is designed to protect against prolonged forage scarcity. IBLI triggers payment to pastoralists (MASAIS) to help maintain their livestock in the face of severe forage scarcity.

18:30 –
21:00

Partner Event (by invitation only)

IKEA Foundation Banquet Reception (by invitation only)

Venue: Rotana

DAY 4 : FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023

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

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 9:30	<p>Partner event (by invitation only)</p> <p>AGRA Steering Committee Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)</p> <p>Venue: Hyatt hotel</p>
7:00 – 9:00	<p>Partner Event</p> <p>Title: Status of women in agrifood systems - Deep dive and discussion on the FAO report</p> <p>Organizer: FAO</p> <p>Location: AGRF Satellite Venue (Youth Dome) (400pax)</p> <p>This side event aims to present and discuss the 2023 Status of Women in Agrifood Systems report, recently published by FAO. The discussion will shed light on its relevance to accelerate an inclusive, resilient and gender-responsive rural transformation. The event will also provide ample opportunity for relevant stakeholders to share insights and lessons from their own work on empowering women in agrifood systems. Main topics include the role of women in agrifood systems; ongoing gender-based challenges; new data and evidence available; and recommendations for increased gender equality in agrifood systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Aboud Jumbe, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries (TBC)○ Enock Chikaya - Interim Director, Agricultural Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation○ Lauren Phillips – Deputy Director, Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division, FAO○ Robynne Anderson - Director General for the International Agrifood Network○ Temi Okeowo, General Counsel, Babban Gona○ Susan Kaaria - Director of the African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)
7:00 – 9:00	<p>Partner Event</p>

Title: The CAADP Biennial Review Process: Promoting Data Use, Diversity, and Inclusion

Organizer: Akademiya 2063, BMGF, CNG, AGRA

Location: Ruaha Hall (296pax)

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.

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

7:00 – 9:00

Partner Event

Title: One Health for Food Systems Transformation

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

Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)

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

surveillance and control, ensuring food safety along food value chains in both formal and informal settings, and animal welfare in food production systems.

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

Moderator

- Dr. Namukolo Covic, Director General's Representative to Ethiopia, ILRI

I. Keynote presentations on One Health for Food Systems Transformation

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

II. Panel Discussion

- Dr. Johan Swinnen, DG, IFPRI/CGIAR [Food Systems]
- Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Global Director, Agriculture and Food Global Practice, World Bank
- Government of Tanzania
- Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, AU-IBAR
- Mr. Vine Mutyasira, Program Officer, Policy Quantitative Modelling and Data Analytics, AGRA
- Dr. Iain Wright, Deputy Director General, ILRI

Summary/conclusion:

- Dipti Thapa or Francisco Obreque, World Bank
- Michael Victor, ILRI

L'Arbre À Palabres

Breakthroughs Tree/ Speakers Corner
Experiential Marquee

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>Session Title: Empowering marginalized communities: How can perspective-driven innovations transform Africa's Agri-food systems?</p> <p>Organizers: <i>Clim-Eat, GIZ, BMZ</i></p> <p>The session will address the urgent need to transform Africa's agri-food systems amid challenges such as climate change, foreign involvement, and instability. Despite contributing significantly to GDP, agricultural production is susceptible to climatic shifts, leading to food insecurity. Marginalized individuals, especially women and youth, bear the brunt of these issues with limited access to resources and opportunities. To combat these challenges, the event will emphasize the importance of innovation and localized approaches in achieving food security and sustainable agriculture. By showcasing successful examples of context specific solutions, the session aims to empower marginalized communities and foster collaboration to drive inclusive and sustainable agri-food systems transformation in Africa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wiebe Smit, Policy & Impact Innovator, Clim-Eat○ Nico Wilms-Posen, Thematic Advisor, GIZ Department Rural Development, Agriculture○ Paul Winters, Executive Director, Innovation Commission for Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture (tbc)○ Inga Jacobs-Mata, Director of Water, Growth and Inclusion, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)○ Georgina Smith, Shamba Shape up Series Producer, Zambia and Uganda○ Ishmael Sunga, CEO, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Union (SACAU)○ Aggie Asiimwe Konde, Vice President, Program Innovation and Delivery, AGRA
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Session Title: How can gender inclusivity, equitable access to innovative mechanisation and agro-processing technologies promote sustainable food systems in Africa?</p> <p>Organizers: <i>AATF, MSU</i></p> <p>The session's aim is to share lessons on gender inclusive and digitally enabled profitable and sustainable mechanization and processing solutions for smallholder</p>

TIME	SESSION
	<p>farmers and to identify scalable diverse and inclusive approaches for more women and youth participation in Africa's food systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: Sofia Tesfazion, Director Resource Mobilization, AATF ○ Mr. George Marechera-Agribusiness Development Manager, AATF ○ Prof. Roseanne Diab, Emeritus Professor, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
12:00 - 13:00	<p>Culinary Village & Recipe of change - hosted by Paul Newnham, Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bean challenge ○ Recipe of change ○ Chefs: TV conversation and tasting
13:00 - 14:30	<p>Beans is How Coalition stakeholder meeting - hosted by Paul Newnham, Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub</p> <p>Beans are nutritious, climate-smart, versatile, culturally relevant, and delicious! Tiny but mighty, charming but disruptive we believe beans can help fix the future. Join us on the journey and learn more about the community coming together to enjoy a healthy, climate friendly diet. The Beans is How coalition will hold a stakeholder meeting following the Culinary Village demonstration. Join to learn more about how you can get involved in Beans is How.</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Session title: Is there a role of Innovative Extension Approaches to Transform Food Systems?</p> <p>Organizers: <i>Farm Radio / African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS)</i></p> <p>How can innovative agricultural extension approaches effectively engage women and youth to use Nature-based solutions (NbS) and other regenerative practices; yet also amplify gender-inclusive voices to inform investments, policy, and science towards transforming food systems? Farm Radio International in collaboration with the African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) proposes to host a session that explores how various participatory based extension approaches (ling farmer field schools, interactive radio+mobile etc) can promote NbS, and capture and amplify inclusive voices of rural people - especially women and youth - to engage In transforming food systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms Gertrude Nalubinga Mwebaza, Program Officer, East & Southern Africa, Farm Radio International (Moderator) ○ Mr Rex Chapota, Global Senior Advisor-Strategy & Growth, Farm Radio International ○ Dr Silim Nahdy, Executive Director, African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services

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16:00 – 16:30	<p>Session title: How can the playing field be levelled towards secure land tenure for sustainable food systems?</p> <p>Organizer: <i>International Land Coalition Africa (ILC Africa)</i></p> <p>The role of small-scale farming in ensuring food, nutrition security and sustainable development in Africa cannot be gainsaid. The situation is in fact very critical considering the detrimental impacts of climate change being witnessed. This side event will thus highlight the significance of tenure security in promoting sustainable food systems, and the role played in enabling small-scale producers produce safe food for all. The session will seek to increase knowledge and policy guidance for securing land tenure for sustainable food systems, to highlight, capture and disseminate challenges, lessons and best practices to promote learning and enable upscaling of impact and finally to engage multiple stakeholders to advocate for institutional mechanisms that support the integration of policies for land and agri-food systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Bernard Baha, National Land Coalition Tanzania, ILC's national land governance platform in Tanzania
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Session Title: What innovations, partnerships and policy adjustments are critical for developing sustainable and healthy systems for rice self-sufficiency in Africa?</p> <p>Organizer: International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</p> <p>The challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumption of rice is rising more rapidly than any other commodity in Sub-Saharan Africa, but over 40% of the rice is imported. Rice imports are soaring in Sub-Saharan Africa, already costing US\$ 6.4 billion/year in 2018. 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. World prices of rice are rising, putting further stress on foreign exchange and African consumers. <p>The opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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) 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joanna Kane-Potaka, Deputy Director General - Strategy, Engagement and Impact, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Abdel Ismail, Regional Director, Africa, International Rice Research Institute

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	<p>(IRRI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rosemary Murori, Country Representative for Kenya and Tanzania, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) ○ Ajay Panchbhai, Regional Breeding Lead and Seed System and Product Management Lead for East and Southern Africa, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023

REGENERATE

TIME	SESSION
10:30 - 11:30	<p>Session title: Is building the capacity of SME agrodealers a “hack” for massively increasing the productivity of millions of African farmers?</p> <p>Organizers: <i>CNFA, SCOPEInsight</i></p> <p>A joint initiative between CNFA and SCOPEinsight, with support from AMEA, aimed to measure the impact of capacity-building services provided to agro-input retailers under the CNFA-implemented Hinga Weze program in Rwanda.</p> <p>The objectives of this session are to share the learnings from CNFA and SCOPEInsight about this program, and to assess the possibility of replication of the agrodealer capacity-building on a wide basis in Africa. The expected outcome of the session is to interact with the audience to find new ways to build capacity of agrodealers and scale up impact so as to increase productivity for over a million farmers in 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daniel Gies, Chief of Party, CNFA, Kigali Rwanda ○ Marise Blom, COO, SCOPEInsight, Utrecht, The Netherlands ○ Jean de Dieu Umutoni, Enabling Environment Lead, CNFA, Kigali Rwanda ○ Sylvain Roy, CEO, CNFA, Washington DC, USA
12:00 - 13:00	<p>Culinary Village & Recipe of change - hosted by Paul Newnham, Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bean challenge ○ Recipe of change ○ Chefs: TV conversation and tasting
14:00 - 14:30	<p>Session title: How can we build Partnerships with You(th) that help create a better, sustainable food future?</p> <p>Organizer: <i>NGIN</i></p> <p>The objective of the session is to cultivate youth-awareness, inspire action, and foster partnerships for sustainable food systems.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jean Claude Niyomugabo (Rwanda) ○ Abdulkabir Omeiza Abdulmalik (Nigeria) ○ Angelina Tarimo (Tanzania) ○ Nick Blumenthal (US) ○ Tulisha Malichi (Zambia) ○ Grace Tiwari (Nepal) ○ Claire Taylor (moderator) (UK)
15:00 - 15:30	<p>Session title: How can we build Partnerships with You(th) that help create a better, sustainable Food future? (Part 2)</p> <p>Organizer: <i>NGIN</i></p> <p>The objective of the session is to cultivate youth-awareness, inspire action, and foster partnerships for sustainable food systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jean Claude Niyomugabo (Rwanda) ○ Abdulkabir Omeiza Abdulmalik (Nigeria) ○ Angelina Tarimo (Tanzania) ○ Nick Blumenthal (US) ○ Tulisha Malichi (Zambia) ○ Grace Tiwari (Nepal) ○ Claire Taylor (moderator) (UK)
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Session title: How can national digital agriculture systems be built to sustainably scale?</p> <p>Organizers: <i>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) / World Bank</i></p> <p>Representatives from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, World Bank, and the Boston Consulting Group will share key learnings about national digital agriculture strategies and 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator – Sonya Hoo, BCG ○ Stewart Collis, BMGF ○ Parmesh Shah, World Bank
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Session Title: The Future of Food Systems – What are the pathways to scale biofortified beans for school nutrition?</p> <p>Organizers: <i>Rockefeller / Dalberg</i></p> <p>Biofortified beans can provide up to four fifths of the daily iron requirement for women and children. For farmers, they are climate resilient, have positive characteristics for</p>

soil regeneration, and the potential to generate good margins. However, more needs to be done to unlock the commercial case for farmers and traders and make biofortified beans affordable for schools.

Building on research conducted by AGRA and Dalberg, the session will explore the opportunities and challenges for Biofortified Beans in the region, and outline potential pathways to unlock the commercial case required to scale the value chain.

- Charlie Habershon, Moderator
- Jane Ininda PhD, Head, Seed Research & Systems Development [PID], AGRA
- Penina Muoki, Programme Manager, Harvest Plus

DAY 3: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023

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TIME	SESSION
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Session Title: Youth as Catalysts for Market Development - how can young entrepreneurs accelerate food systems transformation?</p> <p>Organizers: WFP / FAO / IFAD</p> <p>This Rome-based UN Agencies (FAO, IFAD, and WFP) in Tanzania's event will provide an interactive platform to highlight the important role Tanzanian youth play in food systems, deliberate on opportunities to catalyze youth engagement and generate momentum for increased investments for youth-led innovations and solutions for food systems.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vumilia Zinkakuba, Programme Co-ordinator, Build a Better Tomorrow, a Youth Initiative for Agribusiness, Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania <p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Boleslaw Stawicki, Country Director, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Tanzania <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hadija Jabir, Founder and Managing Director, GBRI Solutions ○ Zena Mshana, Co-founder, Better Markets for Crop Products and Tanzania Entrepreneurs Incubation Hub ○ Wisdom Abigael Mola, CEO, Bora Kilimo Biashara Company <p>Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Nyabenyi Tipo, Country Representative for Tanzania, Food and Agriculture Organisation
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Session Title: How is SAGCOT empowering youth in Agriculture? and how is Soybean becoming a new potential for greater involvement of women and youth in agriculture?</p>

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	<p>Organizer: <i>Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT)</i></p> <p>Part 1: How is SAGCOT empowering youth in Agriculture?</p> <p>Identifying and supporting youth-led agriculture activities is high on SAGCOT agenda. For years, youth have been making massive strides in business, reaching further and higher than ever before. SAGCOT Centre has supported individual agribusinesses like GBRI, Produce Tanzania, Get Aroma Spices, Raha farm, Dekka Foods and other youth businesses, and also has supported youth groups like Vijana Wauza Vitunguu (VIWAVI), Bodaboda Kilimo Nkala, and disadvantaged youth like Young Single Mothers under Farm for the Future (FtF) initiative to mention few. In addition SAGCOT Centre supports Mkulima kwa Mkulima Initiative: led by the Farmers from the Lusitu Agribusiness Group in Njombe, with whom we have been working very closely to mobilize and coordinate farmers in Ruvuma, Njombe, Mbeya and Rukwa Region to assist them learn on how to venture into rice, potatoes and avocado farming as a business successfully. The Lusitu Agribusiness Group provides training to other farmers in commercial agriculture, including Good agricultural practices (GAP) in Rice, avocado and potato farming, record keeping, the establishment of avocado seedling nurseries, soil health testing, as well as potato and rice demos in collaboration with private sector companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator- Tulalumba Mloge- Cluster and Partnership Manager – SAGCOT Centre ○ Beno Mgaya- Farmer and Chairman of Lusitu Agribusiness Group ○ Kibwana Said Mnyatwilu- Secretary of Youth Group VIWAVI <p>Part 2: Soybean becoming a new potential for greater involvement of women and youth in agriculture?</p> <p>Soybean farming in Tanzania has witnessed substantial growth in recent years, with over 50,000 predominantly women and youth farmers actively engaged. However, the country's average annual soybean production of 20,000 tons and yield average of 1,000 kg/ha fall below the global average of 2,761 kg/ha. Several factors contribute to this lower yield, including limited access to high-yielding soybean varieties, insufficient adoption of effective agronomic practices, and inadequate extension services. Nevertheless, Tanzania exhibits significant production and market potential, coupled with a youthful and quality agricultural labor force. The opportunities are driven by increasing demand from the domestic feed sector, which is growing at a rate of 17% annually, as well as global markets such as China, with whom Tanzania has a bilateral agreement to supply 400,000 tons of non-GMO soybeans. This session will potentially provide insights into what makes it tick to make soybean a profitable and rewarding venture for the youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator- Abdallah Msambachi- Program Manager TSSI – SAGCOT Centre ○ Øystein Botillen: Director, Strategic Partnerships- YARA ○ Dharmesh Ganatra: Consultant, Prorustica

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12:00 - 13:00	<p>Culinary Village & Recipe of change - hosted by Paul Newnham, Director, SDG2 Advocacy Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bean challenge ○ Recipe of change ○ Chefs: TV conversation and tasting
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Session Title: Africa Ecological Food Future: What Will it Take to Transition Africa Towards an Inclusive and Ecological Food Future?</p> <p>Organizer: <i>World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)</i></p> <p>For the Agenda 2023, in articulating “The Africa We Want”, Africa emphasizes on placing nature and people at the heart of its inspiration. Healthy African ecosystems are crucial for food, water, energy, health and livelihoods. The call for transforming Africa food systems so as to feed the growing population, if not checked will happen at the expense of the ecology and biodiversity that the production systems and the continents prosperity depends on. Conservation of biodiversity is now a critical voice in any food systems transformation dialogue. WWF and other stakeholders will host an event to demonstrate the role of ecological sustainability in securing Africa’s food future, featuring evidence, providing examples of initiatives that align with Africa’s ecological food future, while highlighting the overall impact on Africa’s economic growth. Additionally, the event will outline necessary policy, regulatory, stakeholders and incentive frameworks to facilitate the required transformation in Africa’s food systems.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nancy Rapando, WWF <p>Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amani Ngusaru, Tanzania Country Director, WWF ○ Fayelle Ouane, Technoserve Country Director, Cote d'Ivoire ○ Dr. Carlo Fadda: Scientist, Lead CGIAR Nature positive Initiative, Alliance Bioversity CIAT ○ Tanzania Ministry of Agriculture Policy and Planning Division <p>Moderator - Audience Interaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kijoji Abubakar, WWF <p>AFF Launch: Africa Food Future Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nancy Rapando, WWF
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Session Title: What should be included in a toolkit designed to reduce the gender digital gap?</p> <p>Organizer: <i>Grameen Foundation</i></p> <p>This event is open to everyone interested in exploring improvements around women’s engagement with digital agriculture advisory services (DAS). We will present the</p>

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	<p>AgriPath Toolkit (Gender Section), a resource that aims to guide DAS stakeholders to examine their current perspectives and methods in implementing gender sensitive DAS. Drawing from the experience of the presenters and the participants, we will reflect on best practices and challenges in increasing women's participation in the use of DAS. At the end of the session, the presenters will highlight the top design and content considerations for the toolkit to increase its relevance for DAS stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brigitta Mugo, AgriPath Program Manager ○ Alfred Yeboah, Director, Global Program Operations ○ Gigi Gatti, Sr Director, Program Strategy & Learning
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Session Title: What do Roots and Tuber Crops contribute to agrifood systems transformation?</p> <p>Organizer: CGIAR (CIP)</p> <p>The session will highlight interrelated issues around the contribution of CGIAR's research on Root & Tuber crops (RTC) to the recovery and rebuilding of Africa's food systems especially in response to crisis and shocks. The session will include keynote presentations and interactive audience participation focusing on inclusive RTC value chains (potato, sweet potato and cassava) and sharing of current research evidence that make RTC important for climate resilience and adaptation. The discussions will also focus on opportunities and untapped potential of Root and Tuber Crops in humanitarian and fragile contexts. The panel and audience discussion will explore questions on the role of evidence-based policies and scaling approaches for RTC through investments and strategic partnerships to effectively address complex challenges of food and nutrition security, sustainability, and inclusive development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joyce Maru- Director (a.i) Global Sweet potato Agrifood Systems Program International Potato Center (CIP) ○ Hannele Lindqvist-Kreuze- Leader of the Genetics, Genomics and Crop Improvement- International Potato Center (CIP) ○ Mandla Nkomo - Chief Growth Officer for the CGIAR Excellence in Agronomy (EiA 2030) Initiative (IITA)

DAY 4 : FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023

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

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09:00 – 10:00	<p>Session Title: How can we enable adoption of climate-friendly food systems innovations?</p> <p>Organizers: CGIAR / FCDO</p> <p>The event will explore investment, policies, & practices to incentivize sustainable agrifood systems in Africa. It will examine opportunities to improve & expand climate finance flows, which are important for emissions, adaptation, resilience & food security. A diverse set of African & global experts will discuss the technology areas & 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 & co-identify continental action priorities, including more innovative & inclusive climate finance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderator: James Stapleton, CGIAR ○ Speakers ○ Dr. Aditi Mukherji, CGIAR ○ Dr. Martin Fregene, AfDB ○ Boaz Blackie Kezire, AGRA ○ Madhur Gautam, World Bank ○ Rebecca Brooks, High Level Champions Team
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Session Title: How does the Tanzania Horticultural sector benefit women and youth; and how can this be accelerated?</p> <p>Organizer: Agribusiness Market Ecosystem Alliance (AMEA)</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 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mark Blackett, Network Director Agribusiness Market Ecosystem Alliance (AMEA) - Moderator ○ Shukuru Tweve, Rikolto Program Coordinator (AGRI-CONNECT program) ○ Mary Batterman, Tanzania Country Manager, Farm Africa (DECIDE program) ○ Consolata Moshy, owner of "Produce Tanzania Co Ltd (Kilimo Tija program)





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