

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>Speakers AS INVITED</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. Noline de Haan, Director of CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform Maggie Kasiko, Gender and Youth Lead, Land o'Lakes Venture37 Betty Kiplagat, Government & Industry Affairs Leader for Africa, Corteva Agriscience



- Elizabeth 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

Side Event

Title: Launch: CALA Leadership Forum Three Integrating Youth in Africa's Food Systems Transformation

Organizer: CALA AGRA

Location: Selous Hall (1,213 pax)

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.

AS INVITED

- 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

Side Event

Title: Increasing local sourcing in Africa

Organizer: IDH

Location: Experiential Marquee (50pax)

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.



Presentations

AS INVITED

- **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

Speakers

- **Moderator:** Mr. Steve Kisakye – Partner, Dalberg Consultancy
- **IDH** – Mr. Kebba Colley - Global Director, Netherlands
- **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

Merged Event

Title: Putting greens and beans at the center of nutritious and resilient food systems

Organizers: *World Vegetable Centre, PABRA*

Location: Mt Meru Hall (147 pax)

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.

AS INVITED

Panelists

- 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

Open/close

- 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

Co-chairs

- Gabriel Rugalema, Regional Director East and Southern Africa, WorldVeg
- Jean Claude Rubyogo, Bean Programme Leader and Director, PABRA

Moderator

- Marcel Beira, Communications officer, WorldVeg West and Central Africa

Rapporteurs

- Nick Pasiecznik, Communications Lead, WorldVeg
- Jefferson Munyao, communications consultant, Alliance Bioversity, CIAT

08:30 – 12:30

Merged Side Event

Title: Youth in agri-food systems: Opportunities and Gaps?

Organizer: FAO, CGIAR GENDER IMPACT PLATFORM, SACAU, AGRA

Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)

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.

AS INVITED

Opening remarks:

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)

Moderator: Vivian Nerea Atakos, Engagement, Policy & Advocacy Expert, CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform

- Hon. Gerald G. Mweli, 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 Ligg, 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.

Closing remarks/Call to Action:

- Dr. Nicoline de Haan, Director, CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform

9:00 – 10:30

Deal Room Side Event

Title: Investing in Women – an AECF initiative to support transformation for women in agriculture

Organizer: AECF

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.

AS INVITED

- **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 Models for Seed Business

Organizer: CESSA AGRA

Location: Gombe Room (40 pax)

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

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

The discussions will feature three key questions.

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

AS INVITED

Speakers

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

10:45 – 12:15

Deal Room Side Event

Title: Financing Farmers Organizations for Resilience

Organizer: IFAD, SAFIN, AFEX

Location: Mikumi Hall (168 pax)

The event aims to address challenges faced by African farmers' organizations (FOs) in obtaining financial support for agricultural development and resilience, given the complexities of the current environment with crises like COVID-19, the Ukraine crisis, and climate change. The focus is on exploring new partnership



models with the private sector to finance FOs in Africa's food systems, emphasizing scalability and resilience. Discussions will cover public sector interventions to incentivize private sector financing, the role of digitalization in improving transparency and access to capital. The session's ultimate goal is to present concrete opportunities that bolster financing solutions for FOs, enhancing their resilience amid an increasingly uncertain landscape

AS INVITED

- **Introduction/ Moderator** – Ms. Tabitha Njuguna, Managing Director, AFEX
- **Opening Remarks** – 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

Side Event

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

Organizer: RENAPRI

Location: Experiential Marquee (50pax)

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

AS INVITED

- **Moderator:** Dr. Lilian Kirimi, Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development, Egerton University Senior Research Fellow and Research Coordinator.
- Miss. Aika Okting'ati Aku, SUA
- Dr. Lilian Kirimi, Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development, Egerton University Senior Research Fellow and Research Coordinator.
- Dr John Macharia, Country Manager, Kenya, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- Mr. Elifadhili Ezekiel, Head of Operation, Qstek Farm Limited Head of Operation- Private sector, Sunflower Value Chain, Tanzania



- Dr. Andrew Agyei-Holmes, Research Fellow, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research University of Ghana
- Mr. Alan Rennison, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Dr Nalishebo Meebelo, Executive Director, ReNAPARI

11:00 – 12:30

Merged Event

Title: Agri-innovations for transformative food systems (45 min)

Organizer: EAFF & ILC Africa

Location: Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)

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

AS INVITED

- Hillary Cheruiyot

Title: R&D investment for smallholder-centered innovation in Africa (45 min)

Organizer: CGIAR

Location: Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)

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 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.

AS INVITED

- Jean-Claude Rubyogo, Director, Pan-Africa Bean Research Alliance (PABRA) / Global Bean Program Leader, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
- Ajay Panchbhai, 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 Keti, 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

Side Event

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

Organizer: Mastercard Foundation

Location: AGRF Satellite Venue (600pax)

This session is powered by a group of diverse youth action and thought leaders embodying the present and future of the Agri-Food system from farm to fork. The session is focused on maximizing employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for youth in the Agri-Food system. Youth thought leaders will share their experiences and present to key stakeholders in the Agri-Food System a set of practical calls to actions to be implemented to stakeholders to ensure young people's meaningful participation in Africa's Agri-Food system.

Recommendations presented were derived from a participatory foresight exercise in June 2023, which gathered young people and critical stakeholders from across the African Agri-Food system. The session aims to create space for joint learning between young people and decision-makers to catalyze policy and private sector action that will create an enabling environment for young people to seize economic opportunities in the AFS.

AS INVITED



- Mr. Fatawu Koniamu Bakari, Public Relations Officer for Ghana Society for the Physically Disabled (GSPD) and Ghana Federation for Disabled (GFD), West Gonja Municipal
- Ms. Harriet Cheelo
- Ms. Antoinette Moleele, Advocacy and Capacity Development Consultant
- Mr. Oduma Philip Dennis
- Mr. Drissa Tessougue, Country Representative of YPARD in Mali
- Ms. Nduta Kimani, Co-founder of Nouvelle Generation limited

11:00 – 12:30

Side Event

Title: Gender-Inclusive Dairy in Tanzania

Organisers: USAID, LandO'Lakes

Location: Mt Meru Hall (147 pax)

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

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

Speakers

AS INVITED

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

11:00 – 12:30

Side Event

Title: Agribusiness Acceleration approaches for CSA innovation, resilience, gender and social inclusion

Organizers: CIAT, AICCRA, IWMI, CGIAR

Location: Ruaha Hall (296pax)

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

AS INVITED

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

AS INVITED

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

14:00 – 15:30

Side Event

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

Organizer: GAIN, ACT4Food, Akademiya2063

Location: Experiential Marquee (50pax)

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



AS INVITED

Moderator: Dr. Nadine Gbossa, Director, Food Systems Coordination, IFAD

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

Presenter: Prisca Rwezahura, Country Director, GAIN Tanzania

Panel Discussion:

- 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

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

14:00 – 15:30

Side Event

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

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

Location: Ruaha Hall (296pax)

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

AS INVITED

Keynote speech: Prof Sheryl Hendriks, Director, NRI, University of Greenwich
Stocktaking on stakeholder platforms driving action in agriculture and food systems: lessons from selected NRI projects by NRI team.

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

Panel discussion

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

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

14:00 – 15:30

Side Event

Title: Rural prosperity in fragile situations

Organisers: IFAD

Location: Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)

This session will:

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

AS INVITED

- 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

Side Event



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

Organizers: Food Systems Economics Commission, IKEA Foundation, WRI Africa, Just Rural Transition

Location: Mt Meru Hall (147 pax)

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

AS INVITED

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

14:00 – 15:30

Merged Event

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

Organizers: AWARD, African Food Changemakers

Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364 pax)

A new FAO Report (2023) that provides a comprehensive picture of the status of women in agrifood systems finds that whilst there has been some progress, there persists substantial gender inequalities in agri-food systems. The report further highlights the need to intensify efforts toward policy reforms to ensure that agricultural and climate change policies specifically address gender equality and women's empowerment.

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. The event will also shine a spotlight on the innovations and contributions of African women in the food industry. By highlighting their achievements, we draw learnings from what is working and foster discussion on ways to advance gender equity in the system.

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

AS INVITED

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

High-level moderated panel discussion

- Dr. Nicoline de Hann, Director, CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform
- Dr. Susan Kaaria, Director, AWARD
- Dr. Nomathemba Mhlanga, Agribusiness Officer, FAO
- Dr. Boaz Keizire, Head 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.

Speakers

AS INVITED

Moderator

- Mr. 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

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

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)

Expert: Dr. Bernard Vanlauwe, Deputy Director General, Research for Development, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)

Intervener(s):

- Ms. Latifa Mafumbi, Co-Founder, Guavay Lt
- Dr. Job Maguta Kihara, CIAT

Theme 4: Defining Africa's Fertilizer and Soil Health Vision/Rehabilitating acid soils for food security

Expert: Dr. Shamie Zingore, APNI

Intervener(s):

- Dr. Samuel Gameda, Soil Scientist, CIMMYT Sustainable Agrifood Systems (SAS) Program
- Ms. Teresia Numbi, Dodoma Cement

Theme 5: Innovative Fertilizer Financing Solutions

Expert: Mr. Joseph Mwangangi, Deputy CEO, AFAP

Intervener(s):

- Ms. Marie-Claire Kalihangabo, Coordinator, AFFM, AfDB

14:15-15:45

Deal Room Side event

Title: Climate-Smarter Budgets to Transform Agriculture

Organizers: USDA, FAO

Location: Mikumi Hall (168 pax)

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

AS INVITED



- **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 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

Deal Room Side event

Title: Supporting smallholder productivity and resilience through increased access to investment, information, and innovation

Organizers: AAAP, CABI, Virginia Tech

Location: Gombe Room (40 pax)

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

AS INVITED

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



16:00 - 17:30

Deal Room Side event

Title: The Real Cost of Food Security

Organizer: AFEX

Location: Mikumi Hall (168 pax)

This session will begin with a spokesperson framing the conversation on food security and where but with a particular focus on the emerging challenges within the food value chains emphasizing where Africa stands at the moment and why. We will then delve into a panel session where we will be discussing issues such as financing, climate change, inter-African and intra-African trade, and their profound impact on food systems. The session aims to analyze these challenges and foster innovative and sustainable solutions that can be scaled across Africa.

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

AS INVITED

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

16:00 – 17:30

Side Event

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

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

Location: Mkomazi Hall (85 pax)

In African food systems, animal source foods (i.e. milk, meat and eggs) can play a critical role in addressing challenges to food security, nutrition, employment, economic growth and climate adaptation, particularly for women and youth. This session will shed light on the transformative power of sustainable livestock practices in Africa, focusing on women and youth entrepreneurship in the livestock sector. By showcasing successful business models from East Africa and identifying entry points within livestock value chains, the session strives to inspire action and develop recommendations that foster inclusivity and support for these groups while addressing climate-related challenges in the sector.

AS INVITED

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

Panel 1 Speakers List – Case Study Presentations

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

Panel 2: Discussants

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

16:00 – 17:30

Side Event

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

Organizers: USDA, AKADEMIYA2063, AGRA

Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364 pax)

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

AS INVITED

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

16:00 – 17:30

Side Event

Title: Thriving Africa with Aquatic Foods

Organiser: *World Fish*

Location: Ruaha Hall (296 pax)

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

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

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

AS INVITED

Speakers

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

16:00 – 17:30

Side Event

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

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

Location: Mt Meru Hall (147pax)

To transform Africa's Food Systems increased inclusivity and equity is a necessity. This session through panel presentations and a debate presents how youth and women can contribute to national food systems action plans as well as lessons learned from implementing youth and social inclusive programs in Africa. This will challenge African governments to develop and implement food systems plans that are diverse and inclusive as a solution to sustainability. The session will also seek to determine whether youth are ready to lead the food system transformation agenda and if stakeholders are prepared for the inclusion debate.

AS INVITED

Moderator: Charles Opiyo-GAIN

Panel discussion

- Mrs. Ndindi Nwuneli, Co-founder and Executive Chair, Sahel Consulting
- Dr Apollos Nwafor, AGRA
- Ms. Maureen Munjua, Country Representative- Tanager
- Ms. Wangari Kuria, CEO, Farmer on Fire

The Inclusion debate

- Ms. Winnie Osulah, Gender Expert, Tanager
- Ms. Wangari Kuria, CEO, Farmer on Fire
- Mrs. Rebeccah Amukhoye, CEO, MESPT
- Ruth Okowa- GAIN
- Tim Mwangi-Practical Action

Moderator: Assan Ngombe Introduction (5 Mins)

Closing remarks/Call to Action: Dr Apollos Nwafor, AGRA

16:00 – 17:30

Side Event

Mainstreaming Gender into the African Crop Innovation Pipeline

Organizers: GCfGE, Gates Ag One

Location: Experiential Marquee (50pax)

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

Speakers

AS INVITED

- Dr. Eveline Sawadogo/Compaoré, Environment and Agricultural Research Institute (INERA)
- Sara Mbago-Bhunu, IFAD
- Dr. Eileen Nchanji, Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT
- Dr. Martina 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	<p>Partner event</p> <p>AGRA – PIATA PAC Board Meeting (Closed Meeting) Venue: JNICC Boardroom</p>
9:00 – 12:00	<p>Partner event</p> <p>Development Gateway & Data Lab TZ Cocktail Venue: Serena</p>
18:30 – 21:00	<p>Partner event (by invitation only)</p> <p>PIATA PAC Dinner (by invitation only) Venue: Rotana Club</p>
18:30 – 21:00	<p>Partner event</p> <p>African Crops Alliance cocktail, co-hosted by BCG Venue: Johari Rotana Hotel</p> <p>Orphan crops, also known as lost, underutilized, or forgotten crops, are cultivated widely in many parts of the world but currently take up lower share of production and consumption. In the African context, these crops are largely indigenous and are often more nutritious as well as more heat, drought, flood, and pest-tolerant compared to mainstream crops.</p> <p>Throughout this side event, we will host an interactive panel discussion on the benefits of African orphan crops for people and planet and, what is needed to increase their production and consumption. In addition, we will share a short excerpt of a documentary on the promise of fonio ahead of discussion and networking with event guests.</p> <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) ○ 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) 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: <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. Speakers AS INVITED

- Honorable Hussein Bashe, Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania
- Honorable Ali Ngoulie, Minister of Agriculture, Senegal
- Honorable Mtolo Phiri, Minister of Agriculture, Zambia
- Honorable Samuel Dalitso Kawale, Minister of Agriculture, Malawi
- Honorable José Mpanda KABANGU, Minister of Agriculture, DRC
- Dr. Victoria Kwaka, VP Eastern and Southern Africa, The World Bank
- Dr. Donal Brown, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD
- Dr. Mansur Muhtar
- Dr. Farrah Barrios, Director for Global Food Security and Development Planning, National Security Council, White House, Washington DC
- Dr. Lindiwe Sibanda, Chair, CGIAR Systems Council
- Mr. Gagan Gupta, CEO, ARISE LLP

7:00-9:00

Partner event

Title: How the private sector can help increase food & nutrition security through sustainable intensification of local food production and economic empowerment of smallholders.

Organizers: OCP, WBCSD, Fertilizer Canada

Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)

Objectives

- 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.

Speakers



AS INVITED

Presenters

- Mehdi Filali, Vice President Farmer Solution, OCP Africa
- Clyde Graham, Executive Vice-President, 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

Panelists

- Anthony Chamanga, Chief Development Manager, TAHA
- Mehdi Filali, Vice President Farmer Solution, OCP Africa
- Clyde Graham, Executive Vice-President, Fertilizer Canada
- 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

Moderator

- Dr. Shamie Zingore, Director of Research and Development for the African Plant Nutrition Institute (APNI)

Rapporteur

- Clarice Mporamazina, Manager, Agriculture & Food, WBCSD
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7:00-9:00

Partner Event

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

Organizer: YARA

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

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

Speakers

AS INVITED

- 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

Deal Room Side Event

Title: Improving BDS Delivery to African Agri-SMEs

Organizer: IFAP, SAFIN, AMEA, AGRA

Location: Mikumi Hall (168 pax)"

AS INVITED

Speakers

Moderator:

Nadia Martinez, SAFIN

Presentation of Key Findings from BDS Study

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>
<p>18:30 – 22:00</p>	<p>Partner Social Events</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>
<p>18:30 – 22:00</p>	<p>Partner Event</p> <p>Heifer International Dinner Venue: Stone Town Terrace, JNICC</p>
<p>18:30 – 21:00</p>	<p>Partner Event</p>

	<p>Generation Africa @5 Celebration Reception Venue: Youth Dome, JNICC</p>
18:00 – 21:00	<p>Partner Event</p> <p>AATI/AGRA Event (by invitation only) Venue: Rotana/ Indoor</p>
19:00 – 21:00	<p>Partner Event</p> <p>African Managers Cocktail (by invitation only) Venue:</p>
19:00 – 21:00	<p>Partner Event</p> <p>AGRA – MFC Mastercard Cocktail (by invitation only) Venue:</p>

DAY 2 : WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023

REGENERATE

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

people, nature, and climate. Participants will share lessons, best practices, and examples of PURE technologies and other innovative approaches that can facilitate the envisioned food systems transformation.

AS INVITED

Speakers

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

7:00-9:00

Partner Event

Title: Building the evidence base for regenerative agriculture transitions

Organizers: Rockefeller, CIMMYT

Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)

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

AS INVITED

- 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.
- Mwanakhamis Ramadhan Hassan, Farmer, Zanzibar.

7:00-9:00

Partner Event

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)

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.

AS INVITED

- Moderator: Gloria Atuheirwe, Director, Gender, Inclusion and Women, TradeMark Africa
- Keynote Speaker: Hon. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Minister, Trade and Industry, Tanzania

Panel

- 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

9:30 – 11:00

Deal Room Side Event

Title: Masterclass: Agriculture Climate Funds - From design to Performance

Organizer: IFAD, UNEP, SAFIN

Location: Gombe Room (40 pax)

AS INVITED

- Moderator: Michael von During, SAFIN
- Opening remarks: Sara Mbago-Bhunu, IFAD
- Presentation of Design Frameworks: Jahan-Zeb Chowdhury, IFAD
- Group activity: Michael von During, SAFIN
- Presentation of Impact management framework
- Zhengzheng Qu, UNEP
- Christopher Wayne, Acumen
- Closing Remarks: Nadia Martinez, SAFIN

16:00 –
19:00

Partner Event

TEDx Talks at AGRF (by invitation only)

Venue: CRDB Auditorium

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

18:30 – 20:30

Partner Event (by invitation only)

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

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.

Hosts

- 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	Partner Event (by invitation only) Dealroom Cocktail Reception (by invitation only) Venue: JNICC - Stonetown
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: Ruaha Hall (296pax)

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 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.

Speakers

AS INVITED

- **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.

Speakers

AS INVITED

- 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)

<p>14:00 – 17:00</p>	<p>Partner Event</p> <p>Launch of Index Based Livestock Insurance - Tanzania (IBLI) Organizer: ACRE Africa Limited / Tanzania Agriculture Insurance Consortium (TAIC) Venue: Serena Hotel</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>18:30 – 21:00</p>	<p>Partner Event (by invitation only)</p> <p>IKEA Foundation Banquet Reception (by invitation only) Venue: Rotana</p>

DAY 4 : FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023

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

TIME	SESSION
<p>7:00 – 9:30</p>	<p>Partner event (by invitation only)</p>

AGRA Steering Committee Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)

Venue: Hyatt hotel

7:00-9:00

Title: Status of women in agrifood systems - Deep dive and discussion on the FAO report

Organizer: FAO

Location: AGRF Satellite Venue (400pax)

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.

AS INVITED

- 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

Partner Event

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.

Speakers AS INVITED

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

7:00-9:00

Partner Event

Title: One Health for Food Systems Transformation

Organizer: World Bank, IFPRI, ILRI, AGRA

Location: Mt Kilimanjaro Hall (364pax)

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

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

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

Speakers AS INVITED

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

I. Keynote presentations on One Health for Food Systems Transformation

- Dr. 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 Bahiigwa, 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