

PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY AND RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS

Pre-Summit: September 6 | Summit: 7-10 September 2021

Hosted by the Government of the Republic of Kenya

Venue: Nairobi/Virtual

Program Synopsis

Overview

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

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

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

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

Schedule

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

Venue

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

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

Join us for AGRF 2021 Summit.

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The AGRF 2021 Summit will bring together a diverse range of speakers to showcase the possibilities in transforming African food systems and inspire commitment and action from all parties. The AGRF Program is built on three key pillars: inspiration, partnership, and fellowship. Attendees can come together during the plenary sessions at the start and close of each day and choose to join individual sessions tailored to their specific interests. The program is organized as follows:

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.

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Parallel sessions will advance AGRF’s [ten thematic platforms](#), which have been prioritized for the AGRF to deliver under its current strategy against its priority goals. Each session will include special interactive elements, insightful panels, breakouts to get your feedback.

FOOD SYSTEMS PATHWAYS

This session features fascinating headliners and thought-provoking plenary sessions focusing on food systems pathways, and perspectives from regional dialogues from East, South, Central, West and North Africa. Presidents, CEOs, and urban agriculture specialists will inspire action on African food systems.

SPECIAL EVENTS

AGRF 2021 will feature a set of special events designed to showcase ideas and trending innovations by the youth, farmers, and business leaders.

VIP EVENTS

AGRF 2021 will feature Heads of State, high-level delegates and eminent thought leaders discussing the status of food systems in Africa and the urgent need to transform. The highlight will be commitments and affirmation of practical solutions that will lead to the achievement of Sustainable Food Systems in Africa.

PARTICIPATORY EVENTS

During the midday break, you can stretch your world and interact with the exhibition space and engage in Participatory events. Polls, interactive spaces, and opportunities to interact with other participants, will particularly serve on-line audiences.

COMMITMENTS SHOWCASE

These will be 15-minute highlights from AGRA countries value chain projects, and partners reflecting initiatives, returns on investment, and commitments.

DEAL ROOM

Throughout the week, our Deal Room will be operating and there will be opportunities for interaction, or pick through our Content Library, find inspirational materials, and spaces for participant voices.

FOOD SYSTEMS INNOVATORS

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

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

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SUNRISE	
10:00-11:00	<p>International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p> <p>Session title: Unlocking African PDBs catalytic role (for increased investments in sustainable food systems)</p> <p>The plenary platform-streamed event on unlocking African PDBs catalytic role aims at linking national and international/regional PDBs, commercial banks, donors/investors, and SMEs/farmers organizations in the effort to create sustainable inclusive and green rural finance value chains. The potential of African Public Development Banks (PDBs) in catalyzing investments for sustainable food systems will be assessed. Moreover, the event will examine challenges, opportunities, best practices, and experiences of PDBs and relevant players in catalyzing and channeling more public and private finance to transform food systems in Africa.</p>
	<p>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) / African Union Commission and the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat</p> <p>Session title: Intra-African agricultural trade within the context of the AfCFTA</p> <p>The side event aims to discuss and highlight the challenges encountered including emerging innovations and opportunities during implementation of the AfCFTA in the agricultural sector since trading under preferential arrangements started on 1 January 2021. It brings together seasoned practitioners to evaluate the achievements made to date in the midst of the ongoing CV-19 global pandemic and other difficulties faced by African countries. In addition, the Side Event will bring forth the opportunities yet to be seized in an agrifood market projected to grow to US\$ 1 trillion by 2030 and the tools and innovations available to expand intra-African trade.</p>
	<p>International Development Research Centre (IDRC)</p> <p>Session title: Women inclusion in resilience of agricultural value chains</p> <p>Via a discussion on how three different research projects in three African regions (East, West and North) can react to contextualized challenges in terms of resilience and equity of food systems, we aim to share knowledge on how multi-stakeholders' approaches can be used to gain better understanding on the importance of a stronger role of women farmers and their families in the food systems and in key commodities value chains within the system.</p>
	<p>International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p> <p>Session title: Building resilient food systems</p> <p>The plenary platform-streamed event on building resilient food systems will serve as an opportunity for the private sector, farmer organizations, youths government and development partners to discuss and reflect new pathways to building the future development agenda, shaped to improve resilience and equitable livelihoods of rural people in presence of challenges like COVID 19, climate change, fragility & conflicts and 3</p>

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	<p>inter and intra-continental trade barriers. Moreover, it will identify the role of the private sector, farmer organizations, government, and development partners in transforming the agriculture and food systems in Africa.</p> <p>Commission on Sustainable Agriculture Intensification (CoSAI)</p> <p>Session title: Effective instruments for innovation investment</p> <p>A recent study by the Commission on Sustainable Agriculture Intensification (CoSAI) revealed that only 7% of the investment in innovation in the Global South has explicit environmental outcomes and only half of that had clear social objectives. To transform the global system through increased investment in innovation, requires effective instruments that provide financial and/or non-financial support to innovation processes. The session will explore a cohort of instruments, with a focus on understanding the contexts in which they have been used effectively, enabling validation of preliminary findings and suggestions for further evidence.</p> <p>Growing-Smart Agriculture</p> <p>Session title: Agro Knowledge food security solutions</p> <p>Agro knowledge is the most challenging task in the development of modern agriculture. The Practical Agriculture Courses offers a comprehensive approach to teaching agricultural production. The PAC is supporting and improving farming communities, large-scale cultivation firms and food security projects. The Practical Agricultural Courses are based on the regional marketing targets and needs. We take into consideration the local crops, local climate, soil and crop suitability. The PAC emphasis will be made on sustainable and economical agriculture solutions. The PAC program is based on a “train the trainer” concept, Israeli agronomists will teach local candidates to be trainers, enhancing their knowledge and teaching skills.</p>
11:00-11:15	Transition Break
11:15-13:00	<p>Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) (Centre for African Leaders in Agriculture (CALA) and the African Food Fellowship</p> <p>Session title: African food systems leadership – how to shape the future?</p> <p>The ‘African food systems leadership – how to shape the future?’ session will explore how to inspire new forms of leadership in agri-food systems that can accelerate systems-level change across Africa. CALA and the African Food Fellowship, as new agri-food system leadership support initiatives, seek to catalyze a professional movement of food system leaders who work collaboratively to build sustainable food systems for the well-being of all African citizens and its environment. The session will begin a new dialogue on the nature of African leadership for food systems transformation in Africa and familiarize attendees with the two initiatives.</p> <p>Heifer International</p> <p>Session title: Positioning African Youths to Transform Food Systems Through Technology</p> <p>Heifer International’s 2021 survey report, “The Future of Africa’s Agriculture: An Assessment of the Role of Youth and Technology”, reveals that “smallholder farmers</p>

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	<p>will embrace advanced technologies if the tools are affordable, and they can receive training in how to use them.”</p> <p>The report reveals the urgency of new investments to stimulate access to financing and technology innovation as a means to rejuvenating Africa’s food systems and develop economic opportunities.</p> <p>The side event will review key findings of the report, discuss actionable solutions and chart new pathways to the future of food - fundamentally heralding a generational shift in African agriculture.</p>
	<p>Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)</p> <p>Session title: South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Promoting Youth-led Agri-food Innovations from the Global South</p> <p>Food systems are integral to the health and economic wellbeing of people across the planet. In Africa, where they account for almost 60% of the population, young people have been engaging and investing in activities that support agri-food value chains. However, they face significant constraints that curtail their capacity to contribute to the economy, such as the lack of product visibility. For this year’s AGRF, the South-South and Triangular Cooperation event - organized jointly by IFAD and AGRA - will highlight innovative solutions from the youth that are transforming the agri-food sector in Africa; and provide a platform to tackle some of their existing challenges.</p>
	<p>ONE CGIAR</p> <p>Session title: Science & innovation for sustainable and resilient food systems in Africa</p> <p>This side event focuses on the roles of science, research, and innovation in sustainable and resilient food systems for Africa. It highlights One CGIAR priorities and commitments and discusses how these can help accelerate inclusive agricultural transformation in Africa.</p> <p>The session begins by briefly outlining key components of the One CGIAR’s new research and innovation strategy and its priorities for Africa. In a conversation, CGIAR regional leaders will set out their priorities and actions to accelerate inclusive agricultural transformation. A multi-stakeholder panel of agricultural transformation actors will showcase ways that One CGIAR research and innovation has, and can make a difference to the sustainability and resilience of food systems in Africa. The session concludes by drawing together proposals and recommendations for One CGIAR to deliver its commitments to Africa.</p>
	<p>Farm Radio International</p> <p>Session title: E-Extension: Accelerating Building Back Better</p> <p>E-Extension services have a direct contribution to increased capacity to generate, analyze and use data and innovations to accelerate recovery and resilience of food systems. E-Extension: Accelerating Building Back Better will explore emerging issues, best practices and evidence in digital extension as a key driver in transforming food systems for sub-Saharan Africa.</p>
	<p>AFEX & Smallholder and Agri-SME Finance and Investment Network (SAFIN)</p>





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	<p>Session title: Digital Financial Services for Agriculture</p> <p>Financial inclusion and payment systems are a central consideration in digital financial services. Including smallholder farmers means that they can access systems of credit, can keep their money safely, and can be assured of reduced transaction time and costs. Creating appropriately tailored digital financial service innovations for smallholder farmers and other value chain actors, which fit their needs, is one part of the puzzle. This session will drive conversations on the adoption of digital financial services for agriculture, within the context of the challenges it can solve and the huge potential for scalable outcomes that will improve our food systems.</p>
13:00-13:15	<p>Transition Break</p>
13:15-14:15	<p>International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p> <p>Session title: One-Health Approach for Building Resilience</p> <p>The platform-streamed event aims at discussing the opportunities, strengths and main hampering factors for the implementation of the One Health approach (OHA) in the Africa. Major human and animal disease threats and related costs; the importance of OHA and slow rollout in Africa; the means to catalyze the adoption and implementation of the OHA in Africa and the role of governments, UN and donor organizations in supporting and promoting it will be assessed. The prospect for establishing a multi-stakeholder regional/sub-regional platform to discuss emerging issues around human and livestock diseases, raise awareness on the correct use of antibiotics will be proposed.</p> <hr/> <p>Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT)</p> <p>Session title: Technology brokerage for a resilient food system in Africa</p> <p>As Africa tackles the COVID-19 pandemic, hunger and malnutrition lurk around Africa menacingly. With its population edging towards 2 billion by 2050 amidst relentless urbanisation and climate change, Africa's ability to feed itself is at great risk unless it strengthens its food systems as an integral part of efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and to build resilience. At the core of Africa's food security challenge is productivity. African agriculture is often uncompetitive and results in around a third of calories consumed in Africa being imported from outside the continent. Recent successes in implementing the African Development Bank's Feed Africa Strategy via the Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) programme reveal that increased investments in innovative technologies and brokerage can boost agricultural productivity, with important results for the overall strength of food systems. The side event on "Technology brokerage for a resilient food system in Africa" will provide vistas on the efficacy of technology brokerage in building resilient food systems.</p> <hr/> <p>African Development Bank (AfDB) & International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)</p> <p>Session title: Livestock Investment Masterplan (LIVEMAP)</p> <p>The Livestock Investment Master Plan (LIVEMAP) provides a comprehensive framework to shape investment in the livestock sector, and help African countries sustainably raise the productivity, resilience, and profitability of livestock systems,</p>



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	<p>create inclusive employment along the value chains and contribute to food and nutrition security.</p> <p>A ten minute overview of the LIVEMAP will be presented by the moderator followed by discussions by the panelists on how the LIVEMAP can be useful to building resilient food systems in Africa and a question and answer session with participants.</p> <p>For more information see the LIVEMAP narrative and the accompanying LIVEMAP website: https://livestockinvestmentmasterplan.info/</p>
	<p>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</p> <p>Session title: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Agriculture, Food Security, and Nutrition in Africa</p> <p>The side event is to discuss the findings and recommendations of various assessments of the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Agriculture, Food Security, and Nutrition in Africa and to support advocacy and country programming by policy makers and other decision makers who are designing and implementing COVID-19 response and recovery policies, programmes and investments in Africa. The session intends to provide a comprehensive understanding of the impact of the pandemic in Africa based on an analytical review of available evidence. The keynote presentation will underline the macroeconomic impact as well as the impact on agricultural production, livestock, fisheries, markets, trade, food security and nutrition. In addition, priority countries for response and recovery programmes/investments are identified based on a composite index analysis. A panel will deliberate on the implication of the findings and recommendations as well as highlight promising policy and investment interventions that can stimulate an inclusive recovery to help build back better resilient agri-food systems.</p>
	<p>International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p> <p>Session title: Food Systems Approach to Rural Transformation</p> <p>The Rural Development Report (RDR) is IFAD's flagship research publication. This year it focuses on food systems transformation for rural prosperity and it is due for release right before the Food Systems Summit. The RDR cuts across (i) equitable livelihoods, (ii) nutrition and health and (iii) resilience. Key highlights of the report will be shared, such as the importance of adopting a food systems approach, the key challenges and driving factors, opportunities for transformation, investments, innovation; implications for the environment and the importance of not leaving anyone behind. Some of its key authors from IFAD and the University of Wageningen will participate as well as other key researcher.</p>
	<p>SAO GROUP</p> <p>Session title: Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone (Oil Palm and Cocoa Value Chain Development)</p> <p>The Special Agro-industrial Processing Zones (oil palm and cocoa value chain) are areas of high agricultural potential located across the south-western states in Nigeria with a focus on the oil palm and cocoa value chain.</p> <p>The objectives of this session include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the development of climate-resilient enabling infrastructure and management of the agro-industrial zones



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Enhancing climate-smart agricultural production and productivity in the oil palm and cocoa value chain · Seek investors and potential partners in the SAPZ · Support enabling institutional capacity, policy, regulatory and business environment for agribusiness project management in the oil palm and cocoa value chain · Seek long term collaboration between the SAPZ and potential off-takers of product for export
14:15-14:30	Transition Break
14:30-16:15	<p>Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture/Syngenta</p> <p>Session title: Soil and root health: how can they be enhanced to tackle climate change, food insecurity and malnutrition?</p> <p>Africa is severely impacted by soil degradation and climate change. This negatively affects the region's agri-food systems resilience and ability to strengthen sustainable intensification to improve continental food self-sufficiency. The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021 also shows that while Africa remains the most food insecure continent in the world, it also has the fastest growing population and highest prevalence of undernourishment. It is crucial to act now on soil and root health to support recovery and resilience, meet the evolving challenges and unlock Africa's potential sustainably. The session will share the latest thinking on how collective action and continuous innovation can tackle the challenges of enhancing soil and root health at scale.</p>
	<p>Rockefeller Foundation</p> <p>Session title: Distributed Renewable Energy-Agriculture Modalities (DREAM)</p> <p>Learning from the experience of Ethiopia in clustering agricultural production and piloting the use of renewable energy towards production, post-harvest management and agro-processing, and India in linking agriculture production with renewable energy mini-grids for strengthened agriculture value chains. These learnings around modelling for economic viability, environmental sustainability, and the importance of intentional ecosystem support will give insights to other countries that may want to pursue similar paths.</p>
	<p>AMEA & HarvestPlus</p> <p>Session title: Forging resilient food systems with smallholder farmers and agri-SMEs</p> <p>The session aims to highlight the urgent need to support practical, proven, scalable approaches to engaging and empowering those who make up the backbone of African agriculture and food systems: smallholder farmers and agri-food SMEs. The session will do this by diving deeper beyond the high-level discussion of food systems transformation, so that we hear from those "on the ground" about what works, what does not, and what our priorities should be. Examples will be presented from the extensive portfolio from HarvestPlus and the AMEA Network.</p>
	<p>AgFlow SA</p> <p>Session title: Trade Support Information Systems</p>



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	<p>SDG2 Advocacy Hub</p> <p>Session title: New Consensus for Smallholder Farmers</p> <p>Good food begins with farmers. Smallholder farmers sit at the heart of our food systems yet struggle to earn enough to feed their own families. The UNFSS, N4G and COP26 are opportunities to coordinate action to invest in smallholders' health, livelihoods, productivity and sustainability. Recent reports, including Ceres2030 and the CAADP Biennial Review, global and regional initiatives provide a roadmap. In the absence of a clearly articulated policy consensus across diverse stakeholders, however, these efforts compete for resources and fail to achieve the collective impact needed. This session will explore building a new consensus to move from evidence to action.</p> <hr/> <p>Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA)</p> <p>Session title: An Integrated Approach to Address Climate and Food Security Challenges in Rwanda</p> <p>The interactive AGRF session "An Integrated Approach to Address Climate and Food Security Challenges in Rwanda" will describe the Feed the Future Rwanda Hinga Weze Activity's integrated approach to advance climate and nutrition sensitive agriculture by sustainably increasing incomes, productivity and market access for smallholder farmers. Panelists will describe how Hinga Weze, implemented by CNFA and funded by USAID, has built resilience to climate change and increased the availability of nutritious foods—addressing key questions such as how climate change affects farmers in Rwanda and which climate-smart agriculture approaches and strategies best address climate shocks while improving food security.</p>
16:15-16:30	<p>Transition Break</p>
16:30-18:30	<p>Session Organizer: Agriculture Transformation Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries & Cooperatives - Kenya</p> <p>Session title: Kenya's Pathways to Sustainable Food Systems</p> <p>In preparation for the 2021 Food Systems Summit, a series of subnational dialogues were held across the country. The results from these dialogues have shaped the Kenyan contribution to the Food Systems Summit and further the national foundations and commitment to transforming food systems. This side event will focus on Kenya's identified pathways towards Food Systems Transformation – Youth, Digital Innovation, Diverse Diets and Climate Change. The event will create an opportunity for a leadership-focused discussion on outcomes and will finalize the Kenyan vision for the Future of Food Systems.</p> <hr/> <p>BIFAD, USAID, AAP, ReNAPRI, World Bank and the African Development Bank</p> <p>Session title: Agricultural Transformation for Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems</p> <p>Convening leaders from diverse stakeholder including BIFAD, USAID, AfDB, World Bank, ReNAPRI, and Alliance for African Partnership, panel discussion will identify conditions and properties of resilient, sustainable food systems and propose policies and programs for African governments to achieve them. Considering varying conditions across Africa, expert private- and public-sector panelists will explore effective strategies for resilient, sustainable food systems and how these differ across</p>

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	<p>countries, with consideration of fragile and resource-rich states. Discussion will draw from country case studies and recent evidence, including work commissioned by BIFAD, a World Bank publication, and an AfDB report, on linkages between agricultural productivity, economic transformation, and resilience.</p>
	<p>Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) / International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)</p> <p>Session title: Rehabilitating acid soils for food security in Africa</p> <p>In line with the theme of AGRF 2021 on forging pathways to recovery and resilient food systems, this side event will give evidence on how rehabilitating acid soils is important for improved productivity and resilient food security. It highlights the status of the acidic soils and the impact on the productivity on the continent and especially in East Africa. Furthermore, it identifies constraints on the production, distribution and use including the policy aspects but also solutions/lessons from different countries and stakeholders. The outcome of the event will be recommendations for advocacy and actions from private sector and Government in terms of investments and policy reforms to stimulate production and use of quality lime for resilient and sustainable food systems for our continent.</p>
	<p>Rockefeller Foundation / IKEA Foundation</p> <p>Session title: Food Systems and Integrated Policy</p> <p>The momentum generated by the Food Systems Summit has put food systems transformation at the center of global discourse and many African national agendas. Food systems in Africa are still maturing and can be steered in a healthier, more sustainable, and more equitable direction through integrated and coherent policy. Despite progress in cross-sectoral policy coherence in several African countries, these strategies have focused primarily on agricultural production or maternal and child nutrition. Food systems transformation requires systems thinking and a new level of inter-sectorality and inclusivity in policy development and implementation. This session will explore various experiences and approaches towards food system policies that are integrated and transformational.</p>
	<p>Alliance for African Partnership at Michigan State University (MSU)</p> <p>Session title: Youth and Agri-food System's Resilience in Africa</p> <p>Building a sustained and resilient agri-food system is an intergenerational mandate which demands the active engagement of African youth. With their large numbers, relatively high educational levels, and affinity for digital technology, African youth represent an indispensable resource, which if properly harnessed, can foster a more resilient and productive agri-food system. However, questions remain on effective strategies to harness youth innovativeness and energy. To help provide guidance for policy, this session will discuss evidence-based and pragmatic approaches that could foster productive youth engagement supportive of resilient agri-food systems in Africa.</p>
	<p>Long-term Europe-Africa Research and Innovation Partnership for Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (LEAP4FNSSA), Wageningen University & Research</p> <p>Session title: AU-EU Game Changer for Resilient Food Systems</p>



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	<p>Research can be the game changer for building new food system resilience pathways. The AU-EU Platform is an opportunity for all stakeholders to raise their voice for the transformation they want. Peer reviewed evidence and innovation is the basis for developing policies. Knowledge management systems can make this information easily accessible. Added value for stakeholders comes from new coordination mechanism between stakeholder groups.</p> <p>We invite policy makers, entrepreneurs, civil society actors, youth and scientists to come together for a new way of bi-continental cooperation, that brings together their knowledge to help policy makers make sound policies for driving agri-food development.</p>
18:30-18:45	Transition Break
18:45-19:30	<p>KICK OFF AGRF EVENT Insights: What food systems do we want?</p> <p>Closing out the day, Insights is a moment for voices with diverse points of view to comment on the day's activities and bring their insights to the Program.</p> <p>Reflections at end of each day bringing together the varied tracks into common themes and results.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Georgie Ndirangu, Media Broadcaster, BBC Multimedia Broadcast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruramiso Mashumba, CEO, Mnandi Africa, Zimbabwe

Day 1 - Tuesday 7 September 2021

THEME: Equitable & Inclusive Livelihoods

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SUNRISE	
09:00-10:45	<p>Deal Room – Kenya Government Investment Opportunities</p> <p>Organizers: Government Kenya Delegation</p> <p>The AGRF 2021 Summit host, Kenya will set the tone for the day with presentation of its flagship programs and investment opportunities.</p>
10:00-10:45	<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>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Wangari Kuria, Founder of a YouTube channel called - Farmer on Fire Ms. Yunike Phiri, CEO. Amicus Zambia Limited/Founder Zambia Young Emerging Farmers Association Mr. John Agboola, Global Hunger Fighter, Consultant, Youth & Agriculture <p>Global Guest: Kate Dempsey, Chief Executive Officer Aqualicense</p>

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	<p>Sequence 2: Panel discussion – On recovery: An in-depth discussion with investors on their evolving strategies for resilient investments, the horizon for Africa and their expectations.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Mincy, Investment Director, Acumen <p>Sequence 3: Aspirations and expectations in engaging in the Agribusiness Deal Room A series of short interventions and presentations from Deal Room participants.</p> <p>Moderator: Vanessa Adams, Vice President Strategic Partnerships, AGRA</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Taziona Chononda, CEO, Malawi Agriculture and Industrial Investment Corporation • William Asiko, Managing Director, Rockefeller • Kebba Colley, Director, Inclusive Business Development, IDH <p>Sequence 4: Agribusiness Deal Room Opening</p> <p>Moderator: Vanessa Adams, VP Strategic Partnerships, AGRA (Kenya)</p> <p>A short address by the Agribusiness Deal Room co-chairs and the official opening of the Deal Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA and UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Food Systems Summit • Mr. Mark Meassick, Mission Director of USAID/Kenya
11:00-12:45	<p>Farmers Forum</p> <p>Inclusive and sustainable agriculture transformation aims to revolutionize smallholder agriculture into a highly productive, efficient, competitive, and sustainable business. This vision is further underpinned by the need for multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral collaborations to leverage resources and capacity of other partners to consolidate change at the systems and farmer-level. The Farmers Forum will put a spotlight on the continent’s farmers and discuss pathways to ensure they are thriving and contributing to building resilient food systems for the continent.</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <p>Fireside chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Agnes Kirabo, Executive Director, Food Rights Alliance (Uganda) • Mr. Nga Célestin, CEO PROPAC (Cameroon, Central Africa) <p>Discussion Session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA and UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Food Systems Summit
11:00-12:45	<p>Parallel Workshop (Gender): Equitable Livelihoods for Women through Innovative Financing and Climate Adaptation</p>



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	<p>This equitable livelihoods workshop will narrow in on the themes of innovative financing and strengthening women's climate resilience and adaptation, by highlighting how innovative financing is contributing to gender equality and women's empowerment across the continent and the need to scale these initiatives through commitments from financial institutions for the benefit of all women in agriculture. As we gear up for COP 26 and the race to net zero, the session will also explore mechanisms for ensuring women shape and lead climate adaptation plans. For food systems transformation to occur at a global scale, we must recognize that Africa is not at par with the rest of the world and financing is critical for African women to catch up and be part of this transformation. The session will call for action and draw commitments from financial institutions, governments, private sector players, development partners and other stakeholders to increase financing for women in agriculture, including climate finance.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Keynote:</p> <p>Setting the Scene Fireside Chat</p> <p>-</p> <p>Sequence 1 – Innovative financial inclusion and networks Panel discussion</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jamie Anderson, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Rural and Agricultural Livelihoods – CGAP / World Bank Group Ms. Nigest Haile, Founder & Executive Director Center for Accelerated Women's Economic Empowerment (CAWEE) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Ms. Edith Wheatland, CEO, Rockland Farms <p>Sequence 2: Build up to COP26 – Strengthening women's climate resilience and adaptation Panel discussion</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jean Claude (JC) Rubyogo, Bean Programme Leader & Director, PABRA, CIAT Ms. Leticia Mpuya, Country Director Tanzania, Heifer International Dr. Jyotsna Puri, Director, Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division (ECG) – IFAD
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12:45-13:00	<p>Food Systems Innovators</p> <p>Food system innovations are fundamental and will be instrumental to ensuring that future generations are food secure and eat healthy diets. To transition towards sustainability, AGRF 2021 will be showcasing breakthrough innovations that transform the food system into one that creates value for all stakeholders.</p> <p>A series of 5-minute videos played during the bridge segments, each clip will feature a different African innovator with an emphasis on women, youth, and SMEs.</p> <p>Innovators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Kharbouch Barhoum, CEO and Founder, Lombrisol



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bakary Doumbia, UPL Farmer • Mr. Dickson Juma, Co-Founder, Kuruwitu Conservation Welfare CBO • Ms. Vera Osei-Bonsu, Start Right Nutrition Limited
13:00-13:45	<p>Networking Exhibition</p> <p>The AGRF 2021 networking exhibition allows participants to connect directly in a live, virtual booth or meeting space for introductions and deal-making. Delegates can arrange multiple high-quality, investment-focused meetings and benefit from attending the free-flowing and structured networking events, workshops, and exhibitions.</p>
13:00-13:30	<p>Participatory Event</p> <p>Stretch your world and immerse yourself in an engaging virtual experience, where you will have an opportunity to share, learn and interact with other participants.</p> <p>Chef Chat with the Chefs' Manifesto</p> <p>Chefs are influencers, artisans, and a core actor in our food systems. Bridging the gap between farm and fork, chefs lead by example, educate others and advocate in their kitchens, restaurants, and communities. AGRF 2021 and the Chefs' Manifesto will bring together some of Africa's biggest food influencers to spark interest in the plethora of African cuisines sourced from African ingredients with an emphasis on good food for people and planet.</p> <p>The purpose of this collaboration between the Chefs' Manifesto and AGRF is to continue to connect the consumption side of food with the production side. It is also to create exciting and stimulating content that showcases how the Chefs' Manifesto's Thematic Areas delivers Good Food For All and speaks to the AGRF's Action Tracks.</p> <p>These chefs will foster commitments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutritious food that is accessible and affordable • African cuisines • Celebrating African ingredients and products from across the continent • Promoting diverse crops and diets <p>Moderator: Paul Newman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chef Kiran Jethwa (Kenya) • Chef Ska Moteane (Lesotho)
13:30-13:45	<p>Participatory Event</p> <p>Stretch your world and immerse yourself in an engaging virtual experience, where you will have an opportunity to share, learn and interact with other participants.</p> <p>Meet the Author</p> <p>Food Entrepreneurs in Africa: Scaling Resilient Agriculture Businesses, Routledge 2021</p> <p>Entrepreneurs are the lifeblood of the agriculture and food sectors in Africa, which is projected to exceed a trillion dollars by 2030. This book captures the author's personal experiences and her engagement with over 80 successful African entrepreneurs. 115</p>

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	<p>explores how entrepreneurs can develop scalable business models, attract and retain talent, leverage innovation & technology to leapfrog and adapt to climate change, raise patient and catalytic financing, build strong brands, shape their ecosystem and grow resilient businesses that can withstand future shocks and stresses. Engage Ms. Nddi Okonkwo Nwuneli as she unpacks her experiences while penning this great resource that is a must have for budding entrepreneurs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nddi Okonkwo Nwuneli
13:00-13:45	<p>AGRF Press Briefing (Media Only)</p> <p>The AGRF is the world's premier forum for African agriculture, bringing together stakeholders in the agricultural landscape to take practical actions and share lessons that will move African agriculture forward. And as part of the contributions to the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), the 2021 AGRF Summit is expected to yield tangible and concrete outcomes in four areas: Equitable & Inclusive Livelihoods, Build Forward Better, Healthy People and Planet, and Sustainable Food Systems.</p> <p>This year's AGRF Summit aims to elevate the single coordinated African voice to the UNFSS and identify immediate actions and steps that need to be taken to accelerate progress and recovery towards inclusive agricultural transformation.</p> <p>Fascinating headliners and thought-provoking sessions will inspire each day's discussions and activities. The daily AGRF press briefings will engage food systems experts, and agriculture specialists will inspire action on African food systems.</p>
13:45-14:00	<p>Commitments Showcase</p> <p>A 15-minute highlight from AGRA countries value chain projects, and partners reflecting initiatives, returns on investment, and commitments.</p>
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14:00-14:45	<p>Africa Agriculture Status Report (AASR) Launch</p> <p>This year's Africa Agriculture Status Report (AASR) focuses on unpacking the concept of sustainable and resilient agri-food systems. The AASR launch will dive deeper into the key topics covered in the report, including digital transformation, job creation, market opportunities, global sustainability, enhancing nutritional quality of food products and regreening Africa through ecosystem restoration.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Sequence 1 Welcome and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing the AASR Context • Keynote Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof. Joachim von Braun, Chair of the UNFSS Scientific Group ○ Dr. Beth Dunford, Vice President Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank <p>Sequence 2 Overview of the AASR</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wandile Sihlobo, Chief Economist / Advisor to President of South Africa • Prof. Adesoji Soji Adelaja, Michigan State University

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Lobin Lowe, Minister of Agriculture, Malawi • Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) • Dr. Louise Fox, Brookings Institute • Remarks, Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA and UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Food Systems Summit • AASR 2021 book launch by Prof. Joachim von Braun •
14:45-15:00	<p>Commitments Showcase</p> <p>A 15-minute highlight from AGRA countries value chain projects, and partners reflecting initiatives, returns on investment, and commitments.</p>
15:00-16:45	<p>Plenary: Ensuring Equitable Livelihoods and Living Incomes</p> <p>Inequality and power imbalances – at household, community, national and global levels – are consistently constraining the ability of food systems to deliver poverty reduction and sustainable, equitable livelihoods. This plenary session will discuss the most effective approaches to sustainably eradicate poverty and inequality and improve livelihoods.</p> <p>Moderator – Prof Kevin Urama, African Development Institute, African Development Bank Group, Senior Director</p> <p>Sequence 1: Fireside Chat</p> <p>Sequence 2: Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fred Swaniker, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Leadership Academy • Mr. Gerald Chirinda, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Future Africa Investments • Mr Vimal Shah, Co-Founder and Chairman of Bidco Africa <p>Sequence 3: Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Blayne Tesfaye, Co-founder and CEO TruLuv • Dr. Simon Winter, Executive Director, Syngenta Foundation
16:45-17:00	<p>Commitments Showcase</p> <p>A 15-minute highlight from AGRA countries value chain projects, and partners reflecting initiatives, returns on investment, and commitments.</p>
17:00-18:00	<p>Plenary: Food Systems Transformation – Accelerating Action</p> <p>The food we eat today is unsustainable in various ways: the food system causes unacceptable environmental impacts, and it is depleting non-renewable resources. Food systems — encompassing the interlinked biophysical and human systems that span from agricultural production, through post-harvest manufacturing and distribution, to food consumption — should be engineered primarily to boost productivity in delivering healthy dietary needs supply sufficient to avoid famines in the face of human population growth. The urgency of transforming Africa's food systems is irrefutable.</p>

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	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Sequence 1 Framing Keynotes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) <p>Sequence 2 Panel Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO) • Nnaemeka Ikegwuonu, Founder/CEO of ColdHubs Limited • Dr Rajiv "Raj" J. Shah, President of the Rockefeller Foundation • Mr Daniel Hailu, Regional Head for East and Southern Africa, Mastercard Foundation
18:00 – 18:15	<p>Commitments Showcase</p> <p>A 15-minute highlight from AGRA countries value chain projects, and partners reflecting initiatives, returns on investment, and commitments.</p>
18:15 -19:00	<p>Insights: Can African agriculture contribute to Net Zero?</p> <p>Closing out the day, Insights is a moment for voices with diverse points of view to comment on the day's activities and bring their insights to the Program.</p> <p>Reflections at end of each day bringing together the varied tracks into common themes and results.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Georgie Ndirangu, Media Broadcaster, BBC Multimedia Broadcast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ruben Echeverria, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

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SUNRISE	
08:00-09:45	<p>Experiences Mitigating COVID19's Impacts on its Food System; Strengthening Resilience and Possible Takeaways for Africa</p> <p>COVID19 Pandemic has created significant tension in the global food system since early 2020, alongside the horrific impact on the global health system. As the first country to be hit by the Pandemic, China's own food system was under huge pressure the whole year. How did China manage to mitigate COVID19's impact on its food system?</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Fadel Ndiame, Deputy President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)</p> <p>SEQUENCE 1:</p> <p>Keynote Speech:</p>

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	<p>SEQUENCE 2:</p> <p>Panellists and Contributions:</p>
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11:00-12:45	<p>Ministerial Roundtable (closed)</p> <p>The High-level Ministerial Roundtable Session will provide a platform for reflection and stocktaking on political, policy and financial and innovations the continent has achieved. The session will also focus on what is needed to advance the implementation of commitments made at the Malabo Heads of State Summit as well as meeting the SDGs in the context of food systems.</p> <hr/> <p>• Moderator:</p> <p>Sequence 1 Welcome and Setting the Scene</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Chair of AGRF Partners • Video Presentation <p>Keynote Remarks:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ndavi Muia, Regional Head - Africa & Middle East, Advanta Seeds, Kenya • Dr. Dennis Garrity, Senior Fellow, ICRAF & Drylands Ambassador, UN, Nairobi • Ms. Jane Kamau, Commercialization and Agribusiness Manager, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) <p>Sequence 3: Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jannifer Muthike, Entomologist & Youth Representative, YALTA, Kenya • Dr. Tilahun Amede, Head of Resilience, Climate and Soils at AGRA (Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa) (AGRA) • Dr. Jean Senahoun, Senior Economist for Africa, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome
11:00-12:45	<p>Parallel Workshops – Rural & Market Development</p> <p>African food security lies in its opportunity link markets and add value to improve the livelihoods. 80% of global multi-dimensional poverty occurs in rural areas so it is essential to see the agro-ecosystem as a continuum from the farm to value added processing to products on the grocery store shelves. Leading academics, insightful business leaders, and finance experts will help chart a course to more robust value chains on the continent. From farmers, to aggregators, processors, to retailers, this session will speak about interventions in logistics and marketing as well as the means to get integrated value chains functioning more effectively in Africa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator <p>Sequence 1:</p> <p>Sequence 2</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Strengthening mechanisms in processing, logistics and market infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ayodeji Balogun, Chief Executive Officer, AFEX Nigeria • Ms. Atsuko Toda, Director of the Agriculture Finance & Rural Development Department of the African Development Bank • Hixonia Nyasulu, Founder and Chair, Ayavuna Women's Investments <p>Sequence 3: Panel Discussion: Strengthening Ag value chain systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hellen Onyango, Crop Aggregator, Farm to Market Alliance • Ms. Michelle Kagari, One Acre Fund's Global Director of Government Relations and Policy • Ms. Jo Ryan, CEO, Tru Trade <p>Remarks (video):</p> <p>Conclusion: Dr. Joe DeVries, President, Seed Systems Group, SSG: Agro-Ecosystem Development Enterprise</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Lohento – Digital Innovation Strategy Consultant, FAO
PLENARY & HEADLINERS	
14:00-15:30	<p>GoGettaz Agripreneur Cheetah’s Chase</p> <p>Generation Africa is proud to bring together young entrepreneurs, innovators, movers and shakers in Africa’s agri-food sector and present inspiration from 10 young agripreneurs competing for this year’s prestigious GoGettaz Agripreneur Prize. The session will feature key messages from Generation Africa Steering Committee (Steerco) members, Generation Africa Steerco Co-Chairs and Generation Africa Co-Catalysts.</p> <p>MC: Ms. Sherrie Silver, UN IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth, Emcee for Generation Africa</p> <p>Judges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ellen Katherine Rasmussen, EVP Scalable Enterprises, NORFUND • Ms. Barbra Muzata, Communications and Brand Leader, Africa Middle East, Corteva AgriScience • Mr. Thierno Mountaga Diarra, Principal Solutions Architect, African Development Bank • Mr. Ishmael Sunga, CEO, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) • Mr. Paul Brown, Co-Director, Master of Business Creation Program, University of Utah
15:30-18:00	<p>President’s Summit</p> <p>The President’s Summit is the highest-level moment of the AGRF, comprised of Heads of State & Government, eminent persons, and hundreds of leaders and stakeholders present from across Africa’s agriculture and agribusiness sectors. This AGRF 2021 Presidential Summit will be convened under the leadership of H.E. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya. It will focus on the gains that have been made in Africa’s agriculture landscape. Leaders will speak on bold steps they are already taking in putting in place major policy and political decisions to drive food systems transformation across their own countries and within their regions.</p> <p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>The Opening Ceremony will launch the hybrid (physical and virtual) 2021 AGRF. The theme of the summit, Pathways to Recovery and Resilient Food Systems, will be highlighted with a call to unlock new commitments to the future of African food systems. The Opening Ceremony will also set the stage for the single coordinated African voice to the UN Food System Summit</p> <p>Africa Food Prize 2021</p> <p>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> <p>GoGettaz Agripreneur Prize</p>





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

VALUE4HER Award

VALUE4HER is AGRA's continental program, aimed at increasing the performance of women agri-enterprises, through access to markets and trade, finance and investments, knowledge and skills, networking and building women's collective voice. The program VALUE4HER is powered by VALUE4HERConnect, Africa's first women in agribusiness integrated digital resource, designed to assist women agri-enterprises transcend gender and market entry barriers, built upon digital technologies capabilities to connect, amplify, and deliver customized service. Winners of the VALUE4HER Innovation Grant (IG) will be announced and each qualifying agribusiness will receive USD 9,000.

Sequence 1: Welcome and Setting the Scene

- Welcome Heads of State Procession – **Moderator: Mr. Jeff Koinange**, Citizen TV. Video Presentation

Setting the Scene

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

Framing Remarks:

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

Special Remarks:

Sequence 2: President's Address and Heads of State Panel Discussion

- Introduction of **H.E. President**
- President's Address

Heads of States and Governments Panel Discussion

Each Head of State and Government will have the opportunity to respond to four questions about what they are doing to improve their food systems in the wake of the African Union deadlines by 2025 and UN by 2030.

Sequence 3: Leaders Panel: The Great Debate

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

Speakers:

- **H.E. Gilbert Houngbo**, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- **Mr Antoine de Saint-Affrique**, Chief Executive Officer, Danone

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

- **Awards Ceremony**
 - **Moderated by Mr. Jeff Koinange, Citizen TV.**
- **Awards presented by:**

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	Concluding remarks by Moderator
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19:00 – 21:00	Gala Dinner (by invitation only) A celebration of fellowship on the continent in the beautiful setting of Nairobi. The event will capture the momentum of the Presidential Summit and the future of Africa through its great minds, energetic leaders, and action-oriented partners.

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	<p>Innovators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Samuella Goba, Co-Founder & Chief Operation Officer, Sierra Agri Foods • Ms. Blayne Tesfaye, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, TruLuv Granola
PARALLEL SESSIONS	
11:00-12:45	<p>Youth Town Hall (Innovation)</p> <p>The youth townhall is an annual event of the AGRF, curated and organized by the AGRA through its Gender and Inclusiveness Unit and AGRF's Generation Africa platform, in collaboration with relevant ecosystem partners. The event is conducted under the Youth entrepreneur platform of the AGRF. The Youth townhall provides a unique platform for young people to present their issues, challenges, aspirations to Governments and stakeholders for policy consideration as well as interact with various ecosystem players and their peers.</p> <p>This year's youth townhall will spotlight 4-K Clubs, a new policy recently approved by Kenyan government, with the aim of returning agricultural learning and clubs in schools, both at primary and secondary schools' levels in Kenya. At the youth Townhall for AGRF 2021, an agreement has been made with stakeholders to create awareness about the 4-K club's policy, bolster its implementation in Kenya and inspire other governments in Africa to replicate this policy. The event will be hosted in a hybrid format in Kenya and presided over by H.E. Hon Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya who is also the Patron of the 4-K Club.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Georgie Ndirangu, Media Broadcaster, BBC Multimedia Broadcast</p> <p>Sequence 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Youth in Agriculture • 4-K Club Presentation: In School Youth Representative Skit/Poem presentation • Opening Remarks & Introduction of the President: H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn, AGRA Board Chair • Introduction of President <p>Structured questions to the president: 3 Youth representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Joseph Mathenge, Founder, G-Star Youth Group (Kenya) <p>Sequence 2: Ministerial Interactive Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Youths from across the continent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ms. Ify Umunna, Co-Founder/Co-CEO (ICT & Programs), Nourishing Africa (Nigeria) • Youths from across the continent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Mr. Kofi Kisiedu Acquaye, YPARD Africa Coordinator <p>Sequence 3: Youth Call to Action</p> <p>Youths across the continent have a call to action for 2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Dorcas Omole - Youth in Ag (Nigeria) • Mr. Aloys Ntezimana, Pan African Movement (Rwanda)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mike Nkhombo Khunga - a Global Youth Advocate for Nutrition and the vice chair of the UN Food System Summit Action Track 5 (Malawi)
11:00-12:45	<p>Parallel Workshops – Food Systems & Nutrition</p> <p>Session Title: Africa’s Solutions Towards Safe and Nutritious Food for all.</p> <p>Healthy diets are currently out of reach for an estimated three billion people worldwide. This session seeks to identify innovations and strategies that are helping Africa improve the availability, access and affordability of nutrient rich food that is sustainably produced. Mechanisms for scaling up of these successful innovations and strategies will be highlighted.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation, Kenya <p>Sequence 1:</p> <p>Keynote Presentations</p> <p>Setting the Scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Nane Annan – Board Member and Nutrition Advocate, Kofi Annan Foundation <p>Sequence 2: Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Larry Umunna - Regional Director, West Africa, Technoserve • Ms. Patience Mukweza, Operations Executive, Food Solutions, a subsidiary of Beams & Rays Packaging, Zimbabwe • Dr. Dorothy Nakimbugwe, Director, Nutreal Ltd & Associate Professor, Department of Food Technology & Nutrition at Makerere University, Uganda • Ms. Tei Mukunya Oundo, CEO, Nature Lock, Kenya
11:00-12:45	<p>Parallel Workshops – Sustainable Productivity Platform (NET ZERO)</p> <p>Session Title: Leveraging Innovation in Africa’s Input Systems to Build Resilience and Enhance Sustainable Productivity</p> <p>In line with the theme of AGRF 2021 on forging pathways to recovery and resilient food systems, this session highlights innovative models that aid to build the resilience of input systems for Africa’s sustainable productivity. Moreover, it identifies areas of convergence and best models that future proof input systems from disruptions including climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic as well as trade and market distortions. The outcome of the session will be recommendations for action for the next 10 years towards innovation in sustainable productivity and a transformative agenda of Africa’s input systems in the context of an inclusive, resilient and sustainable food system.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Sequence 1: Setting the Scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jason Scarpone, President & CEO, AFAP <p>Sequence 2: Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Martin Fregene, Director, Agriculture & Agroindustry, AFDB (to speak on the Africa Fertiliser Finance Mechanism)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Piwai Nigel Chikasha – Managing Director, Alley Capital Group & GoGetta Awards Finalist <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Edward Mabaya, Research Professor, Department of Global Development, Cornell University
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AGRF 2021 SUMMIT

Pathways to recovery and resilient food systems

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13:30-13:45	<p>Participatory Event</p> <p>One Discussion – CGIAR</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has brought the complex interlinkages between human, animal, and environmental health into stark relief, especially in Africa. Here, rapid and intense population growth will burden the environment as cities expand; demand for food increases; and people, wildlife, and livestock are put in ever closer proximity, increasing risks of zoonotic disease emergence and transmission. Taking a “One Health” approach, or addressing the challenges that emerge where human, animal, and environmental health intersect in a multisectoral, multidisciplinary way, will be critical to pandemic recovery and building resilient food systems. CGIAR, through an emerging portfolio of One Health research initiatives as well as ongoing work including its COVID-19 Hub, is engaged with partners at the forefront of this effort.</p> <p>This session will provide a lively glimpse into some of that work and engage scientists with audience members to identify solutions for some of the biggest health and food security challenges facing Africa today.</p>
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16:45-17:00	<p>Commitments Showcase</p> <p>A 15-minute highlight from AGRA countries value chain projects, and partners reflecting initiatives, returns on investment, and commitments.</p>
17:00-18:00	<p>The Elders Council</p> <p>A pace setting session involving eminent leaders from Africa and around the world discussing the status of food systems in Africa and the urgent need to build resilient</p>

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18:00-18:15	<p>Commitments Showcase</p> <p>A 15-minute highlight from AGRA countries value chain projects, and partners reflecting initiatives, returns on investment, and commitments.</p>
18:15-19:00	<p>Insights: Are we walking the path to change?</p> <p>Closing out the day, Insights is a moment for voices with diverse points of view to comment on the day's activities and bring their insights to the Program.</p> <p>Reflections at end of each day bringing together the varied tracks into common themes and results.</p> <p>Moderator: Femi Oke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, FAO Dr. Jean Lebel, President, International Development Research Centre, Canada Ziad Hamoui, National President - Ghana, Borderless Alliance

Friday 10 September 2021
Future Food Systems

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

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	<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>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Wangari Kuria, Founder of a YouTube channel called - Farmer on Fire • Ms. Yunike Phiri, CEO. Amicus Zambia Limited/Founder Zambia Young Emerging Farmers Association • Mr John Agboola, Global Hunger Fighter, Consultant, Youth & Agriculture <p>Global Guest:</p>
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PARALLEL SESSIONS	
11:00-12:45	<p>Parallel Workshops – AgTech & Digitalization</p> <p>Accelerating Digital Innovation for Africa's Food Systems' Resilience</p> <p>Although COVID 19 has worsened the existing fault lines in Africa's food and agriculture sector, it has also accelerated a digital revolution that has fast-tracked the continent's progress in creating more efficient, equitable and environmentally friendly ways to feed the continent's populace and the globe. To build on this digital transformation opportunity and the rapid integration of digital and innovative technologies within every stage of the agricultural value-chain, it would be important for innovators to ensure that all these innovative solutions address the incidence of needs of African farmers, agribusinesses, policy makers and researchers involved.</p> <p>This session will focus on concrete outcomes to increase the innovation sustainability of digital solutions for African Agriculture.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Yassine Cherkaoui, Vice President- Strategy, Innovation and Analytics, OCP <p>Introduction: Matching digital Solutions to Farmers' Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Maura Barry, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID <p>Sequence 1: Leveraging Digital Innovations to Accelerate Food Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Daniel Asare-Kyei, CEO, Esoko, Ghana • Mr. Brian King – Coordinator, CGIAR Platform for Big Data • Mr. Etienne Niyigaba, Agriculture Extension Advisor, Hinga Weze Project in Rwanda



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Leesa Shrader – Program Director, AgriFin Accelerate (AFA), Mercy Corps • Mr. Dexter Tangocci, Co-Founder, Integrated Aerial Systems, South Africa • Dr. Ranveer Chandra - Managing Director, Research for Industry Partner Manager, Networking Research CTO, Agri-Food, Microsoft, USA <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Sequence 2: Strengthening Enabling Environments for Digital Agriculture Public Investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Boniface Akuku, Director of ICT, KALRO • Dr. Yifru Tafesse (DBL), Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA), Ethiopia • Dr. Racine Ly, Director of Data Management, Digital Products and Technology, AKADEMIYA2063, Senegal • Dr. Laurette Dubé, Professor & Scientific Director, McGill University, Canada <p>Closing remarks</p>
11:00-12:45	<p>Parallel Workshops – Trade</p> <p>Removing Barriers to Regional Trade in Food Staples</p> <p>In order for the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to be successfully implemented, African countries will need significant investments in building robust data systems to generate data and information for decision-making. Early warning systems for food and nutrition security are needed to provide alerts on a frequent basis, showing potential areas of surplus and deficits. This will enable different stakeholders to prepare in averting crises, and especially for the private sector to move food from areas of surplus to areas of deficit. To contribute toward the AGRF 2021 outcomes, the Food Trade Coalition for Africa will host two sessions during the AGRF 2021 Summit focused on 1) Removing Barriers to Regional Trade in Food Staples and 2) Building Robust Data Systems: The Regional Food Balance Sheet.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jonathan Said, Head of Inclusive Growth and Private-Sector Development Practice, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change <p>Sequence 1: Panel 1: Breaking the Barriers to Trade for Stronger Food and Nutrition Security in Africa</p> <p>Keynote Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Melvin Spreij, Head, Standards and Trade Development Facility, World Trade Organization • Ms. Fatma Ben Rejeb, Chief Executive Officer, Pan African Farmer’s Organization <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo, Senior Program Coordinator, ReNAPRI <p>Sequence 2: Panel 2: Building Strong Food Systems through Inclusive Data Sharing</p> <p>Keynote Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ade Freeman, Regional Programme Leader, Regional Office for Africa, FAO



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	<p>We understand that youth engagement in agriculture will be essential to recovering from the economic impact of the pandemic, both to rejuvenate the continent's agri-food system and develop economic opportunities for young Africans. Furthermore, this engagement will bring about the strategic shift needed to secure a sustainable and dynamic future for Africa's smallholder farmers and Africa's agricultural sector.</p> <p>For this reason, Heifer is working with young African entrepreneurs to catalyze ground-up innovation from the youth, creating social businesses that address challenges faced by smallholder farmers at scale, and elevating agriculture as a desirable career. The passion and energy of young Africans can become the driving force of agricultural transformation and job creation in Africa. We are committed to addressing smallholder farmers challenges in Africa and providing a new incentive for young Africans to be bold, innovative and creative in solving food system issues across the continent.</p>
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13:00-13:45	<p>Participatory Event Launch of 2021 Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM)</p>



	<p>African countries have diversified both their exports and trade partners over the last decade, but African agricultural trade still suffers from structural problems as well as exogenous shocks. Against this backdrop, the 2021 Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM) analyzes continental and regional trends in African agricultural trade flows and policies. The report reveals that many African countries continue to enjoy the most success in global markets with cash crops and niche products.</p> <p>The AATM is produced as a collaborative effort between AKADEMIYA2063 and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Session participants will discuss the research findings and policy recommendations of the 2021 AATM, an annual publication dedicated to addressing intra-African agricultural trade and informing AfCFTA implementation.</p>
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15:45-16:00	<p>Commitments Showcase</p>





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PLENARY & HEADLINERS	
16:00-17:15	<p>Leaders Town Hall & Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Leadership Town Hall (Parliamentarians, Governors, and Local Leaders - Resilience: BuildForwardBetter)</p> <p>The core functions of Parliaments place them at a vantage position to drive the achievement of the Malabo Commitments through two strategies: i) by using their legislative role to nudge the executive to put in place the much needed enabling legislation including appropriation that supports CAADP implementation; and ii) by exercising their oversight function to ensure that laws are implemented effectively and that there is accountability¹ in the utilization of funds. The representation role further ensures that the voices of citizens are heard through their elected representatives. It is anticipated that as more key country stakeholders understand CAADP, the more they will embrace and engage with it; use data and recommendations from the Biennial Review (BR) to inform policy reforms and budgetary allocation.</p> <p>If harnessed, the collective responsibilities and powers of Parliament and citizens groups in support of the CAADP Malabo Commitment will impact greatly and positively on the utilization of the BR outcomes and recommendation and how well and quickly the continent can address the food and nutrition insecurity by 2025. The APFEHA system is therefore aimed at enhancing the use of data and evidence by Parliaments and Parliamentarians towards achieving the CAADP Malabo targets as well accelerating the transformation of Africa’s food system.</p> <p>Sequence 1: Welcome and Setting the Scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Session Overview – Moderator • Framing Remarks - H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Chair of AGRF Partners • Keynote presentation - <p>Special Remarks</p> <p>Sequence 2: Launch of the Africa Parliamentary Forum for Food Systems Transformation (APFFST)</p> <p>Sequence 3: Closing Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability - What did we set out to do and what have we achieved • Reflections - Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA and UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Food Systems Summit • Closing Remarks • Vote of Thanks and Concluding Remarks - H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Chairperson AGRF Partners Group