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5th
**AFRICAN UNION &
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Agriculture Ministerial
Conference
PROGRAMME

*Resilient
food systems
and sustainable
agri value
chains*

Rome, 30 June 2023



08.00 – 09.30

Registration at FAO (Viale Aventino - Rome)

09.30 – 12.00

High Level Thematic sessions

Interpretation : English/French/Portuguese/Arabic

Sustainable investment in support of agri-food systems

Chair – Ildephonse Musafiri, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda

Room - Sheikh Zayed

Moderator - Carla Montesi, Director, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission

Speakers

- **Marco Camagni**, Global Technical Lead for rural institutions, International Fund for Agriculture and Development (IFAD)
- **Andrea Ghia**, Responsible for the EU-Ghana agri-business platform, Eurocham Ghana
- **Martin Fregene**, Director for Agriculture, African Development Bank
- **Changwe Kumalinga**, Chief Financial Officer, Good Nature Agro
- **Bongiwe Njobe**, Chairperson, Global Forum on Agricultural Research and Innovation (GFAR)
- **Mohamed Manssouri**, Director, FAO Investment Centre, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Research and innovation for smarter policies and technologies

Chair – Martin Heydon, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Ireland

Room - German

Moderator - Kerstin Rosenow, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Agriculture & Rural Development, European Commission

Speakers

- **Irene Annor-Frempong**, Leader of the International Consortium of AU-EU FNSSA research at the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Research and Innovation Consultant and member of the SANAD high-level political dialogue
- **Andrés Montero Aparicio**, Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Spain
- **Laila Lokosang**, Senior Technical Advisor (Food Systems) to the Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union
- **Muriel Mambrini**, Director Research and Program Evaluation, French National Research Institute for Sustainable development (IRD)
- **King-David Amoah**, President of The Farmers Organisation Network in Ghana
- **Arwyn Jones**, EU Soil Observatory, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Climate resilience of agri-food systems

*Chair – Luis Planas Puchades, Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food, Spain*

Room - Malaysia

Moderator - Ron Hartman, Director for Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Speakers

- **Martin Frick**, Director, World Food Programme
- **Ana Maria Loboguerrero Rodriguez**, Research Director for Climate Action at the Alliance of Bioversity International and International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CGIAR)
- **Christopher Ian Brett**, Lead Agribusiness Specialist in the Global Agricultural Practice of the World Bank
- **Kaveh Zahedi**, Director, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Kolyang Palebele**, President, PanAfrican Farmers Organisation (PAFO)
- **Kati Partanen**, Member of the Board of Directors, World Farmers Organisation (WFO) and Member of the Board, Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), Finland

Regional trade integration

Chair – Reuben Phiri Mtolo, Minister of Agriculture, Zambia

Room - Ethiopia

Moderator - Viwanou Gnassounou, Former Assistant Secretary-General – Sustainable Economic Development & Trade; Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP)

Speakers

- **Magda Kopczynska**, Deputy-Director General, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
 - **Rob Vos**, Director Markets, Trade and Institutions (MTID), International Food Policy Research Institute (Ifpri)
 - **Alex Assanvo**, Executive Secretary, Initiative Cacao Côte d'Ivoire-Ghana (CIGCI)
 - **Elizabeth Mpofu**, Chairperson, Zimbabwe Smallholder Organic Farmers' Forum (ZIMSOFF)
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12.00 – 14.00

Lunch and side events

Side Event 1: What AU-EU Partnership to Unlock the Potential of African Agriculture and Develop Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems?

Room - Sheikh Zayed

Side Event 2: An African perspective on GI: how the Continental Strategy for Geographical Indications in Africa contributes to resilience and sustainability of food systems

Room - Philippines

Side Event 3: Responsible investments in food value chains for resilient food systems

Room - Malaysia

Side Event 4: Science for Policy - how science can support policymaking

The example of the Pan African Network for Economic Analysis of Policies (PANAP)

Room - German

Side Event 5: AU - EU partnership and the role of FOs in Resilient food systems and sustainable agri value chains

Room - Ethiopia

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14.30 – 17.45**Plenary session -
AU – EU Agriculture Ministerial Conference***Interpretation : English/French/Italian/Portuguese/Arabic***Room - Green****14.30 – 14.35****Welcome****Moderator - Leanne de Bassompierre****14.35 – 15.00****Opening addresses****Josefa Sacko**, African Union Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment**Janusz Wojciechowski**, European Commissioner for Agriculture**Qu Dongyu**, Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**Kobenan Kouassi Adjoumani**, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development**Francesco Lollobrigida**, Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry, Italy**15.00 – 15.50****Keynote addresses****Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson, Akademiya 2063**Anniek Sezibera**, Executive Secretary of the Confederation of Associations of Agricultural Producers for Development, CAPAD**Agnes Kalibata**, President AGRA, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy 2021 Food System's Summit**Alvaro Lario**, President, International Fund for Agriculture and Development (IFAD)**15.50 – 16.30****Reporting of the morning high level thematic sessions****Investment****Ildephonse Musafiri**, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda**Research and innovation****Martin Heydon**, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Ireland**Climate resilience****Luis Planas Puchades**, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Spain**Regional Trade****Reuben Phiri Mtolo**, Minister of Agriculture, Zambia**16.30 – 17.15****Questions and answers****Moderator - Leanne de Bassompierre****17.15 – 17.45****Closing addresses****Peter Kullgren**, Minister of Rural Affairs, Sweden (EU Presidency)**Josefa Sacko**, African Union Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment**18.00 – 20.00****Closing reception**



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