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Partnership for sustainable agriculture and food system

FOUR PARALLEL HIGH LEVEL THEMATIC SESSIONS

1. Investment opportunities and challenges for local producers and the competitiveness of the agri-food sector

CHAIR: Ms Graziella Romito, Director at Ministry of Agriculture of Italy, G20 Chair of Agriculture Deputies

MODERATOR: Godfrey Bahigwa, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union Commission

SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS:

- Jennifer Susan Chiriga, Chief of Staff of AUDA-NEPAD
- James Tefft, Senior Economist, FAO Investment Centre
- Gilles Boumeester, Africa Project Lead, Rabobank
- Dimitri Van Raemdonk, Fund Manager, EDFI AgriFI
- Bagoré Bathily, Founder, Laiterie du Berger

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2. Agriculture research and innovation for soil health, agro-ecology and other innovative approaches

CHAIR: Issa Barro, Counsellor to the Minister of Agriculture of Senegal

MODERATOR: Juan Lucas Restrepo, DG of CIAT-Bioversity alliance

SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS:

- Annick Sezibera, Confédération des Associations des Producteurs Agricoles pour le Développement (CAPAD)
- Beatrice Egulu (AUC-DARBE), Giampiero Genovese, (EC-JRC): Pan African Network for the economic Analysis of Policies (PANAP)
- Tony Siantionas, Director Scaling Positive Agriculture, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- Daniel Nahon, Emeritus professor, founder and director of CEREGE
- Samuel Rigu, CEO, Safi Organics
- H.E. Martin Heydon, Minister of State of Ireland, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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3. Use of digital solutions in agriculture to combat diseases and to strengthen rural communities

CHAIR: H.E. Elsayed Elkosayar, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation of Egypt

MODERATOR: Tassos Haniotis, Acting Deputy-DirectorGeneral, European Commission, DG Agriculture

SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS:

- **Jeremy Knops**, General Delegate, COLEACP
- **Sarah De Saeger & Marthe De Boevre**, MYTOX-SOUTH coordinators, Ghent University, Belgium
- **Alan Belward**, European Commission, Joint Research Centre
- **Nnaemeka C. Ikegwuonu**, CEO, ColdHub Nigeria
- **Ishmael Sunga**, CEO, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)

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4. Regional trade integration for increased consumer access to safe food, improved food security and enhanced value chains

CHAIR : H.E. Fernando Miranda Sotillos, Secretary General for Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain

MODERATOR: John Clarke, Director, European Commission, DG Agriculture

SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS:

- **Estherine Fotabong**, Director, AUDA-NEPAD
- **Jemimah Njuki**, Director for Africa, IFPRI
- **H.E. Gerardine Mukeshimana**, Minister of Agriculture of Rwanda
- **Ahmed M. El Wakil**, President, ASCAME (Association of the Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry)

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14.00 – 16.30 (CEST)	PLENARY SESSION
	MODERATOR: Viwanou Gnassounou
14.00 – 14.20 (CEST)	SETTING THE SCENE
	H.E. Josefa Sacko , African Union Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment H.E. Maria do Céu Antunes , Minister of Agriculture of Portugal
14.20 – 15.00 (CEST)	REPORTING OF THE THEMATIC MORNING SESSIONS

<p>15.00 – 15.20 (CEST)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Graziella Romito, Director at Ministry of Agriculture of Italy, G20 Chair of Agriculture Deputies 2. H.E. Moussa Balde, Minister of Agriculture of Senegal 3. H.E. Elsayed Elkosayar, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation of Egypt Minister of Agriculture of Egypt 4. H.E. Luis Planas Puchades, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain <p>KEYNOTE ADDRESSES</p>
<p>15.30 – 16.10 (CEST)</p>	<p>Ms Elizabeth Nsimadala, President of the Pan Africa farmers Organization</p> <p>Mr Ramon Armengol, President of the General Confederation of EU Agricultural Cooperatives</p> <p><i>Q&A</i></p>
<p>16.10 – 16.30 (CEST)</p>	<p>CONCLUSION</p>
	<p>H.E. Angela Thoko Didiza, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development of South Africa</p> <p>H.E. Janusz Wojciechowski, European Commissioner for Agriculture</p> <p>Webstreaming of the Plenary Session: https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/au-eu-ministeral-virtual-conference-with-interactio-gasp-2021-06-22</p>