2022 ReSAKSS CONFERENCE

Agrifood Processing Strategies for Successful Food Systems Transformation in Africa

Agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Meik es Hotel, Harare, Zimbabwe

Time (CAT)

08.00 – 15.00 REGISTRATION
08.00 – 09.00 WELCOME COFFEE
09.00 – 10.40 SIDE EVENT 1: “CAADP Biennial Review Data Challenges, Improvements and Way Forward” – Room: BAGATELLE
12.10 – 13.10 LUNCH BREAK
14:40 – 14.50 COFFEE BREAK
15.00: ReSAKSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Stewart Conference Room
Opening Session of the 2022 ReSAKSS Annual Conference

Plenary Session I: Agrifood processing strategies for successful food systems transformation in Africa
Chairperson: Ambassador Ertharin Cousin, AKADEMIYA2063 Board of Trustees Vice Chair; Founder and CEO, Food Systems for the Future

15.00 - Welcome and Opening Remarks [40 mins]
• Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
• Ms. Maura Barry Boyle, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, US Agency for International Development (USAID)
• H.E. Ambassador. Josefa L. C. Sacko, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission (AUC)
• Hon. Mr. Vangelis Peter Haritatos, Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, and Rural Development, Zimbabwe

15.40 - Keynote Presentation – Trends and outlook for Africa’s agrifood mid segment sector [15 mins]
• Prof. Tom Reardon, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University

15.55 - Overview of the 2022 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR) [20 mins]
• Dr. John Ulimwengu, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
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16.15 - Moderated Panel Discussion [40 mins]
• Moderator: Dr. Yanira Ntupanyama,
  Former Secretary for Forestry and Natural Resources, Ministry of Forestry and Natural Resources, Malawi

  Panelists:
  • Mr. Clemence Taderera Bwenje,
    Chief Director, Strategic Planning and Business Development, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, and Rural Development, Zimbabwe
  • Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa,
    Director, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, the Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission (AUC)
  • Dr. Hamady Diop,
    Head of the Program, Natural Resource Governance, Food Security, and Nutrition, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD)
  • Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala,
    President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)

16.55 - Plenary Discussion [30 mins]
• Moderator: Dr. Yanira Ntupanyama,
  Former Secretary for Forestry and Natural Resources, Ministry of Forestry and Natural Resources, Malawi

17.25 - Concluding Remarks [10 mins]
• Dr. Ousmane Badiane,
  Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

17.35 - END OF DAY ONE

18.30 - COCKTAIL RECEPTION/ReSAKSS DATA CHALLENGE AWARDS
• Dr. Ousmane Badiane,
  Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

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Plenary Session II: Dynamics in Africa’s agrifood processing sector and performance of key agrifood industries

Chairperson: Dr. Nalishebo Mebelo,
Executive Director, Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI)

09.00 - Day 1 Recap and Day 2 Objectives [10 mins]
• Ms. Tsitsi Makombe,
  Director, Department of External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063

09.10- Presentation 1–The Rise of Africa’s Processing Sector and Commercialization of Smallholder Agriculture [10 mins]
• Dr. Ousmane Badiane,
  Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

09.20- Presentation 2–The Dynamics of Africa’s Fruit and Vegetable Processing Sectors [10 mins]
• Mr. Mwasilwa Ambali,
  Lead Specialist - Technology Scaling, World Vegetable Center

09.30- Presentation 3–An Overview of Meat Processing in Africa [10 mins]
• Dr. Karl M. Rich,
  Professor of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University

09.40- Plenary Discussion [15 mins]
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09.55 - Moderated Panel Discussion [40 mins]
- Moderator: Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo, Executive Director, Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI)
  Panelists:
  - Ms. Aminata Ndoye, Executive Secretary, Conseil National de Développement de la Nutrition (CNDN), Senegal
  - Mr. Bagoré Bathily, CEO, La Laiterie du Berger
  - Dr. Antony Chapoto, CEO, Center for Agriculture and Food Policy (CAFP), Zimbabwe
  - Dr. Saweda Liverpool-Tasie, MSU Foundation Professor, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University

10.35 - Plenary Discussion [20 mins]
- Moderator: Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo, Executive Director, Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI)

10.55 - Coffee Break [20 mins]

Plenary Session III: Policies and investments for successful agrifood processing sectors – Enterprise leadership and innovation
Chairperson: Mr. Francis Hale, Director, Department of Policy Advocacy & Communications, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)

11.15 - Presentation 1 – Policies and investments to support the development of technical skills, leadership, and management in agrifood enterprises [10 mins]
- Dr. Oliver Kirui, Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

11.25 - Presentation 2 – Transforming the agrifood processing sector in Africa: The role of industrial clusters [10 mins]
- Prof. Daniel Sakyi, Department of Economics, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

11.35 - Presentation 3 – Innovation in African food processing enterprises: Patterns and drivers [10 mins]
- Dr. Getaw Tadesse, Director, Department of Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063

11.45 - Plenary Discussion [15 mins]

12.00 - Moderated Panel Discussion [40 mins]
- Moderator: Mr. Francis Hale, Director, Department of Policy Advocacy & Communications, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)
  Panelists:
  - Dr. Heike Baumuller, Senior Researcher and PARI Coordinator, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn
  - Mr. Sheriff Abdullahieef, Finance Manager, AACE Food Processing and Distribution, Nigeria
  - Mr. Ken Lohento, Digital Agriculture Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
  - Ms. Liliane Nsengiyumva, Director of Operations Nyamiyaga Akanoze Company Rwanda
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12.40 - Plenary Discussion [20 mins]
  • Moderator: Mr. Francis Hale, Director, Department of Policy Advocacy & Communications, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)

13.00 - Lunch [1 hour]

Plenary Session IV – Policies and investments for successful agrifood processing sectors – Access to services and finance
Chairperson: Dr. Samuel Benin, Acting Division Director, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

14.05 - Presentation 1 – Agrifood processing in Africa: Status, challenges, and opportunities [10 mins]
  • Prof. Margaret McMillan, Professor of Economics, Tufts University

14.15 - Presentation 2 – Agro-parks as drivers of the African food processing sector: Review of conditions for success [10 mins]
  • Dr. John Ulimwengu, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

14.25 - Presentation 3 – Access to finance [10 mins]
  • Mr. Toshiaki Ono, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank

14.35 - Plenary Discussion [15 mins]

14.50 - Moderated Panel Discussion [40 mins]
  • Moderator: Dr. Samuel Benin, Acting Division Director, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
  Panelists:
  • Dr. Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
  • Prof. Douglas Gollin, Professor of Development Economics, Oxford University
  • Mr. Kebba Colley, Director, Inclusive Business Development, The Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH), and Senior Advisor, AUDA-NEPAD, South Africa
  • Mr. Olivier Uwishema, Quality Assurance Manager SINA GERARD/Ese URWIBUTSO Rwanda

15.30 - Plenary Discussion [20 mins]
  • Moderator: Dr. Samuel Benin, Acting Division Director, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

15.50 - Concluding Remarks [10 mins]
  • Dr. Tobias Takavarasha, Board Chairman, Center for Agriculture and Food Policy, Zimbabwe

16.00   END OF DAY 2
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**Plenary Session V: Progress Toward Achieving the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Goals**

**Chairperson:** Dr. Hamady Diop,
Head of the Program, Natural Resource Governance, Food Security, and Nutrition, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD)

09.00 - **Day 2 Recap and Day 3 Objectives** [10 mins]
- Ms Julie Collins,
  Senior Associate Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

09.10 - **Presentation 1 – CAADP Trends and Implementation Processes** [10 mins]
  - Mr. Wondwosen Tefera,
    Senior Associate Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

09.20 - **Presentation 2 – The CAADP Biennial Review: Challenges, Lessons, and Plans for the 4th Biennial Review** [10 mins]
  - Dr. Greenwell Matchaya,
    Senior International Researcher in Economics, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), and Southern Africa ReSAKSS Coordinator

09.30 - **Presentation 3 – Progress in NAIP implementation** [10 mins]
  - Dr. Simplice Nouala,
    Head of Agriculture and Food, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission (AUC)

09.40 - **Plenary Discussion** [15 mins]

09.55 - **Moderated Panel Discussion** [40 mins]
  - **Moderator:** Dr. Hamady Diop,
    Head of the Program, Natural Resource Governance, Food Security, and Nutrition, (AUDA-NEPAD)
  - **Panelists:**
    - Mr. Clemence Taderera Bwenje,
      Chief Director, Strategic Planning and Business Development, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, and Rural Development, Zimbabwe
    - Dr. Samuel Benin,
      Acting Division Director, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
    - Ms. Fatmata Seiwoh,
      Monitoring and Evaluation Expert, Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS Commission
    - Dr. Bethule Nyamambi,
      Project Director, TrustAfrica, Senegal

10.35 - **Plenary Discussion** [20 mins]
  - **Moderator:** Dr. Hamady Diop,
    Head of the Program, Natural Resource Governance, Food Security, and Nutrition, (AUDA-NEPAD)

10.55 - **Coffee Break** [20 mins]

**Plenary Session VI – Closing Ceremony**

**Moderator:** Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa,
Director, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, the Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission (AUC)

11.15 - **Conference Conclusions and Way Forward** [15 mins]
  - Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu,
    Director, Department of Knowledge Systems, AKADEMIYA2063

11.30 - **Closing Remarks** [40 mins]
  - Dr. Ousmane Badiane,
    Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
  - H.E. Ambassador Josefa L. C. Sacko,
    Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission (AUC)
  - Hon. Mr. Vangelis Peter Haritatos,
    Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, and Rural Development, Zimbabwe

12.10 - **Group Photos** [15 mins]

12.25 - **Lunch**

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