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Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Seventh session

Brazzaville (online), 1–4 March 2021

Regional Dialogue: African Food Systems (agenda item 9)

Thursday, 4 March 2021

9:15 –11.20 a.m.¹

High level technical roundtable on leveraging regional action for resilient, inclusive and sustainable food systems in Africa

Venue: Virtual

Chair: Mr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC (Open Remarks: 5 minutes)

Key Note Speaker: Mr. William Lugemwa, Director, PSDFD, ECA (10 minutes)

Breakout session 1: Building sustainable, resilient food systems in Africa

This session is to consider action tracks 3 & 5 on sustainable production and resilience building, respectively

Moderator: Chris Toe, Senior Advisor, Strategic Partnerships Division, WFP (6 minutes)

Panellists: (9 minutes each)

- Mr. Jamie Morrison, Director, Food Systems and Food Safety, FAO
- Mrs. Joan Kagwanja, Chief, Agriculture and Business Enabling Environment Section & Coordinator, African Land Policy Centre (ALPC), PSDF, ECA
- Mrs. Veda Simpson, Founder and CEO, Quidiyon, Inc, Guinea
- Mr. Alexis Minga, Head of Missions of the Minister of State of Agriculture and Livestock; Congo

¹ In Brazzaville time(UTC+1)

- Mr. Eshete Dejean, Interim Programme Manager, Protection, Agriculture & Environment Division, IGAD
- Mr. Luca Rossi, Deputy Chief, UNDRR Regional Office for Africa

General Discussion (30 minutes: Q & A)

Breakout session 2: Promoting Sustainable, inclusive Food Systems for healthy diets and improved nutrition

This session is to consider action tracks 1, 2 & 4 on, respectively, access to nutritious food; sustainable consumption; and equity and inclusiveness

Moderator: Jemimah Njuki, Director for Africa, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) (5 minutes)

Panellists: (each 8 minutes)

- Mrs. Felicite Tchibindat, Deputy Regional Director, West and Central Africa, UNICEF
- Mr. Divine Nitokam, Food Systems Champion.
- Mr. Martin Fregene, Director, Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry, AfDB (tbc)
- Mr. Alex Ariho, Executive Officer, The African Agribusiness Incubators Network (AAIN)
- Mr. Ousmane Badiane, Director, AKADEMIYA2063
- Mr Robson Mutandi, Head, Sub regional Office in Johannesburg, and Country Director for Angola, Mozambique and South Africa, IFAD

General Discussion: (25 minutes)

Plenary session

Chair: Mr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC

- African solutions and Key messages.
 - Mr. Clement Adjorlolo, AUDA-NEPAD (5 minutes)
 - Mr. Medhat El-Helepi, ECA (5 minutes)

11.20–11.50 a.m.

Break``

11.50 a.m. –1.30 p.m. **High-level policy roundtable on leveraging regional action for sustainable food systems in Africa**

Moderator: Dr. Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg, Director, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development

Key messages from the technical session: Mr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC (8 Minutes)

Panellists²: (9 minutes each)

- H.E. Ambassador Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union
- Dr. Vera Songwe, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina, President, AfDB (tbc)
- Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD
- Dr Agnes Kalibata, Special Envoy for the Food Systems Summit
- H.E. Angela Thokozile Didiza, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa & the Chair of the AU-STC on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (tbc)
- Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, ADG & Regional Representative for Africa, FAO
- Ms. Lucy Muchoki, CEO, Pan African Agribusiness and Agroindustry Consortium
- Mr. Georges Claver BOUNDZANGA, Coordinator, National REDD+, Congo

² Protocol observed