



PROGRAMME

THE 9TH AFRICAN AGRIBUSINESS INCUBATION CONFERENCE AND EXPO - AAICE 2024

Theme: Enhancing Entrepreneurship, Education, and Innovative Skills for Employment in Africa

23rd to 26th July 2024

Taj Pamodzi Hotel
Lusaka, Province of Zambia



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Transforming African Agriculture



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Day 1

Tuesday 23 July 2024

TIME	SESSION
09:00-11:00	PLENARY SESSION 1 - OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY
	Anthems and Incubation Video Projection
09:00-10:00	Host Business Incubators <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jacaranda Hub, ZambiaMusika Development Initiatives ('Musika'), Zambia Moderators <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Clesensio TizikaraDr. Chris Muyunda Welcome Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof. Alex Ariho; Chief Executive Officer, African Agribusiness Incubators Network - AAINProf. Henry Bwisa; Chair Board AAINMr. Reuben Mtolo Phiri, Minister of Agriculture-Zambia Opening Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Godfrey Bahigwa; Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union Commission- AUCEdson Mpyisi; African Development Bank - AfDBAdama David; Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa - AGRA
10:00-10:50	Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mamadou Biteye OBE; Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation - ACBF Keynote Response Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Janet Edeme; Head, Rural Development Division and Acting Head, Agriculture and Food Security Division, AUCProf. Michael Dynamite Benson Munkumba; Executive Director, MihatchiEpaphrodite Semyampi, AfDBHon. Chipoka Mulenga; Minister of Commerce, Trade, and Industry, Zambia
10:50-11:00	Official Opening Remarks: Address by Guest of Honor <ul style="list-style-type: none">H.E. Hakainde Hichilema; President, Republic of Zambia
11:00-11:30	Group Photo and BREAK
11:30-13:00	PLENARY - SESSION 2 - HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION: Contribution of Incubators, Accelerators and Enterprise Support Organisations in the realization of the Africa Agenda 2063 Lead Partners: Musika, Agbit, and Jacaranda Hub Zambia Moderators <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Mara Micho Jacaranda HubDr. Clesensio Tizikara Keynote Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">Susan Watkins, University of GuelphProf. Charles Kwesiga, Executive Director, Uganda Industrial Research Institute - UIRI Response Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Chris Muyunda; Musika ZambiaDr. Hezron Mogaka, University of EmbuRalph Von Kaufmann, EnglandBrian Mwanamambo, ZambiaDr. Epezagne Ingrid, Côte d'Ivoire
13:30-14:30	LUNCH BREAK

<p>14:30-15:30</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION 3 – HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION- “Building Africa’s Agribusiness Capacity for Enhanced Food Security, Incomes, Jobs, and Economic Transformation; A case of African Agribusiness Youth Strategy (AAYS) Lead Partners: Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) & African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p>Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kennedy Ayason ▪ Dr. Clesensio Tizikara <p>Keynote Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adama David, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa- AGRA ▪ Bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, Uganda <p>Response Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yotam Mkandawire, Zambia ▪ Mr Hamid Baadi, Morocco ▪ Louis Chikopela, Agriculture Policy Expert, Zambia ▪ Amaka Chime, APDC, Nigeria ▪ Mooto Maimbolwa, Zambia
<p>15:30-16:00</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION 4 - HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION: Addressing the Investment Challenge with Affordable Financial Products and Services Lead Partner: The African Development Bank – AfDB and African Projects Development Center (APDC)</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ James Natweta Baguma, AAIN <p>Keynote Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Pascal Sanginga, AfDB ▪ Dr Chiji Ojukwu, APDC <p>Response Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Njiru Grace, Mastercard Foundation Fund for Resilience and Prosperity ▪ Sandra Nyambuza, IFAD Country Director Assistant, Burundi ▪ Mizinga Melu; Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Absa Bank Zambia PLC ▪ Nkiruka Stella Okonkwo, FBIN ▪ Yakub Maaruf, Nigeria
<p>16:00-16:30</p>	<p>WELLNESS BREAK</p>
<p>16:30-17:30</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION 5 - HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION - “The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Opportunities for Youth and Women” Lead Partner: AfCFTA Secretariate Accra Ghana and The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Haile Abebe, AUC <p>Keynote Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prosper Bissi, AfCFTA ▪ Providence Mavubi, COMESA <p>Response Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Mure Agbonlahor, AUC ▪ Angele Makomno N’tumba, Southern African Development Community ▪ Ntiranyibagira Damase, IFAD ▪ Mbacke Niang, Director of Programs, ACBF ▪ Ms. Pamela Hamasaka, MUSIKA ▪ Sylvia B, IGAD <p>Day one Closing statement. Dr. Chris Muyunda, Musika, Zambia</p>
<p>17:30</p>	<p>End of Day 1</p>

Day 2

Wednesday 24 July 2024 -

TIME	SESSION
08:30-9:00	PLENARY - RECAP OF DAY 1 & KEYNOTE ADDRESS
9:00-10:00	<p>Highlights of Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nkiruka Stella Okonkwo; Fresh & Young Brains Development Initiative (FBIN) <p>Brief presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">African Journal of Business Incubation and Acceleration (ABIA); James Baguma, AAIN
10:00-11:00	<p>PLENARY SESSION 6 - HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION: Research, and Technology Development for Economic Transformation.</p> <p>Lead Partners: University of Zambia and University Embu and EURAXESS Africa</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Clesensio Tizikara, Uganda <p>Keynote Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Ahmed Maalel, EURAXESS AfricaProf. Leith Deacon, University of Guelph <p>Response Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Cathy Ikiror Mbidde; Makerere University, UgandaProf Agnes Wakesho Mwang'ombe, University of Nairobi, KenyaProf. Samson James Opolot, Ibanda UniversityAmon Rugira, Science, Teaching and Innovation AfricaDr. Nuwagaba Geoffrey, Makerere University, UgandaFavour Akpeji, APDC
11:00-11:30	WELLNESS BREAK
11:30-13:00	<p>PLENARY SESSION 7 - HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION - Policy and enabling environment for developing competitive agro-food system transformation through value-addition in Africa.</p> <p>Lead Partners: African Union' Semi- Arid Food Grains Research and Development (AU-SAFGRAD)</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Clesensio Tizikara, Uganda <p>Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Mure Agbonlahor, AU-SAFGRAD <p>Response Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hezron Mogaka, Coffee/tea value chains East AfricaEpezagne Ingrid, Cocoa Value chains, West AfricaHamid Baadi, Date palms/cereals value Chains North AfricaYotam Mkandawire, Maize value Chains Southern Africa
13:30-14:30	LUNCH BREAK

14:30-15:30	<p>PLENARY SESSION 8 - HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION - Building Sustainable Ecosystems for Economic Resilience and The Common African Agro-Parks Programme (CAAPs) Lead Partner: The African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p>Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Bridget Kambobe; Group Public Relations and Corporate Affairs, Trade Kings Group, Zambia Mr. James Natweta Baguma <p>Keynote Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Janet Edeme; AUC <p>Response Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Misheck Mkokweza; Head of Corporate Bank, Ecobank, Zambia Haile Abebe, AUC Isaac Holly, UNCDF Country Lead Julius Kiok, Kenya Dr. Micheal Makokha, Life Works Global-Kenya
15:30-16:00	<p>PLENARY SESSION 9 - HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION - Creating Sustainable Youth MSMEs through Urban Farming (SYMUF) Project and business incubation in Africa Lead Partner: Africa Projects Development Centre (APDC), and African Development Bank (AfDB)</p> <p>Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ayason Mukulia Kennedy, AUC Dr. Tizikara Clesensio <p>Keynote Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edson Mpyisi, AfDB Dr Chiji Ojukwu, APDC <p>Response Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ibrahim Abdel-Ati, AfDB Aida Bakayoko, AfDB Angela Nantulya, GGGI, Zambia Yakub Maaruf, APDC, Nigeria Hakizimana Variette, Entrepreneur Sans Frontière Phiona Katushabe, AAIN, Uganda Noel Mulinganya, IITA, DRC
16:00-16:30	Day two Closing statement Madam Zwane Njabulo, Vice Chair AAIN
16:30	End of Day 2

Day 3

Thursday 25 July 2024 -

TIME	SESSION
08:30-09:00	PLENARY - RECAP OF DAY 2 & KEYNOTE ADDRESS
09:00-09:30	<p>Business Incubation Videography - Racheal Lucky, AAIN</p> <p>Highlights of Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Clesensio Tizikara <p>Opening statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reuben Banda; MD, Musika Development Initiatives ('Musika'), Zambia <p>Brief presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leveraging the Parish Development Model for Increased Income Generation (LEPIIG) among households; Nuwagaba Geoffrey, Uganda

09:00-09:30	WELLNESS BREAK
09:30-10:30	<p>PLENARY SESSION 10 - HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION - Leveraging Digitalisation for the Effective Implementation of Economic Initiatives in Africa Lead Partner: ReNAPRI, and African Export-Import Bank</p> <p>Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mara Zhanet Michelo; CEO Jacaranda Hub ▪ James Natweta Baguma <p>Keynote Addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meena Munshi, DART ▪ Dr. Nalishebo Meebelo, Zambia <p>Response Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ James Chona, Airtel Money Director, Zambia ▪ Prof. Gelson Tembo, University of Zambia ▪ Dr. Cathy Ikiror Mbidde, Makerere University ▪ Dr. Epezagne Ingrid, Côte d'Ivoire ▪ Dr Pia Chuzu, Lusaka, Zambia ▪ Dr. Ali Abdi; Managing Director, HESPI, Ethiopia
10:30-11:00	WELLNESS BREAK
11:00-12:00	<p>PLENARY SESSION 7 - HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION - SDGs Summit Dialogues: Climate Smart Agricultural Innovations Lead Partner: International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)</p> <p>Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Chris Muyunda, Zambia ▪ Dr Clesensio Tizikara, Uganda <p>Keynote Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Bodjo Sanne Charles, AU-PANVAC ▪ Dr. Hezron Mogaka, University of Embu <p>Response Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Valerie Traoré; Executive Director, Niyel ▪ Bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, Uganda ▪ Yakub Maaruf, Nigeria ▪ Amaka Chime, APDC, Nigeria ▪ Innocent Iyalla Harry; President, All-Africa Association of SMEs (AAASME) ▪ Chiza Charles Chiumya, AUC ▪ Paul Manweiler Founder, Life Works Global ▪ Dr. Albert Byamugisha, Uganda
12:00-13:30	<p>Session 12: FINAL SESSION</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Chris Muyunda, Zambia <p>Keynote Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jacquelyn Wright, CEO CFTC ▪ Dr. Janet Edeme; Head, Rural Development Division and Acting Head, Agriculture and Food Security Division, AUC <p>2024 African Agribusiness Incubators Conference and Expo Communiqué</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nkiruka Stella Okonkwo, FBIN ▪ Dr. Epezagne Ingrid <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director, Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC ▪ Mamadou Biteye OBE, ACBF ▪ Dr. Pascal Sanginga, AfDB ▪ Dr Chiji Ojukwu, APDC ▪ Prof. Charles Kwesiga, ED UIRI, Uganda ▪ Adama David, AGRA ▪ Ministry of Agriculture Representative, Zambia

	<p><u>AAIN Presentation of the awards and recognitions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nkiruka Stella Okonkwo, FBIN ▪ Dr. Chris Muyunda <p><u>Official Closing Statements and Vote of Thanks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zambia Ministry of Local Government Representative ▪ Reuben Banda; MD Musika, Zambia ▪ Prof. Henry Bwisa, AAIN Board ▪ Prof. Alex Ariho, CEO, AAIN
13:30-14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30	End of Conference and Expo

DAY 4(Optional)

Friday July 26th, 2024 --Visit to Zambia based Incubators, Accelerators & Ecosystem supporters.

TIME	SESSION
09:00-10:00	Registration (23 rd to 25 th July 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lydia B, Zambia ▪ Mooto Maimbolwa, Zambia
10:00-5:00	Group A, Visit to Incubators Group B, Visit to Accelerators and Enterprise Support Organisations

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