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Time	Activity	Details
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	Participant check-in.
09:00 – 09:15	Opening Remarks	• Dr. Antony Chapoto – Executive Director, ANAPRI Secretariat • Dr. Luc Christiaensen – Lead Agriculture Economist, World Bank
09:15 – 09:40	Keynote Presentations	Dr. Thomas Daum, University of Gothenburg. (25 minutes).
09:40 – 10:00	Q&A Session	Open floor for participant questions to keynote speaker.
10:00 – 10:20	Coffee Break	Networking and informal discussions.
Parallel Technical Sessions		
10:20 – 12:20	A. AFS jobs profile and prospects Session chair: Dr Nancy Laibuni	B. Sustainable intensification and AFS jobs Session chair: Dr Thomas Daum
	Employment patterns in Bhutan's agrifood System. **Presenter:** Tayan Raj Gurung **Discussant:** *Linda Steinhuebel-Rasheed* Assessing the role of the food MSMEs in providing employment for women and youth in Ethiopia. **Presenter:** Daniel Mekonnen **Discussant:** Tayan Raj Gurung Beyond Distance: How Urban Characteristics Shape Livelihood Strategies in Rural Myanmar. **Presenter:** *Linda Steinhuebel-Rasheed* **Discussant:** Olayinka Aremu Contract labor, job quality, and turnover intention—Evidence from Nigeria. **Presenter:** Olayinka Aremu **Discussant:** Daniel Mekonnen	Jobs! The Labour Implications of Climate Change Adaptation in West Africa **Presenter:** *Martin Paul Jr* **Discussant:** *Kaushik Bora* Does Sustainable Intensification Pay for Small-Scale Producers? Evidence on returns to family labor from sub-Saharan Africa. **Presenter:** *Emanuele Zucchini* **Discussant:** Mesay Yami Sustainable Intensification and Job Creation through Specialized Agricultural Services: Evidence from Youth-Led Spray Providers in Nigeria. **Presenter:** *Mesay Yami* **Discussant:** *Martin Paul Jr* Technology Suitability for Women Farmers: Scaling Gender Inclusive Climate Smart Interventions in data-limited Settings. **Presenter:** *Kaushik Bora* **Discussant:** *Emanuele Zucchini*
12:20 – 13:15	Lunch Break	• Lunch and networking.
13:15 – 14:45	C. AFS MSMEs and job creation Session Chair: Dr. Salomo Mbai	D. Inclusion of youth and women Session Chair: Dr. Oluwole Fatunbi
	Unlocking Agricultural Transformation through Commercialized Smallholders: Evidence from Rural Kenya **Presenter:** Milu Muyanga **Discussant:** *Luc Christiaensen*	The Landscape of Youth Engagement in Food Systems in Africa: Are the youth driving structural transformation? **Presenter:** *Kibrom A. Abay* **Discussant:** *Mulubrhan Amare*

	Linking the Last Mile Agricultural MSMEs and Bundled Farmer Service Delivery. **Presenter:** *Luc Christiaensen*u **Discussant:** Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse The effectiveness of alternative agrifood investments for jobs and inclusive transformation in Ethiopia. **Presenter:** Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse **Discussant:** Milu Muyanga	Empowering Women in Nigeria's Food Sector: Structural Barriers and Opportunities for Women's Participation in Fruit and Seafood SMEs. **Presenter:** *Joy Ucheime* **Discussant:** *Kibrom A. Abay* Can Boosting Public Expenditure on Agriculture Reduce Youth Out-Migration? Evidence from Nigeria **Presenter:** *Mulubrhan Amare* **Discussant:** *Joy Ucheime*
14:45 – 16:15	E. Skills, Education, and Workforce Readiness Session Chair: Dr Sergiy Zorya	F. Inclusion and equity in agricultural value chain development models Session Chair: Mr Alan Rennison
	Bridging the skill gap for a climate-smart agrifood future: integrated pathways for on- and off-farm workforce development **Presenter:** Amine AMAR **Discussant:** Destaings *Nyongesa* Building a Future-Ready Agrifood–Hospitality Workforce: Policy Insights from a Dual-Training Model in Kenya **Presenter:** Destaings *Nyongesa* **Discussant:** *Richard Kwabi Ayisi* Food Processing Development in Ghana's Food Value Chain: The Implications for Job Creation and Macroeconomic Dynamics. **Presenter:** *Richard Kwabi Ayisi* **Discussant:** Amine AMAR	Agricultural production, road rehabilitation and conflicts: evidence Western Growth Poles Development project in Bas-Congo. **Presenter:** *Cecilia Nardi* **Discussant:** *Guillaume Soullierab* More jobs, same conditions? Evaluating the labour impacts of third-party certification in the global cocoa value chain in Ghana. **Presenter:** *Guillaume Soullierab* **Discussant:** *Castro N. Gichuki* Do different Fish Supply Channels Combinations Increase the Net Profitability of Women-Owned SMEs in Kenya? **Presenter:** *Castro N. Gichuki* **Discussant:** *Cecilia Nardi*
16:15 – 17:15	High-Level Panel Discussion	Moderator: Dr. Luc Christiaensen (World Bank) Panelists: • Dr. Nancy Laibuni – Country policy perspective (Kenya) • Dr. Sergiy Zorya – International institution perspective (World Bank) • Dr. Thomas Daum – Research perspective • Mr. Alan Rennison – Donor perspective (Gates Foundation)
17:15 – 17:30	Summary & Next Steps	• Dr. Luc Christiaensen – World Bank *Synthesis of insights, identification of evidence gaps, and forward agenda.*

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