12th ANAPRI STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Driving Africa's Food Systems Transformation: Strategic Investments, Resilient Policies, and Global Partnerships

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Programme at a Glance

Pre Conference Programme

November 3, 2025: Pre-Conference Events 1: Africa Agriculture Adaptation Atlas – User Adoption and Testing Project Learning Workshop

	Facilitator: Tinashe Kapuya	
Time	Segment	Focus & Lead
08h:30 – 09h:00	Arrival and Registration	SAF-Africa
09h:00 – 09h:30	Opening and Welcome Remarks	George Njuguna, Sustainable Ag. Foundation- Africa
09h:30-09h:50	Remarks from the Gates Foundation	Alan Rennison, Gates Foundation
09h:50 -10h:30	A presentation on the Atlas, the engagement process with partners, and the overall user feedback	Peter Steward, CIAT
10h:30 – 11h:00	Tea Break	
11h:00 – 13h:00	Presentation from Partners on feedback and experiences in the use and application of the Atlas by Partners	George Njuguna, SAF-A
	• Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development – (RCMRD)	Frankline Rono, RCMRD
	• African Group of Negotiators Experts Support (AGNES)	Telvin Denje, AGNES
	• Africa Network of Agriculture Policy Research Institutes (ANAPRI)	Prof. Thinah Moyo, ANAPRI/ATPI
	• Agricultural Transformation Institute (ATI)	Mulugeta Molla, ATI
13h:00 – 14h:30	Lunch	
14h:30 – 16h:20	Breakout discussions • What are the top five issues that would need to be prioritized to improve the Atlas Platform • Next Steps on the development of the Atlas	Facilitator: Peter Steward, CIAT
16h:20 – 16h:30	Way Forward and Close	George Njuguna, SAF-A

November 3, 2025: Pre-Conference Events 2: Jobs and the Agrifood System: Towards Evidence-Based Pathways for Inclusive Transformation

Time	Activity	Details
08h:30 – 09h:00	Registration	Participant check-in.
09h:00 – 09h:15	Opening Remarks	• Antony Chapoto – Executive Director, ANAPRI Secretariat • Luc Christiaensen – Lead Agriculture Economist, World Bank
09h:15 – 09h:40	Keynote Presentations	Thomas Daum, University of Gothenburg.
09h:40 – 10h:00	Q&A Session	Luc Christiaensen
10h:00 – 10h:20	Coffee Break	Networking and informal discussions.
Parallel Technical Sessions		
10h:20 – 12h:20	A. AFS jobs profile and prospects Session chair: Dr Nancy Laibuni	B. Sustainable intensification and AFS jobs Session chair: Thomas Daum
	i. Assessing the role of the food MSMEs in providing employment for women and youth in Ethiopia. **Presenter:** Daniel Mekonnen **Discussant:** Tayan Raj Gurung **ii.** Beyond Distance: How Urban Characteristics Shape Livelihood Strategies in Rural Myanmar. **Presenter:** *Linda Steinhuebel-Rasheed* **Discussant:** Olayinka Aremu iii. Contract labor, job quality, and turnover intention—Evidence from Nigeria. **Presenter:** Olayinka Aremu **Discussant:** Daniel Mekonnen	i. Jobs! The Labour Implications of Climate Change Adaptation in West Africa **Presenter:** Martin Paul Jr **Discussant:** Kaushik Bora ii. Does Sustainable Intensification Pay for Small-Scale Producers? Evidence on returns to family labor from sub-Saharan Africa. **Presenter:** Emanuele Zucchini **Discussant:** Mesay Yami iii. Sustainable Intensification and Job Creation through Specialized Agricultural Services: Evidence from Youth-Led Spray Providers in Nigeria. **Presenter:** Mesay Yami **Discussant:** Martin Paul Jr iv. Technology Suitability for Women Farmers: Scaling Gender Inclusive Climate Smart Interventions in data-limited Settings. **Presenter:** Kaushik Bora **Discussant:** Emanuele Zucchini

Time	Activity	Details
12:20 – 13:15	Lunch Break	• Lunch and networking
13:15 – 14:45	C. AFS MSMEs and job creation Session Chair: Janvier Rurangwa	D. Inclusion of youth and women Session Chair: Debisi Araba
	i. Unlocking Agricultural Transformation through Commercialized Smallholders: Evidence from Rural Kenya **Presenter:** Milu Muyanga **Discussant:** Luc Christiaensen ii. Linking the Last Mile Agricultural MSMEs and Bundled Farmer Service Delivery. **Presenter:** Luc Christiaensen **Discussant:** Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse iii. The effectiveness of alternative agrifood investments for jobs and inclusive transformation in Ethiopia. **Presenter:** Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse **Discussant:** Milu Muyanga	i. The Landscape of Youth Engagement in Food Systems in Africa: Are the youth driving structural transformation? **Presenter:** Kibrom A. Abay **Discussant:** Mulubrhan Amare ii. 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 iii. 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: Sergiy Zorya	F. Inclusion and equity in agricultural value chain development models Session Chair: Alan Rennison
	i. 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 ii. Building a Future-Ready Agrifood–Hospitality Workforce: Policy Insights from a Dual-Training Model in Kenya **Presenter:** Destaings Nyongesa **Discussant:** Richard Kwabi Ayisi	i. Agricultural production, road rehabilitation and conflicts: evidence Western Growth Poles Development project in Bas-Congo. **Presenter:** Cecilia Nardi **Discussant:** Guillaume Soullierab ii. 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

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	iii. Food Processing Development in Ghana's Food Value Chain: The Implications for Job Creation and Macroeconomic Dynamics. **Presenter:** *Richard Kwabi Ayisi* **Discussant:** Amine AMAR	iii. 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: Luc Christiaensen (World Bank) Panellists: • Nancy Laibuni – Country policy perspective (Kenya) • Debisi Araba – Regional/institutional perspective (Akademiya2063) • Sergiy Zorya – International institution perspective (World Bank) • Thomas Daum – Research perspective (University of Gothenburg) • Alan Rennison – Donor perspective (Gates Foundation)
17:15 – 17:30	Summary & Next Steps	• Luc Christiaensen – World Bank *Synthesis of insights, identification of evidence gaps, and forward agenda.*

Day 1 – Tuesday, 4 November 2025

Time	Segment	Focus & Lead
08h:30 – 09h:00	Arrival and Registration	
Session 1: High-Level Plenary – Navigating Global Disruptions and Africa's Food System Futures Facilitator: Salomo Mbai (ATPI, Namibia)		
09h:00 – 09h:10	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Antony Chapoto (Executive Director, ANAPRI Secretariat)
09h:10 – 09h:35	Keynote Address	Ali Abdi – FAO Representative, Global Food Systems and Resilience.
09h:35 – 10h:20	High-Level Panel Discussion	Moderator: Salomo Mbai (ATPI) Panellists: • Wandile Sihlobo, Chief Economist, Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa (Agbiz)) • Innnocent Okuku, CEO at Africa Fertilizer Industry Development Association((AFIDA) • Stephen Ruzibiza, CEO Rwanda Private Sector Federation • Nancy Laibuni, Advisor, Associate Member, Council of Economic Advisors • Chris Chibwana, Program Officer in Gender Equity and Governance, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation • Luc Christiaensen – Lead Economist, World Bank
10h:20 – 10h:40	Q&A Session	Salomo Mbai
10h:40 – 10h:45	Summary and Next Steps	Zena Mpenda (SUA)
10h:45 – 10h:50	Photo session	
10h:50 – 11h:15	Health Break	
Session 2: Policy Coherence and CAADP 3.0 – Translating Continental Commitments into National Transformation Facilitator: Lilian Kirimi (Tegemeo Institute, Kenya)		
11h:15 – 11h:35	Presentation: Overview of the Kampala Declaration, CAADP 3.0 framework, strategic objectives, and expectations for Member States	Mukulia Kennedy Ayason, Policy Officer, Rural Development Division, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission

11h:35 – 12h:35	Clustered High-Level Panel Discussion	Moderator: Lilian Kirimi (Tegemeo Institute) Panellists: Grouped in four clusters: 1. **Institutional Memory:** • Godfrey Bahiigwa, Former Director of Agriculture and Rural Development at African Union Commission • Houssein Mohamed Aden, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) 2. **Policy Think Tanks:** • Djiby Dia, ISRA BAME • Frances Hale, FANRPAN 3. **Public Sector:** • Epiphanie Mwali Baharanyi, Expert in the Department of Studies and Planning, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, DRC • Desalegn Begna, Policy Studies Institute, Ethiopia • Doshanie Kadokera Chief Economist, Ministry of Agriculture, Malawi 4. **Donors & Cooperating Partners:** • Jeffrey Ngari, GIZ • Sergiy Zorya, World Bank
12h:35 – 12h:50	Interactive Q&A Session	Lilian Kirimi
12h:50 – 13h:00	Closing and Next Steps	Andrew Agyei-Holmes – ISSER, Ghana
13h:00 – 14h:00	Lunch Break	
Session 3: Opening Ceremony and Keynote Addresses – Voices from Government, Partners, and ANAPRI Leadership Master of Ceremony: Eugene Anagwe		
14h:00 – 14h:30	Arrival of High-Level Dignitaries	
14h:30 – 14h:40	Preliminaries: Partner recognition and Conference objectives	
14h:40 – 14h:50	Welcome Remarks	• Seth Kwizera, Executive Director, EPRN Rwanda (Host Institution) • Antony Chapoto, Executive Director, ANAPRI Secretariat
14h:50 – 15h:10	Remarks	• Damas Philip, ANAPRI Board Chair • Abebe Haile-Gabriel – Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa, FAO
15h:10 – 15h:35	Keynote Address and Official Opening	Hon. Dr. Marc Cyubahiro Bagabe, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Republic of Rwanda
15h:35 – 15h:50	Cultural Performance	
16h:00 – 16h:30	Group Photo Session	
16h:30 – 18h:00	Networking Cocktail	

Day 2 – Wednesday, 5 November 2025

Time	Segment	Focus & Lead
08h:30 – 09h:00	Arrival and Registration	
Session 4: Africa Continental Report - Priority Value Chains and Investment Planning Facilitator: Mmatlou Kalaba (BFAP, South Africa)		
09h:00 – 09h:05	Introduction– Session objectives and overview	Mmatlou Kalaba
09h:05 – 09h:15	Opening Remarks – Overview of the PPVC framework	Alan Rennison, Gates Foundation
09h:15 – 09h:55	Keynote Presentations: Prioritizing Policies for Driving Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Ghana and Zambia • *Deep Dive Value Chain Analysis of Beef and Soybean in Zambia* • *Deep Dive Value Chain Analysis of Rice in Ghana*	 Brian Mulenga, IAPRI Andrew Agyei-Holmes, ISSER
09h:55 – 10h:35	Panel Discussion – Responses and reflections from panellists	• Opoku Agyemang, M&E Specialist, Ministry of Food & Agriculture, Ghana • Caroline Simushi Chipango, Principal Planner, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Zambia. • Succeed Mubanga, Director, Policy Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, Zambia
10h:35 – 10h:50	Q & A Session	Mmatlou Kalaba
10h:50 – 11h:00	Closing and way forward	Tinashe Kapuya (ANAPRI Secretariat)
11h:00 – 11h:15	**Health Break**	
Session 5: Climate Resilience and the Africa Adaptation Atlas – From Spatial Data to Actionable Policy Facilitator: George Njuguna, SAF-A		
11h:15 – 11h:25	Introduction– Session objectives and overview Opening Remarks – Importance of the role of the Atlas in climate change policy planning	• George Njuguna, SAF-A • Alan Rennison (Gates Foundation)
11h:25 – 11h:40	The African Adaptation Atlas – a walkthrough on the platform, navigating the notebooks, and the user feedback on how to improve its usability	Brayden Youngberg (CIAT)
11h:40 – 12h:25	Panel Discussion – Responses and reflections from Partners:	Facilitator: George Njuguna, SAF-A

	• *Case applications of the Atlas by ANAPRI across eight (8) countries* • *Increasing the usability of the Africa Agriculture Adaptation Atlas tool among the policymakers, private sector, investors and practitioners* • *Enhancing county-level integration of climate adaptation into planning and decision-making: A case of Kenya* • *Deploying and customizing the African Adaptation Atlas to enhance climate decision-making in Ethiopia's agriculture sector*	Thinah Moyo, ANAPRI Telvin Denje, AGNES Josphat Makanga, RCMRD Bereket Fitsum, ATI
12h:25 – 12h:45	**Panel Discussion – Responses and reflections from Government Representatives**	Facilitator: George Njunguna, SAF-A
	Government's experience of the Atlas and how the tool can be adopted in Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda and Ghana	• Doshanie Kadokera, Chief Economist, Ministry of Agriculture, Malawi • Longino Chrisante, Principal Coordinator: Agricultural Acceleration Program (Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania • Lily Chebet Kiptoo, Deputy Director, Nuts & Oil Crops Directorate, Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA), Kenya • Chantal Ingabire**,** Director General Planning-Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda • Frank Kwesi Nansam -Aggrey Director, Administration and Climate Finance, Ghana
12h:45 – 13h:10	Q & A Session	George Njunguna, SAF-A
13h:10 – 13h:15	Closing and way forward	George Njunguna, SAF-A
13h:15 – 14h:15	**Lunch Break**	

Session 6: Domestication and Status of the Implementation of the African Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan. Co-Facilitators: Frances Hale (FANRPAN) and Asseta Dialo (AGRA)		
14h:15 – 14h:40	Opening Presentation – Introduction to AFSH-AP	Wole Fatunbi (FARA)
14h:40 – 15h:20	Roundtable Discussion – Coalition Roles and Achievements • Coalition for Policy and Advocacy • Coalition of Implementors for Fertilizers and Soil Health • Coalition of Soil information systems and mapping • Coalition for agricultural extension and advisory services • Coalition for Private sector engagement and partnerships	 • Antony Chapoto (ANAPRI)– Policy and advocacy • Larry Umunna (IFDC) – Implementer support and technical deployment • Wole Fatubi (FARA) – Soil information systems and mapping • Lilian Lihasi (AFAAS) – Agricultural extension and advisory services • Sheila Keino – (Sustain Africa) Private sector engagement and partnerships
15h:20 – 16h:00	Country Panel – National Experiences and Progress in Uganda, Zambia and Senegal	• Bernard Bashaasha (Uganda) • Brian Mulenga (Zambia) • Fatou Ndeye – ISRA BAME (Senegal)
16h:00 – 16h:20	Regional Hub Panel – Coordinating Cross-Country Implementation	Larry Umunna (IFDC/ECOWAS) Barthlomew Chataika (SADC/CCARDESA)
16h:20 – 16h:30	Synthesis and Key Takeaways	David Nielsen, NAAN

Day 3 – Thursday, 6 November 2025

Time	Segment	Focus & Lead
08h:00 – 08h:30	Arrival and Registration	
Session 7: Anticipating Change: Applying Systems Thinking and Foresight for Africa's Agrifood Transformation Facilitator: Mark Fynn, FAO		
8h:30 – 8h:35	Opening & Framing	Mark Fynn (Policy Officer, FAO Regional Office for Africa)
8h:35 – 8h:50	Presentation 1 – Transforming Food and Agriculture through a Systems Approach	Corinna Hawkes, Director, Agrifood Systems and Food Safety Division (FAO HQ)
8h:50 – 9h:15	Presentation 2 – Regional Strategic Foresight Report (RSFR) Draft Findings	Pedro Morais de Sousa, Political Economist, Agrifood Economics and Policy Division (FAO, HQ)
9h:15 – 9h:45	Interactive Plenary – "Mapping the Future" (Mentimeter Challenge)	Moderator-Antony Chapoto (ANAPRI)
9h:45 -10h:35	Panel Discussion – From Insight to Action: Connecting Systems, Foresight, and Policy Tools	Moderator: Milu Muyanga (Michigan State University) **Panellists:** • Marco Sanchez (Deputy-Director, FAO Agrifood Economics and Policy Division): Policy Optimization Tool (PolOpT) • Cecilia Nardi (Economist, FAO Agrifood Economics and Policy Division): FAPDA Policy Tracking, Monitoring & Intelligence Platform • Babafemi Oyewole (CEO, Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO)) • Sylvere SIRIKARE, Coordinator Agri Food Systems, MINAGRI • Tinashe Kapuya (Research Director, ANAPRI-Secretariat • Sibusiso Nhlengethwa, Policy Analyst at Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa – Insights from the 2025 Africa Agriculture Status Report on Food Systems
10h:35-10h:50	Q & A	Moderator: Milu Muyanga
10h:50-11h:00	Closing Reflections & Next Steps	Mark Fynn and Adama Taoko -FAO

11h:00 – 11h:30	**Health Break**
Session 8: Partnerships and coalitions on food systems transformation, co-creating and coordination of Interventions on food systems	
11h:30 – 13h:00	**Partnerships and coalitions on food systems transformation, co-creating and coordination of Interventions on food systems** • FAO • World Bank • IFDC • Sustain Africa (SAF-A) • Akademiya 2063 • AFIDA • AGRA • GanzAfrica

13h:00 – 13h:30	**Closing Session:**
	• Kigali Commitments and Pathways for Policy and Investment Action
	• Closing remarks
	  • Antony Chapoto, Executive Director, ANAPRI
	  • Seth Kwizera, Executive Director, EPRN
	  • Damas Phillip, ANAPRI Board Chairperson

13h:30 – 14h:30	**Lunch Break**
14:30 onwards	Optional Field Visits