



**Global Expert Meeting on Agriculture and Agro-industries Development towards Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems  
to inform the 2017 ECOSOC Special Meeting on Innovation for Infrastructure Development and Promoting Sustainable Industrialization**

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(ECOSOC)**

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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK**

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**[note: yellow highlights are to be confirmed]**



Day 1

24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	
Time	Agenda item
14.00-15.00	Arrival and registration
15.00-16.00	<p><b>Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p><b>Welcoming Remarks:</b> Dr. Desire Mutize Sibanda, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Macro-Economic Planning and Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe</p> <p><b>Opening Address</b> - H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC</p> <p><b>Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Message on behalf of Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under Secretary General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</li> <li>• Message on behalf of Dr. José Graziano da Silva, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (tbc)</li> <li>• Message on behalf of Mr. Li Yong, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (tbc)</li> <li>• Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP (surrogate to be confirmed)</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote Address:</b> Hon. Dr. Obert M. Mpofu, Minister of Macro-Economic Planning and Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe</p>
16.00-17.30	<p><b>Plenary panel: Setting the stage</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. David Phiri, Coordinator, FAO Sub Regional Office for Southern Africa</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bart Minten, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI - Global food systems of the future: challenges and opportunities in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals</li> <li>• Dr. Bill Polidoro, President and CEO, ACDI/VOCA – New approach to public investment in agriculture and agro-industries development for sustainable and resilient food systems (title of remarks tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive plenary discussion</b></p>
17:30	<b>Wrap up</b>
17:30-18:30	<b>Cocktail reception</b>

Day 2

25<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Time	Agenda item
9.00-10.30	<p><b><i>Plenary Panel I: Interlinkages between SDG 9 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i></b></p> <p>This session will highlight relevant challenges and opportunities related to agriculture and agro-industries development as a driver to achieving SDG9 (build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation) and realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in developing countries and countries in special situations.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jerome Afeikhen, FAO – Highlights from the meeting’s background paper</li> <li>• Ms. Mabaiti Motsamai, Director of Industry, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Cooperatives and Marketing, Lesotho – A country perspective</li> <li>• Dr. Augustin Wambo, Head of CAADP Programme Implementation and Coordination Division, NEPAD - The CAADP perspective</li> <li>• Mr. Gerardo Pataconi, Acting Director, Department of Agri-Business Development, UNIDO - Agribusiness: value addition, job creation and global priorities to implement SDG9</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive plenary discussion</b></p>
	<p><b><i>Coffee break</i></b></p>
10.45-12.30	<p><b><i>Plenary Panel II: New approaches and ideas on agriculture and agro-industry development for sustainable food systems</i></b></p> <p>Today’s challenges related to climate-change and inclusiveness urge us to go beyond traditional agriculture and agroindustry development approaches that often emphasized short-term economic impact over longer-term social and environmental impacts. More holistic approaches and integrated solutions implemented by a widening group of stakeholders are required. This session will highlight lessons learned and innovative new approaches from around the globe.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Ayodele Odusola – Chief Economist for Africa, UNDP</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mark Fynn, Agribusiness team at AUC/DREA - Africa’s experience</li> <li>• Mr. Frank Hartwich, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO – New trends in agro-industrialization for sustainable food systems, including territorial development models</li> <li>• Ms. Esther Penunia, Secretary-General, Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development – Farmer perspectives from Asia</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Eric Jallas, President ITK – Using innovative IT applications</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive plenary discussion</b></p>
<b>12.30-14.00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14.00-15.30</b>	<p><b>First breakout session</b></p> <p>Participants break into groups to discuss a particular issue and brainstorm on actionable proposals to address the issue.</p> <p><b>Group 1</b> – What steps are needed to build the momentum for a transformative agro-industrialization in developing countries? Where should efforts be focused?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Neil Pierre, Chief, ECOSOC Policy Coordination Branch, DESA</p> <p><b>Group 2</b> – What role can be played by public-private partnerships for inclusive agro-industry development? What issues can they address most effectively?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Amarakoon Bandara, Senior Economist, UNDP</p> <p><b>Group 3</b> - How can public sectors develop more demand-oriented and systemic approaches for facilitating innovation in food systems development through agro-industry and inclusive value chain development?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. David Neven, Senior Economist, FAO</p>
<b>15.30-15.45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15.45-17.15</b>	<p><b>Plenary panel III: Leveraging public and private funding for an inclusive agriculture and agro-industry development</b></p> <p>A central challenge in agriculture and agro-industry development is securing the funding it requires. Public funding is limited while banks and private investors often either don't see the market potential in these sectors or find them too risky or unrewarding. Especially smaller actors (smallholder farmers, agribusiness SMEs) and specific population groups (youth, women) find access to finance and risk mitigation tools extremely challenging. This session will examine the current status and new trends related to access to finance and risk mitigation for inclusive agriculture and agro-industries development.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit, Rural Development, Food Security, Nutrition, EC Directorate-General DG DEVCO, International Cooperation and Development</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Mark Rostal, Finance Expert, DAI – Value Chain Finance Experiences</li> <li>Ms. Maria Kiwana Kiwanuka, Senior Presidential Advisor, Former Finance Minister of Uganda</li> <li>Mr. Massimo Pera, Finance Expert, FAO – Innovative finance products</li> <li>Mr. X, Rabobank – A banker's perspective</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive plenary discussion</b></p>

17.15-17.45	<p><b>Reporting back from the break-out groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator Breakout Group 1: Mr. Neil Pierre</li> <li>• Moderator Breakout Group 2: Dr. Amarakoon Bandara</li> <li>• Moderator Breakout Group 3: Dr. David Neven</li> </ul>
17.45	<b>Wrap up</b>

**Day 3**

<b>26<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>
9.00-10.30	<p><b><i>Plenary panel IV: Innovative public sector approaches to agro-industry-driven sustainable food systems development</i></b></p> <p>The daunting challenges facing agriculture and agro-industries development in developing countries require strong political commitment and leadership of the public sector to create an enabling environment. This session aims to address how the public sector can develop more demand-oriented, systemic and innovative approaches to its critical role in designing and monitor policies and mechanisms for inclusive and sustainable agriculture and agro-industries development.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Sobhana Sivasankar, Director, CGIAR Research Program on Dryland Cereals</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Julius Ecuru, The Bioresources Innovations Network - experiences with technological, institutional, and social innovations to foster inclusive value-chain development</li> <li>• Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Capacity Development Division, UNECA - infrastructure and regional integration to benefit agro-industry and agro-enterprises</li> <li>• Mr. Johann Zueblin, Board Member, PRIME Agri Ltd</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Fitsum Abraha, Senior Economist Botswana/SADC, UNDP - the role of development-oriented trade agreements in promoting agro-industry in Africa</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive plenary discussion</b></p>
10.30-10.45	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
10:45-12.15	<p><b><i>Second breakout session</i></b></p> <p>Participants break into three groups to discuss a particular issue and brainstorm on actionable proposals to address the issue.</p> <p><b>Group 1</b> – What are the key opportunities for public sector/donor organizations to support more inclusive access to finance/risk mitigation in agro-industry development?</p>

	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Beatrice Pacunega Manano, Chief, Policy Analysis and Monitoring Branch, OSAA</p> <p><b>Group 2</b> – How can the business enabling environment be strengthened to facilitate a more inclusive agroindustry-based food systems development?</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Frank Hartwich, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO</p> <p><b>Group 3</b> – What are the challenges and opportunities in applying territorial approaches to inclusive agro-industry development (food parks, corridors, incubator platforms)?</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Rukia Shamte, Former Executive Secretary, Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency of Tanzania</p>
<b>12:15-13:45</b>	<b><i>Lunch break</i></b>
<b>13.45-14.00</b>	<b><i>Reporting back from the break-out groups</i></b>
<b>14.00-15:30</b>	<p><b><i>Special Plenary Panel: Programme frameworks for agribusiness and agro-industry development and ways forward</i></b></p> <p>The special plenary session will focus on broad frameworks under which many of the issues on agriculture and agro-industry development that were discussed earlier can be brought together. These vary from conceptual frameworks such as FAO’s sustainable food value chain framework over applied programmes such as the UNIDO-led Accelerated Agribusiness and Agro-Industries Development Initiative (3ADI) to collaborative network programmes, such as the African Agribusiness Incubator Network or the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. The session will focus on ways and means forward on programme frameworks for inclusive agribusiness and agro-industry development in developing countries and countries in special situations.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Abdalla Hamdok, Acting Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. David Neven, Senior Economist, FAO - Developing agribusiness and agro-industries through sustainable food value chain development</li> <li>• Prof. Karl Wohlmuth, University of Bremen - Lessons learned from the 3ADI model and moving beyond 3ADI</li> <li>• Ms. Mary Njeri, African Agribusiness Incubator Network - New approach to promoting agricultural innovation and improving agribusiness opportunities</li> <li>• Mr. Oluyede Ayadi, Programme Coordinator, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) – <i>(title of presentation tbc)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive plenary discussion</b></p>
<b>15:30-15:45</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>

<b>15:45-16.15</b>	<b><i>Review of conclusions of Global Expert Meeting and recommendations for ECOSOC special meeting in New York</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Carla Mucavi, Director, FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations</li><li>• Mr. Paul Maseli, Director, UNIDO Liaison Office to the United Nations</li></ul>
<b>16.15-16.30</b>	<b><i>Closing Remarks</i></b> - H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC

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