



AFRICAN AGRIVOLTAICS PLATFORM INITIATIVE (AAPI)

Leadership & Networking Reception

Organized on the margins of the Africa Food Systems Forum



📅 **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**

🕒 18:00–20:00 CAT

📍 Fairview Building, 5th Floor Balcony
(across from the KCC)

Advancing African Food-Energy-Water Nexus Solutions

As Africa confronts the interconnected challenges of food security, energy access, water scarcity and climate resilience, innovative solutions that bridge these sectors are increasingly important. Agrivoltaics—the co-location of solar energy generation with agricultural production—offers a practical pathway for strengthening rural livelihoods while accelerating sustainable development at the nexus of food, energy and water security.

To celebrate the launch of the African Agrivoltaics Platform Initiative (AAPI) and introduce this new continental collaboration vehicle to African leaders and stakeholders, the Consortium for Sustainable Agrivoltaics (C4SA) is pleased to host an exclusive, substantive networking reception during the Africa Food Systems Forum in Kigali, Rwanda.

Organized in partnership with AKADEMIYA2063, this reception will bring together government leaders, development partners, financial institutions, private sector innovators, researchers, farmers, and others committed to building Africa's next generation of sustainable food systems at the service of local entrepreneurs and communities.

Why Attend?

Participants will be provided privileged access to:

- Learn how agrivoltaics can strengthen and accelerate agricultural productivity, renewable energy deployment, climate resilience, and rural economic development across Africa.
- Discover C4SA's vision and mission, its just-launched **African Agrivoltaics Platform Initiative (AAPI)**, and opportunities to benefit from participation.
- Celebrate the release of the inaugural **African Handbook of Agrivoltaics**, developed by C4SA and Working Group One members and aimed specifically at African practitioners.

Event Highlights

- Introduction to C4SA and its African Agrivoltaics Platform Initiative (AAPI).
- Recognition of founding AAPI country Members and active partners.
- Presentation of the AAPI's 3 Working Groups: Evidence & Capacity Building; Finance; Value Chain Links.
- Official release of the C4SA **African Handbook of Agrivoltaics**.
- High-level networking with policymakers, investors, researchers, development organizations, and industry leaders.

Following the formal program, guests are invited to stay for a networking reception featuring drinks, light hors d'oeuvres, and opportunities to explore new relationships, partnerships, projects, and collaborative initiatives across the continent.

Together, we can help Africa accelerate the adoption of integrated agrivoltaic solutions that advance food, energy and water security simultaneously while fostering sustainable economic growth.

Anticipated Run-of-Show:

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18:00 **Event commences**

18:30 **Co-hosts begin substantive portion of the event:**

- Introduction of C4SA and AAPI: Chris Hegadorn /Debisi Araba
- Identification of AAPI's new country members/partners; photo-ops: All
- Recognition of AAPI's 3 Working Groups, participants, and sponsors: All
- Release of C4SA / AAPI "Handbook of African Agrivoltaics": Chris Hegadorn
- Call for Action, next steps for the Platform; Closing Remarks: Chris Hegadorn

19:00 **Cocktail reception**

20:00 **Event concludes**

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