

# 14<sup>TH</sup> MALABO MONTPELLIER FORUM

VALUE-UP: Policy Innovations to Advance Africa's  
Agri-food Processing Sector for Growth,  
Jobs, and Health

📅 August 27, 2024  
🕒 13:00-16:15 (GMT)  
📍 Online



# AGENDA

## Housekeeping 13:00-13:05 (GMT)

**Dr. Layih Butake**

Director of Communication and Outreach, AKADEMIYA2063

## PART 1: 13:05 to 13:50

### Welcome Remarks by the Malabo Montpellier Panel Co-Chairs [10 min]

**Dr. Ousmane Badiane**

Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063; Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panel

**Prof. Joachim von Braun**

Distinguished Professor, The Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn  
Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panel

### Opening Address [10 min]

**H.E. Dr. Assia Ben Salah Alaoui – Food industries and people**

Ambassador at Large to the King of Morocco; Malabo Montpellier Forum Co-Chair

**H.E. Amb. Josefa Sacko – AU perspectives on Food Systems Transformation**

Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission (AUC-DARBE)

### Guest of Honor [5 min]

**Hon. Michael Okyere Baafi**

Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana

### Launch of the Malabo Montpellier Panel's Report [20 min]

*Malabo Montpellier Panel Members*

- » **Prof. Sheryl Hendriks**, Director, Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich, UK
- » **Dr. Dorothy Okello**, Dean, School of Engineering, Makerere University, Uganda
- » **Dr. Debisi Araba**, Visiting Researcher, Imperial College London

## PART 2: 13:50 to 14:35

### Reflections on the Outcomes of the Report by the Forum Co-Chair [5 min]

**H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn**

Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia; Malabo Montpellier Forum Co-Chair

### Thematic Fireside Chats [40 min]

**Chair: Dr. Ousmane Badiane**

Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panel

#### a) **Research and Development (food processing technologies and innovations)**

**Prof. Charles Tortoe**, Chief Research Scientist, CSIR-Food Research Institute



**b) Skilling (technical, business, and soft skills)**

**Prof. Charles Kwesiga**, Executive Director, Uganda Industrial Research Institute

**c) Opportunities in value-addition chains**

**Hon. Prof. Ruth K. Oniang'o**, Editor-in-Chief, African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND), IUFoST Lifetime AWARD

**d) Enabling environment**

**Dr. Emile Bienvenu**, Director General, Rwanda Food and Drug Authority

**PART 3: 14:35 to 16:00**

**Ministerial Roundtable Session [1:10 hrs]**

**Chair: Dr. Debisi Araba**

Malabo Montpellier Panel Member

**The Republic of Senegal**

- » Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Equipment and Food Sovereignty
- » Ministry of Industry and Commerce

**The Republic of Ghana**

- » Ministry of Food and Agriculture

**The Republic of Kenya**

- » Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry

**The Republic of Zimbabwe**

- » Ministry of Industry and Commerce

**The Republic of South Africa**

- » Ministry of Trade, Industry and Competition

**The Republic of Morocco**

- » Ministry of Industry and Commerce

**The Republic of Rwanda**

- » Ministry of Trade and Industry

**The Republic of Nigeria**

- » Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment

**The Republic of Tanzania**

- » Ministry for Investment, Industry and Trade

**The Republic of Uganda**

- » Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives
- » Science, Technology and Innovation Secretariat at the Office of the President

**Invited Reactions [15 min]**

- » **Dr. Beth Dunford**, Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, AfDB
- » **Mr. Hendrik Denker**, Deputy Head of Division, Food and Nutrition Security, Global Food Policy, Fisheries, BMZ
- » **USAID Representative**

## CLOSING SESSION: 16:00 to 16:15

### Vote of Thanks [5 min]

- » **Dr. Aisha Musaazi S. Nakitto,**  
Scientist and Interim Program Lead for the Malabo Montpellier Panel, AKADEMIYA2063

### Closing Remarks – Malabo Montpellier Forum Co-Chairs [10 min]

- » **H.E. Dr. Assia Ben Salah Alaoui**
- » **H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn**

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