

16th MALABO MONTPELLIER FORUM AGENDA

*MONEYWISE: Policy Innovations to Finance
Africa's Agrifood Systems*



 **August 07, 2025**

 **9:00 - 12:15 GMT**

 **Online**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA (GMT)

HOUSEKEEPING: 9:00 – 9:05

- ❖ **Host – Dr. Layih Butake (5 min)** – Director, Communication and Outreach, AKADEMIYA2063

PART ONE: 9:05 – 9:50

❖ Welcome Remarks

- **Dr. Ousmane Badiane (3 min)** – Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panel

❖ Opening Statements

- **Prof. Joachim von Braun (5 min)** – Distinguished Professor, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn
Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panel
- **H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn (10 min)** – Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia
Honorable Emeritus Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Forum

❖ Launch of the Malabo Montpellier Panel's Report (27 min)

- **Dr. Lee Ann Jackson** – Head, Agro-Food Trade and Markets Division, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD; Member, Malabo Montpellier Panel
- **Dr. Aisha Musaaazi Sebunya Nakitto** – Head, Policy Innovation Unit; Malabo Montpellier Panel Program Lead, AKADEMIYA2063
- **Dr. Agnes Kalibata** – Former President, AGRA; Member, Malabo Montpellier Panel



PART TWO: 9:50 – 10:45

❖ Reflections on the Outcomes of the Report by the Forum Co-Chair

- **H.E. Dr. Assia Ben Salah Alaoui (10 min)** – Ambassador at Large to the King of Morocco; Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Forum

❖ Thematic Fireside Chats (45 min)

Invited

- **Chair and Moderator: Amb. Prof. Muhammadou M.O. Kah** – Permanent Representative of the Gambia to the United Nations Office in Geneva Member, Malabo Montpellier Panel

① Funding Institutions' Perspectives on Agrifood Systems Finance

- **Dr. Natasha Hayward** – Global Lead, Food and Nutrition Security and Program Manager, Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), the World Bank Group
- **Ms. Sara Mbago-Bhunu** – Director, East and Southern Africa Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

② Governance and Regulatory Frameworks: Challenges and Opportunities for Financial Inclusion and Access

- **Dr. Elias E Ngalande** – Former Governor, Reserve Bank of Malawi

③ De-risking Agrifood Systems Investments: Barriers and Opportunities

- **Mr. Eric Naivasha** – Head of Sustainable Finance, KCB Bank Group, Kenya

④ Agri-SME Finance Landscape in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities

- **Mr. Eric Kacou** – Co-founder and CEO of Entrepreneurial Solutions Partners, Côte d'Ivoire

⑤ Women and Youth Access to Finance

- **Ms. Affiong Williams** – CEO of ReelFruit, Nigeria



PART THREE: 10:45 – 12:15

❖ Moderated Roundtable with Senior Country Representatives (60 min)

- **Chair and Moderator: Amb. Prof. Muhammadou M.O. Kah**

Invited

- Republic of Benin
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of Kenya
- Republic of Malawi
- Kingdom of Morocco
- Republic of Rwanda
- Republic of Uganda
- Republic of Zambia

❖ Invited Reactions/Q&A (15 min)

- **Dr. Segenet Kelemu** – Executive Director, Pan African Programs, Mastercard Foundation
- **Ms. Alice Ruhweza** – President, AGRA
- **Dr. Andreas Schaumayer** – Head of Division, Food and Nutrition Security, Global Food Policy, Fisheries German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

❖ Concluding Remarks

- **H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki (7 min)** – African Union Special Envoy for Food Systems; Former Prime Minister, Niger; Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Forum
- **H.E. Dr. Assia Ben Salah Alaoui (7 min)** – Ambassador at Large to the King of Morocco; Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Forum

