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Policy Innovations for Inclusive
Agrifood Employment in Africa

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14:00 to 14:05 GMT

Host: Dr. Layih Butake (confirmed)

Director, Communications and Outreach, AKADEMIYA2063

Part 1: 14:05 to 14:35 GMT

Welcome Remarks by the Malabo Montpellier Panel Co-Chairs

5 min

Dr. Ousmane Badiane (confirmed)

Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panel

Prof. Joachim von Braun (confirmed)

Distinguished Professor, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn

Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panel

Opening Statements

10 min

Mr. Khumbula Ndaba (invited)

Director, International Labour Organization Country Office for Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, Sudan, and South Sudan

H.E. Moses Vilakati (invited)

Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment

African Union Commission (AUC-DARBE)

Launch of the Malabo Montpellier Panel's Report

20 min

Dr. Bezawit Beyene Chichaibelu (confirmed)

Senior Researcher, the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn

Dr. Aisha Musaazi Sebunya Nakitto (confirmed)

Head, Policy Innovation Unit, and Malabo Montpellier Panel Program Lead, AKADEMIYA2063

Part 2: 14:35 to 15:45 GMT

Reflections on the Report by the Forum Co-Chairs

5 min

H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki (confirmed)

Former Prime Minister of Niger; African Union Special Envoy for Food Systems
Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Forum

Moderated Roundtable with Senior Country Representatives

45 min

Moderator: Dr. Debisi Araba (confirmed)

Managing Director, AKADEMIYA2063
Emeritus Member, Malabo Montpellier Panel

Invited

- The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- The Federal Republic of Nigeria
- The Republic of Rwanda
- The Republic of Ghana
- The Republic of Kenya
- The Kingdom of Morocco
- The Republic of Malawi
- The Republic of South Africa
- The Republic of Uganda

Invited Reactions / Q&A

15 min

a) Technical and soft skills

Prof. Charles Kwesiga (invited)

Executive Director, Uganda Industrial Research Institute

b) Financing employment transformation

Dr. Chakib Jenane (confirmed)

Regional Practice Director for the Planet Team in the Western and Central Africa Region,
World Bank

c) Cooperation for future jobs in African agrifood systems

Dr. Andreas Schaumayer (invited)

Head of Division, Food Security and Fisheries, German Federal Ministry for Economic
Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Reflections and Closing Remarks

5 min

H.E. Dr. Assia Bensalah Alaoui (confirmed)

Ambassador at Large to His Majesty King Mohamed VI of Morocco
Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Forum

About the Malabo Montpellier Panel

The Malabo Montpellier Panel convenes 13 leading experts in agriculture, engineering, ecology, nutrition, and food security. It aims to inform policy choices by African governments to accelerate progress toward food security and improved nutrition. The Panel identifies areas of progress and positive change across the continent and assesses what successful African countries have done differently. It identifies the institutional and policy innovations and program interventions that other countries can best replicate and scale. For more information, please visit: www.mamopanel.org.

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