



A joint workshop by



On : **‘AFRICAN AGRIVOLTAICS PLATFORM’ INITIATIVE**

CO-DESIGNING WORKSHOP AND LAUNCH EVENT

Venue OECD Headquarters (Paris) - Château, Room D | Friday, 10 April 2026 from 9:00 to 17:45 (CEST)

OVERVIEW

The C4SA Foundation and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in collaboration with Akademiya2063 and the UN Joint SDG Fund, are convening a full-day hybrid co-design workshop and launch event for the “African Agrivoltaics Platform” on Friday, 10 April 2026 at the OECD Headquarters in Paris (Château, Room D), and online. The event will bring together researchers, practitioners, development finance institutions, project developers, investors and representatives of African governments and diplomatic missions to (i) review the evidence base and early case studies on agrivoltaics in African contexts, (ii) identify key policy and financing barriers and enabling tools, and (iii) co-design the core elements of an African-focused initiative, including a 2026 roadmap and options for a blended finance facility to support market development and project-scale deployment. The day will combine technical sessions and facilitated discussions, followed by an engagement and listening session with African diplomatic missions and a formal launch moment for the initiative.

REGISTRATION (In-person or online)

Please register [\[here\]](#)

AGENDA

09:00–09:30 | Opening session — Welcome and objectives

Purpose: The session will welcome participants, set the scene, and introduce the 2026 African Agrivoltaics Platform initiative, including the intended outcomes and the co-design approach for the day.

Speakers:

Chris Hegadorn, President, C4SA Foundation
Jan Rielaender, Head of Division, OECD Development Centre
Debisi Araba, Managing Director, Akademiya2063
Lisa Kurbiel, Head of Secretariat, UN Joint SDG Fund

09:30–10:30 | Evidence base for agrivoltaics in African markets

Purpose: This session will present the evidence base and early case studies, highlighting technology and design choices, relevant policy and regulatory considerations, and the current state of play for agrivoltaics in African markets.

Speakers:

Brendon Bingwa, Fraunhofer ISE
Mohamed Louay Metougui, Research Scientist, UM6P
Richard Randall-Boggis, SINTEF (virtual)

10:30–11:00 | Coffee break

11:00–13:00 | Financing agrivoltaics in Africa — Barriers, blended finance and enabling tools

Purpose: The session will identify key investment barriers and financial-system constraints for AgriPV in Africa, and discuss blended finance approaches, enabling tools, business models and potential KPIs to support market development and scaling.



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Speakers:

Myriem Touhami Kadiri, Head of Unit, UNEP Paris Office

Ngonidzashe Chirinda, Associate Professor, UM6P

Holger Schoenherr, CEO, SUNtec

Takayoshi Kato, Economist, OECD Environment Directorate

Didier van Bignoot, Aga Khan Foundation, Centre of Excellence, Arusha, Tanzania

13:00–14:00 | Lunch break

Lunch will be provided; an optional thematic breakout discussion format (TBC) may be used to capture inputs on priority themes, supported by table facilitators.

14:00–16:00 | Towards an African AgriPV blended finance facility — Core design choices

Purpose: This session will explore the core parameters of a potential blended finance facility, including governance and structure, capitalisation and risk-mitigation options, pipeline development, and the role of technical assistance.

Speakers:

Paul Horrocks, Head of Unit, Private Investment for Sustainable Development, OECD

Dr Martin Fregene, African Development Bank (invited) World Bank / IFC representative (invited)

IFAD representative (invited)

Private investor/financier (invited)

16:00–16:30 | Coffee break

16:30–17:30 | Listening and engagement session with African diplomatic missions

Purpose: The session will present the initiative and evidence base to diplomatic missions, gather priorities and expectations for Phase One country partnerships, and discuss the political framing and next steps for engagement.

Speakers:

Debisi Araba, Managing Director, Akademiya2063

MC Solaar, African Agrivoltaics Platform “Brand Ambassador” (invited / TBC)

African diplomatic representatives and prospective Phase One partner countries

17:30–17:45 | Closing session — Formal launch of the “Agrivoltaics for Africa” initiative

The closing session will summarise key takeaways, confirm immediate next steps, and mark the formal launch moment for the initiative.

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