




# 16<sup>th</sup> MALABO MONTPELLIER FORUM

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



 **August 07, 2025**  
 **9:00 - 12:15 GMT**  
 **Online**

# CONCEPT NOTE

**A**frica's agrifood systems sit at the center of the continent's development agenda—supporting livelihoods, food security and nutrition, employment, and industrialization. However, agrifood systems remain underfunded and underperforming, facing persistent challenges related to climate shocks, low productivity, fragmented value chains, and limited access to finance.

The theme of the [Malabo Montpellier Panel's](#) forthcoming report, which will be launched at the virtual meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> [Malabo Montpellier Forum](#) on **August 07 2025**, is ***MONEYWISE: Policy innovations to Finance Africa's Agrifood Systems***. The report focuses on successful approaches, including institutional and policy innovations, as well as programmatic interventions, among African countries that strengthen financing and investments toward the transformation of agrifood systems.

The 2025 Kampala Declaration's focus shows a shift from an agricultural sector lens to a broader goal of high-performing, inclusive agrifood systems. At the heart of this shift is strengthening innovative public and private finance mobilization mechanisms across the agrifood systems' value chains and supply chains. Financial intelligence is equally critical—there is a need for governments to design policies and direct investments to de-risk agriculture, making the agrifood sector attractive to private investors and competitive enough to attract domestic financing from sources such as banks, capital markets, and pension funds.

The Malabo Montpellier Forum provides a platform to facilitate dialogue and exchange among high-level decision-makers on African agriculture, nutrition, and food security and to promote policy innovation. The Forum Co-Chairs are H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, African Union Special Envoy for Food Systems and Former Prime Minister of Niger, and H.E. Dr. Assia Ben Salah Alaoui, Ambassador at Large to His Majesty King Mohamed VI of Morocco. The Forum meets twice a year, and every meeting is guided by a technical report prepared by members of the Malabo Montpellier Panel. The Forum attracts high-level decision-makers and other key stakeholders.

The report reviews the current state of Africa's agrifood systems' finances and investments, the needs and barriers in financing agrifood systems, and the strategic financial interventions to leverage opportunities for transforming Africa's agrifood systems. The report also includes three country case studies on Rwanda, Malawi, and Morocco — countries that have shown progress in financing their agrifood systems. These countries serve as potential models for replication and scaling up successful interventions, as well as showcase possible entry points to leverage innovative finance mechanisms to bridge the financing gap in agrifood systems.



# About the Malabo Montpellier Panel

The Malabo Montpellier Panel convenes 13 leading experts in agriculture, engineering, ecology, nutrition, and food security. It aims to facilitate 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](http://www.mamopanel.org).

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