



Strengthening resilience to shocks and stresses in African food systems

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HYBRID EVENT

The world is currently faced with multiple health, climatic and military crises that are putting unprecedented pressures on global and local food systems. In Africa, high levels of vulnerability and low absorptive capacity compound the resulting disruptive effects. The real challenge facing African countries is not the level of exposure per se, but the lack of capacities to anticipate and respond to occasional shocks in order to prevent suffering and irreversible damages to livelihoods. It should be possible to further delink vulnerability from large-scale and permanent disruption by enhancing countries' capacity to innovate and craft more effective and timely resilience-building policies and programs. **This event will explore possible solutions to reducing African countries' vulnerabilities to external stresses and shocks through social protection and interventions in the food system.** Speakers will address various resilience-building interventions as well as the enabling environment to accelerate transformative change.

Agenda

Moderator: Joachim von Braun, ZEF and Co-Chair of the Malabo Montpellier Panel

Welcoming remarks and introduction to the book "From Potentials to Reality: Transforming Africa's Food Production" by Joachim von Braun

Introductory remarks by Dirk Meyer, Director-General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

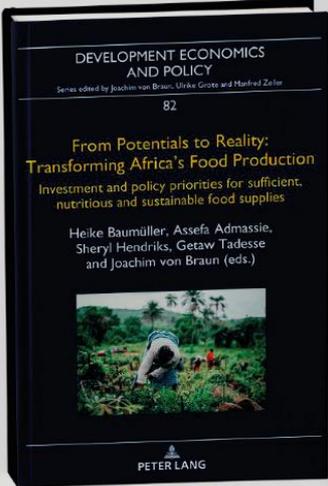
Panel discussion:

- Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063 and Co-Chair of the Malabo-Montpellier Panel (virtual)
- Dorothy Okello, Dean, School of Engineering at Makerere University, Uganda and Malabo Montpellier Panel (virtual)
- Mahamadou Issoufou-Wasmeier, Regional Director West-, Central- Africa and Caribbean, Welthungerhilfe
- Heike Baumüller, PARI Coordinator and Senior Researcher, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn
- Conrad Schetter, Director, Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies

Closing remarks by the moderator

(panellists tbc)

Background for the session include recent publications by ZEF, Akademiya2063 such as a recently published book (see below) and by the Malabo-Montpellier Panel <https://www.mamopanel.org/resources/>



BOOK



Heike Baumüller, Assefa Admassie, Sheryl Hendriks, Getaw Tadesse and Joachim von Braun (eds.)

**FROM POTENTIALS TO REALITY:
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