

AGENDA FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SERIES

Agriculture as a Driver of Africa's Development –
Achieving Food Security, Economic Transformation, Human Development, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

September 28, 2021

Washington, DC

Duration: 2 hours 30 mins
Format: Webinar, Online
Number of panelists: 5-6 total
Number of attendees: 300 virtual

09:00 – 09:05	Registration
09:05-09:15	Welcome Remarks Dr. Anthony K. Wutoh , Provost & Chief Academic Officer, Howard University Dr. Ayodele Odusola , Resident Representative UNDP South Africa & Director of UNDP Africa Finance Sector Hub
09:15 – 10:30	Panel Discussion on Agriculture as a Driver of Africa's Development
	Perspectives on <i>Achieving Food Security, Economic Transformation, Human Development, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Ayodele Odusola, Resident Representative UNDP South Africa and Director UNDP Africa Finance Sector Hub (confirmed)Dr. Albert G. Zeufack, Chief Economist, Africa Region, World Bank (tbc)Dr. Michee A. Lachaud, Agriculture & Business Economics, College of Agriculture & Food Sciences (CAFS), Florida A & M University (confirmed)Dr. Tewodaj Mogues, Researcher, International Monetary Fund (tbc)Dr. Aloysius U. Ordu, Director, Africa Growth Initiative, Senior Fellow Global Economy & Development, Brookings Institution (confirmed) Moderator: Dr. Krista Johnson , Director, Center for African Studies, Howard University
10:30 – 11:25	Q&A Panelists Respond to Audience Questions
11:25 – 11:30	Closing Dr. Farid Muhammad (OHBCUD, Inc)

*All above times are tentative – Agenda will be finalized September 7, 2021

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

Knowing that achieving Africa's development requires engaging a diversity of experts and stakeholders across all sectors and across a multitude of countries and development contexts, the specific objectives of this international conference series are to:

1. Advance a collective understanding of agriculture's importance – and existing opportunities – to act as a driver of Africa's development;
2. Spotlight the unique and essential roles each sector (across public and private) currently plays in Africa's agriculture sector – and what actions must be taken to reverse Africa's development paradox;
3. Promote the exchange of ideas and innovative thinking across all actors who influence Africa's agricultural sector; and
4. Provide an opportunity for young researchers and students across a variety of countries and contexts, especially those enrolled in the national network of Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) in the USA, to engage the important role agriculture plays in advancing development progress.

KEY QUESTIONS FOR EACH PANELIST

- (1) What should Africa do differently to transform and modernize agriculture?
- (2) How can Africa use agriculture, in an innovative manner, to decarbonize, and drive economic growth, economic efficiency, and human progress?
- (3) What specific actions should be taken at the national, regional, and global levels to ensure a successful agriculture-for-development agenda?
- (4) What should Africa do differently to harness the vast potential of its agribusinesses capability that has been projected to be as big as its current GDP by 2030?

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

The 55-minute Q&A session will be led by the Moderator, who will pose audience questions to the panelist(s) that were collected when each participant registered for the conference. A limited number of spontaneous audience questions could be allowed towards the end of the session.

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