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# 13<sup>TH</sup> MALABO MONTPELLIER FORUM

## YOUTH AHEAD:

**Policy Innovations to  
Create Opportunities  
for Young People  
in Africa's Agrifood  
Systems**



-  February 14, 2024
-  Four Points by Sheraton,  
Kampala, Uganda & Online
-  9:00 – 13:30 (EAT)



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Registration: 9:00 – 9:30

## Host/ Master of Ceremony:

**Dr. Layih Butake**, Director of Communication & Outreach, AKADEMIYA2063

## PART 1: 9:30 – 10:10

**Chairperson: Hon. Hellen Adoa**, Minister of State for Fisheries, Uganda

10 min

### Welcome Remarks

**Dr. Ousmane Badiane**

Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063; Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panel

**H.E. Amb. Josefa Sacko**

Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission (AUC-DARBE)

### Opening Remarks

10 min

**Hon. Hellen Adoa**

Minister of State for Fisheries, Uganda

### Launch of the Malabo Montpellier Panel's Report and Youth Issue paper

20 min

**H.E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime**

Former Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture at the African Union Commission (AUC), Chairperson HOPE; Malabo Montpellier Panel Member

## PART 2: 10:10 – 11:15

### Reflections on the outcomes of the report by the Forum Co-Chairs

15 min

**H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn**, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia

**H.E. Dr. Assia Ben Salah Alaoui**, Ambassador at Large to His Majesty Mohamed VI, the King of Morocco

### Thematic fireside chats

50 min

**Moderator: Prof. Sheryl Hendriks**, Director, Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich; Malabo Montpellier Panel Member

#### A. Research and science – 10 min

- » **Prof. Bernard Bashaasha**, Professor and former Principal of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Makerere University
- » **Prof. Rosemary Isoto**, Head of the Department of Agribusiness and Natural Resource Economics (DANRE) at Makerere University

#### B. Skilling- 10 min

- » **Prof. Charles Kwesiga**, Executive Director, Uganda Industrial Research Institute

#### C. Agribusiness opportunities and skills – 10 min

- » **Dr. Emma Naluyima**, Founder and CEO, One Acre Unlimited Farm
- » **Dr. Ashok Gulati**, Infosys Chair Professor for Agriculture at Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER); Malabo Montpellier Panel Member

#### D. Digitalization/technology – 10 min

- » **Eng. Dr. Dorothy Okello**, Dean, School of Engineering, Makerere University; Malabo Montpellier Panel Member

#### E. Youth in Leadership/policy – 10 min

- » **Ms. Nono Dimakatso Sekhoto**, Sector Lead – AL for Agribusiness Network African Leadership Academy

PART 3: 11:30 – 13:10

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**Moderated roundtable with Senior Country Representatives**

60 min

Chair: **Ms. Nachilala Nkombo**, Former Country Director, World Wide Fund for Nature, Zambia; Malabo Montpellier Panel Member

**The Republic of Benin**

- » **Mr. Innocent Togla**, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

**The Republic of Ghana**

- » **Hon. Dr. Bryan Acheampong**, Minister of Food and Agriculture

**The Republic of Kenya**

- » **Mrs. Priscilla W. Muiruri**, Technical Advisor to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development

**The Republic of Nigeria**

- » **Hon. Abubakar Kyari**, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security

**The Republic of South Africa**

- » **Hon. Angela Thokozile Didiza**, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development

**The Republic of Tanzania**

- » **Hon. Hussein Mohamed Bashe**, Minister of Agriculture

**The Republic of Uganda**

- » **Hon. Hellen Adoa**, Minister of State for Fisheries, Uganda
- » **Hon. Nyirabashitsi Sarah Mateke**, Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs
- » **Hon. Dr. Monica M. Musenero**, Science, Technology and Innovation Secretariat at the Office of the President

**The Republic of Zambia**

- » **Hon. Reuben Mtolo Phiri**, Minister of Agriculture

**The Republic of Zimbabwe**

- » **Hon. Vangelis Peter Haritatos**, Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, and Rural Development

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**Q&A Session**

20 min

**Invited reactions**

20 min

- » **Dr. Fregene Martin**, Director of Agriculture and Agro-Industry, African Development Bank (AfDB)
- » **Mr. Hoppe Martin**, Head of Division Food and Nutrition Security, Global Food Policy, Fisheries, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- » **Ms. Jeannette Wijnants**, Country Director, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) Uganda
- » **Dr. Agnes Kalibata**, President – Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA); Malabo Montpellier Panel Member
- » **Dr. Debisi Araba**, Visiting Researcher, Imperial College London; Malabo Montpellier Panel Member

**Vote of thanks**

**15 min**

- » **Eng. Dr. Dorothy Okello**, Dean, School of Engineering at Makerere University; Malabo Montpellier Panel Member
- » **H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn**, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia; Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Forum
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**Concluding Remarks and Way Forward**

**5 min**

- » **Prof. Joachim von Braun**, Distinguished Professor, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn; Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panel
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