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LEVERAGING FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS FOR FOOD SYSTEMS ADAPTATION IN AFRICA

**AN AFRICA
CLIMATE WEEK
SIDE EVENT**

 **September 7**

16:30 – 17:30 PM (EAT)

 **Taifa Hall | Kenyatta
International Conference Center,
Nairobi & Online**

Organized jointly by **ECDPM, AKADEMIYA2063, and the UNDP Rome Centre**

Leveraging Finance and Investments for Food Systems' Adaptation in Africa

African countries will require significant investments to adapt to climate change and build resilient food systems. While there is an urgent need to unlock additional climate adaptation finance and meet global commitments, African countries are already developing national systems to mobilize and deploy funding through various policy and institutional innovations. Unlocking finance for food systems adaptation also requires the mobilization of private sector investments, including through blended finance instruments.

Drawing from the Malabo Montpellier Panel's report **ADAPT** and ECDPM's **AgriInvest** project, this event will pinpoint food systems financing gaps and showcase lessons learned and best practices, drawing from recent experiences in five countries: Benin, Mali, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, and Kenya. The event will also foster a multi-stakeholder dialogue to discuss challenges and opportunities to scale up finance for small-scale farmers, women, youth, and small- and medium-scale enterprises. This event is co-organized by **AKADEMIYA2063**, **ECDPM**, and **UNDP Centre**. Two keynote presentations will be followed by a moderated panel discussion bringing together diverse perspectives. The event will end with a call for action to build a roadmap for more and better coordinated investments for food systems' adaptation, targeting relevant policy processes like COP26 Climate Finance Delivery Plan and UN Food System Summit's national pathways.

Anticipated outcomes

1. Actionable recommendations to strengthen African countries' readiness and capabilities to mobilize climate finance through the creation of conducive enabling environments for leveraging international climate finance for food systems transformation;
2. Actionable recommendations on how to improve collaboration between private and public actors to scale up the quantity and quality of blended finance to enhance food systems' resilience to climate change and improve access to finance for smallholders, women, and agri-SMEs.
3. A call for action to build a roadmap for more and better coordinated investments for agri-food systems' adaptation, targeting relevant climate- and food-related policy processes.

Agenda (Times in EAT)

16:30–16:35

Welcome remarks by the moderator

Ms. Kerstin Opfer, Policy Advisor Energy Policy and Civil Society, Germanwatch

16:35–16:40

Presentation of the key findings from the Malabo Montpellier Panel report

Dr. Seraphin Niyonsenga, Senior Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

16:40–16:45

Presentation of the key findings of ECDPM's AgrInvest project

Ms. Cecilia d'Alessandro, Policy Officer, Sustainable Food Systems, ECDPM

16:45–17:15

Moderated panel discussion

- » **Mr. Ayman Cherkaoui**, Director, Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training
- » **Ms. Beatrice Cyiza**, Director General, Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Rwanda
- » **Mr. Sauli Hurri**, Senior Regional Technical Specialist, IFAD
- » **Ms. Lade Araba**, Non-Executive Director, African Risk Capacity (ARC)
- » **Ms. Laureen Njuguna**, General Manager Starlight Farmers' Cooperative Kenya
- » **Ms. Enid Charana**, CEO, Nyamira North Women Savings and Credit Society, Kenya

17:15–17:25

Audience Q&A

17:25–17:30

Closing remarks & call to action

Dr. Agostino Inguscio, Coordinator, UNDP Rome Center