

**SIDE EVENT** **Fixing the Fragmented Innovation Pipeline for African Smallholders:**  
Linking Investment, Research, Policy and Delivery Priorities for Impact

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022**  
16:00, *Coffee provided 15:30-16:00*  
Kigali Convention Centre, Room MH1

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## Speakers:

### OPENING REMARKS



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**James Munyaneza**  
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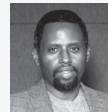
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