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FINANCING AFRICA'S AGRIFOOD FUTURE:
FROM COALITION TO ACTION

An AgriBridge Webinar

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

12:00 – 13:30 GMT/ 14:00 – 15:30 CAT/15:00 – 16:30 EAT

Virtual Event

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Background

AgriBridge, the African-German Policy Network for Sustainable Agrifood Systems, launched Policy Note #2, "Financing Africa's Agrifood Systems: From Fragmented Finance to Coalition-Based Agrifood Systems Investment," at the Africa Food Systems Forum (AFSF) 2026 in Kigali in early September. This webinar is a dedicated follow-up to that launch, offering a virtual space to present the note's findings and recommendations to a wider network audience and to broaden the coalition-based finance conversation initiated at AFSF. Alongside voices on the IFAD-AKADEMIYA2063-IFPRI 3FS framework and public development bank (Agri-PDB) coordination, the webinar brings in sovereign and nature-linked capital and a civil society perspective through the CAADP Non-State Actors Group (CNG) — reflecting the note's call for coalitions that span public, private, concessional, and community actors.

Key Messages

- Agrifood finance is not primarily a volume problem but a coordination problem. Governments, PDBs, and regional institutions should institutionalize multi-stakeholder agrifood financing coalitions to identify financing gaps, co-develop bankable pipelines, and align public and private instruments with the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Kampala Declaration, National Agrifood Systems Investment Plans (NASIPs), the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and Agenda 2063.

- Public finance, ODA, public development banks, and private capital must play complementary, clearly defined roles: public finance and ODA underwrite public goods and de-risking; PDBs and DFIs extend guarantees and offer concessional and local-currency instruments; private finance scales investment in processing, storage, logistics, and digital services.

- Financing instruments must be co-designed with the actors they serve — women-led enterprises, youth agripreneurs, smallholders, pastoralists, and agri-SMEs — including the "missing middle" of processors, aggregators, and local service providers.

- Finance should be judged by impact, not by capital mobilized: transparency on objectives, subsidy levels, risk-sharing, and target groups is a precondition for accountable, coalition-based agrifood finance.

Objectives

- Present the key findings and recommendations of AgriBridge Policy Note #2 to a broader network audience following its launch at the AFSF 2026 side event.
- Deepen the coalition-based finance discussion opened at the AFSF side event, with a focus on what institutionalizing multi-stakeholder agrifood financing coalitions requires in practice.
- Bring in IFAD's 3FS perspective and Agri-PDB coordination to reflect on how food-systems finance tracking and coordinated public development bank instruments can operationalize the note's recommendations.
- Widen the finance conversation to sovereign and nature-linked capital, through a former sovereign wealth fund CEO and a nature finance specialist, both with direct experience structuring African debt-for-nature and blended instruments.
- Ground the discussion in a civil society perspective through the CAADP Non-State Actors Group (CNG), so that finance is discussed alongside accountability to the smallholders, pastoralists, women, and youth it is meant to reach.
- Gather input and expressions of interest from webinar participants who were unable to attend AFSF in person to inform AgriBridge's ongoing policy dialogue and country-level engagement.

Preliminary Agenda

Moderator Opening (5 min)

- **Katrin Glatzel** — Director, Global Strategy & Programs, AKADEMIYA2063; AgriBridge Secretariat

Framing Presentations (15 min)

- **Julian Barungi** — Program Officer for Policy, ASARECA; AgriBridge Member
  Presents key findings of AgriBridge Policy Note #2

Panel Discussion (45 min)

- **Thierry Latreille** — Agri-PDB Coordinator, IFAD
- **Chikondi Chabvuta-Mkawa** — AU Engagement, CARE International; CAADP Non-State Actors Group (CNG); AgriBridge Member
- **Akim Daouda** — Founder and CEO, Mwaana Inc.; Former CEO, Fonds Gabonais d'Investissements Stratégiques (FGIS), Gabon's Sovereign Wealth Fund
- **Indekhwa Anangwe** — Manager for Impact and Sustainable Trade, NatureFinance
- **Ambassador Gabriel Ferrero** — Senior Strategy Advisor of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)
- **Katharina Stasch** — Head of Department on Global Alliances, EU, and Economic Cooperation, BMZ

Moderated Audience Q&A (20 min)

Closing (5 min)

- **Johanna Braun** — Head of Project Development Policy, Welthungerhilfe (WHH); AgriBridge Secretariat

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