



WEBINAR

Agrivoltaics for Africa

Building Momentum
Toward the Platform Launch

Concept Note

**Wednesday,
March 25, 2026
14:00-15:00 (GMT)**

Background

African countries face an increasingly complex convergence of food insecurity, energy access constraints, and climate stress. Rising temperatures, soil degradation, and rainfall variability are reducing agricultural productivity, while nearly half of the continent's population still lacks reliable electricity. These pressures are slowing development progress and weakening the resilience of rural communities. By optimizing land use while delivering both energy and agricultural benefits, agrivoltaics can contribute to climate adaptation, food systems transformation, and rural economic development.

C4SA African Agrivoltaics Platform Initiative

Recognizing this opportunity, the Consortium for Sustainable Agrivoltaics (C4SA) and its partners are preparing to launch the Agrivoltaics for Africa Platform Initiative, which aims to catalyze research, policy development, and investment in agrivoltaic markets across Africa.

The initiative envisions a coordinated international effort to support pilot projects, enable policies, build technical capacity, and develop early-stage financing mechanisms. A key element under discussion is the potential establishment of an Agrivoltaics for Africa Facility to support project preparation, technical assistance, and catalytic investments in early deployments.

The official launch of the Platform Initiative is planned for April 10, during a technical workshop hosted at OECD headquarters in Paris.

Purpose of the Webinar

This webinar will serve as a pre-launch session to raise awareness and align key partners ahead of the April 10 Platform launch. It will bring together international organizations, development partners, and financial stakeholders to discuss:

- The strategic opportunity for agrivoltaics in Africa
- The rationale and design of the Agrivoltaics for Africa Platform
- The role of international cooperation, policy frameworks, and finance in incubating agrivoltaics markets
- How partners can contribute to scaling pilot projects and mobilizing investment

The discussion will also help highlight the importance of integrated food–energy–water solutions in Africa and position agrivoltaics as a practical pathway for climate-resilient agricultural development.

Webinar Objectives

Speakers will provide brief perspectives on the policy, development, and financing dimensions of scaling agrivoltaics in Africa. Overall, the session will:

1. Introduce the Agrivoltaics for Africa Platform Initiative and its objectives.
2. Highlight the development opportunity presented by agrivoltaics for African food systems and rural economies.
3. Engage international institutions and financial actors in supporting the development of the agrivoltaics market.
4. Build momentum and visibility ahead of the Platform's formal launch on 10 April.
5. Foster a shared understanding among partners and speakers regarding the initiative's vision and next steps.

Indicative Agenda (60 minutes)

Welcome and Introduction (5 minutes)

Moderator — **Debisi Araba**, AKADEMIYA2063

Setting the Scene: Agrivoltaics, the AAPI, and the Africa Opportunity (10 minutes)

Chris Hegadorn — C4SA

International Development Perspectives (10 minutes)

Lisa Kurbiel — UN Joint SDG Fund

Blended Finance and Market Development Considerations (10 minutes)

Paul Horrocks — OECD

Financing Agrivoltaics Markets (10 minutes)

Lade Araba — Blended Finance Executive

Discussion and Reflections (10–12 minutes)

Moderated discussion among speakers

Closing and Invitation to the April 10 Platform Launch (3–5 minutes)

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