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DIALOGUE 2025



Theme:

# Unlocking Finance for Agricultural Transformation in Africa

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One Voice in **Global  
Agriculture!**





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# DAY ONE

7th October, 2025

Showcasing Leadership-  
Spotlighting Innovation, Building  
Foundations for Transformative  
Partnerships

01	08:00 - 09:00	Registration and Accreditation of participants	SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS	10	11:55- 13:15	<b>Heifer International Session</b> Topic: Optimizing Investment in Livestock/ Dairy Farming  Presenter: <b>Dr Ayoade Akere</b> CEO JIL Farms & Equipment.  <b>Dr. Lekan Tobe</b> Nigeria Country Director, Heifer International.  <b>Alhaji Muhammad Yusuf Lere (Sa'in Lere)</b> President, Nigeria- Egypt Business Council.																						
02	09:00 - 09:05	Welcome & Housekeeping		SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS	11	13:20 - 13:50	<b>Solidaridad Network Session</b> Topic: Optimizing Investment in the Crop Value Chain  Presenter: <b>Mr. Kenekwaku Chudi Onukwube</b> Program Manager, Solidaridad West Africa  <b>Mrs. Ebelechukwu Nwachukwu</b> MD/CEO Rex Insurance Ltd.  <b>Ms. Uzoamaka Ugochukwu</b> Public Sector Engagement Specialist Corus International																					
03	09:05 - 09:10	National Anthem					SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS	12	13:50 - 14:40	<b>The Government of Denmark Session</b> Topic: Cold Chain: Catalysing Investment and Market Access  Presenter: <b>Mrs. Victoria Epelle</b> Commercial Advisor, Trade Council of Denmark in Sub-Saharan Africa  <b>Eng. Jerry Cunningham</b> Managing Director, American West Africa Agro Limited.  <b>Prof. Francis Toromade</b> Director General, Feed Industry Practitioners Association of Nigeria																		
04	09:10 - 09:15	Opening Remarks  <b>Richard-Mark Mbaram Esq.,</b> Embed Advisor Agriculture AfDB And Director General, AAD Secretariat								SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS	12	13:50 - 14:40	<b>Feedback from Break Out Sessions</b>															
05	09:15 - 09:20	Audio Visual Interlude											SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS	13	14:45- 15:15	<b>Lunch &amp; Prayer</b>												
06	09:20 - 09:35	<b>Agenda Setting Session Alignment</b>  Facilitators: <b>Dr Abdul Kamara</b> The African Development Bank Group  <b>The Honourable Jette Bjerrum</b> Consul General, Consulate General of Denmark.														SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS	13	14:45- 15:15	<b>Thematic Lecture</b> Financing Agriculture as the Engine for Economic Growth in Africa  <b>Eng. Jerry Cunningham</b> Managing Director, American West African Agro Limited.									
07	09:40- 10:10	<b>Key Note Presentation</b>  <b>Ground Capital: Changing Livelihoods Through Agricultural Land Development</b>  Presenter: <b>Mr Cornellius Oluwasegun Adebayo</b> Executive Secretary, National Agricultural Land Development Authority (NALDA).																	SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS	14	15:20 - 16:20	<b>Plenary Session:</b> Agro-Industrialization in Africa: Partnership for new financing models (Showcasing innovations: the SAPZ)  Facilitator: <b>Mr. Roland Oroh</b> Managing Director, Commodities Development Initiative, Abuja  Panelist: <b>Mr. Olayinka Majekodunmi</b> - Partner, Boston Consulting Group <b>Olumide Ojo, PhD-</b> Strategy Director, UK Aid-Propcom+ <b>Alhaji Sheriff Balogun</b> - President, Federation of Agricultural Commodity Associations of Nigeria <b>Ilyasu Ishak-</b> Robust Int. Commodities Ltd, Yamoussoukro, Cote D'Ivoire						
08	10:15- 10:45	Special Presentation by <b>Extension Africa / Coffee Break</b>																				SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS	15	16:25 - 17:00	<b>Departure</b>			
09	10:50 - 11:50	<b>Plenary Session 1</b>  <b>Business Unusual: Co-Creating Blended Financing Solutions for Inclusive Investment</b>  Facilitators: <b>Dr Shermal Perera</b> Group CEO & Founder, Agrinexus International, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  Panelists: <b>Dr. Mel Oluoch</b> Director, Strategic Partnerships, Sasakawa Africa Association, Nairobi, Kenya  <b>Mr. Muhammed Abu Ibrahim</b> The Executive Secretary, The National Agricultural Development Fund (NADF).  <b>Dr. Lekan Tobe</b> Nigeria Country Director, Heifer International.  <b>Mr. Olugbenga Awe</b> Former Group Head, Structured Trade & Commodities Finance, The Alternative Bank, Lagos, Nigeria																							SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS	15	16:25 - 17:00	<b>Departure</b>



# DAY TWO

8th October, 2025

High-Level Policy Dialogue:  
Securing Investment Commitments,  
and Charting a Continental Course  
at the Global AAD Session

01	09:00 – 09:05	Welcome & Housekeeping	09	12:25 – 12:45	<h2>Introduction of the President</h2> <p>Presenter: <b>Idris Ajimobi</b> Senior Special Assistant on Livestock Development, Office of The President</p>
02	09:05 – 09:10	National Anthem	10	12:50 – 13:10	
03	09:10 – 09:20	<b>Recap of Day 1</b>  <b>Richard-Mark Mbaram Esq.</b> Embed Advisor Agriculture AfDB And Director General, AAD Secretariat	11	13:15 – 13:35	Presentation
04	09:20 – 09:30	Welcome/ Sectoral Framing Remarks  <b>Idi Muktar Maiha,</b> Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Livestock Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria	12	13:40– 14:40	Lunch Break & Prayers
05	09:35- 10:05	Fire Side Chat/ High Level Dialogue  <b>Integrating Africa into the Global Agricultural Finance Agenda</b>  Facilitators: <b>Richard-Mark Mbaram Esq.</b> Embed Advisor Agriculture AfDB And Director General, AAD Secretariat	13	14:45 – 15:05	<b>De-Risking at Scale: Catalysing Agricultural Finance</b>  Anchor: <b>Hon. Yazid Shehu Umar Danfulani</b> The Managing Director/CEO Nigeria Agricultural Insurance Corporation (NAIC)
06	10:10 – 10:45	<b>Sectoral Framing Remarks:</b>  <b>Senator John Owan Enoch</b> Honourable Minister of State for Industry, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment  <b>***Audio Visual Interlude***</b>  <b>Senator Dr. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi, CON</b> Minister of State Agriculture & Food Security, Federal Republic of Nigeria.  <b>Mr. Antoine Lekpa Gbegbeni</b> Honourable Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development, Lomé, Togolese Republic  <b>Mr. Mabouba Diagne</b> Honourable Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty, and Livestock, Dakar, Senegal	14	15:10 – 16:10	<b>Plenary Session</b>  Facilitators: <b>Chukwuma Kalu</b> Verdure Climate Limited  Panelists: <b>Mr. Gboyega Lesi</b> MD/CEO, Leadway Assurance Company Ltd.  <b>Dr. Andrea Ruediger</b> Project manager, Cluster Coordinator for Transformation of Agri-Food System  <b>Mr. Ayodeji Oludare Sotinrin</b> The Managing Director, Bank of Agriculture  <b>Mrs. Jenny Ambukiyenyi Onya</b> CEO, Neotex, Belgium  <b>Mr. Sridhar Sathiyamurthy</b> Vice President, Capital Risk Solutions
07	10:50- 11:20	Special Presentation by <b>Extension Africa / Coffee Break</b>	15	16:15 – 16:50	<b>Compact Presentation</b>  Panelists: <b>Co-Presented by Ministers</b>
08	11:25 – 12: 20	Presentation  <b>Funding Industrial Projects at Scale: A 'GCPRC' Perspective</b>  Presenter: <b>Mr. Li Zhensheng</b> Chairman, Global Cooperation Promotion Research Centre	16	16:50- 17:00	Departure

