



Youth and Women in Agrifood Systems Pavilion

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1. Background

Africa stands at a pivotal moment in its journey toward agrifood systems transformation, guided by the ambitious goals of the CAADP Kampala Declaration. Since its inception in 2003 in Maputo, the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) has played a critical role in driving agricultural transformation across the continent. Building on the Maputo Declaration, the 2014 Malabo CAADP Declaration renewed the continent's commitment to agricultural development and set targets for 2025. These include eradicating hunger, reducing malnutrition, tripling intra-African trade, and enhancing the resilience of livelihoods and production systems. As the Malabo Declaration approaches its conclusion in 2025, Africa is preparing to develop the next phase of the CAADP agenda for the coming decade.

In this context, the African Union Assembly of Heads of States and Governments will convene an Extraordinary Summit from January 9–11, 2025, in Kampala, Uganda, to deliberate on the post-Malabo CAADP agenda. The summit is expected to deliberate on and endorse the draft Ten-Year CAADP Strategy and Action Plan, along with the associated draft Kampala Declaration on Advancing Africa's Inclusive Agrifood Systems Transformation for Sustainable Economic Growth and Shared Prosperity. Central to this new agenda is the recognition of the critical role that youth and women, who make up the majority of Africa's population, will play in driving this transformation.

Africa's large and growing youth population presents a significant opportunity for growth, innovation, and sustainability in agrifood systems. With proper training, mentorship, and access to resources such as land and finance, youth can become powerful agents of change in transforming Africa's agrifood systems. Furthermore, engaging youth in this sector addresses pressing challenges such as unemployment and rural-urban migration by creating meaningful job opportunities within agriculture. However, successive assessments of the implementation of youth-related commitments under the CAADP Malabo Declaration have revealed that many African Union Member States are not

on track to meet these commitments. The most recent 4th Biennial Report, released last year, shows that only 11-member states are currently on track to fulfill their youth-related commitments by 2025. This highlights the need for greater efforts to empower youth within the agrifood systems in the next CAADP agenda.

Similarly, there is increasing recognition of the need to support women's engagement in agrifood systems. Women make up a significant portion of Africa's agricultural labor force, but they often face barriers to accessing essential resources such as land, credit, and agricultural inputs. Addressing these gender disparities could lead to significant gains in productivity, food security, and overall economic growth. Enhancing women's participation in agrifood systems and value chains not only improves household nutrition but also strengthens community resilience. Empowering women in this sector can also enhance their economic independence, contributing to better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities.



It is in recognition of their immense potential that the Kampala CAADP Declaration emphasizes the critical role of youth and women in shaping inclusive and resilient agrifood systems in Africa. Through its strategic objective number IV, the draft declaration calls for Advancing Inclusivity and Equitable Livelihoods, underscoring the need to empower youth and women with the resources, knowledge, and opportunities to ensure their effective contribution towards agrifood systems transformation in Africa.

In line with this vision, the African Union Commission, the Government of Uganda, AGRA, and FAO are collaborating to organize a Youth and Women Pavilion at the upcoming CAADP Summit in Kampala. Under the sub-theme “Empowering Youth and Women for Inclusive Agrifood Systems Transformation in Africa,” the Pavilion will serve as a dynamic platform to spotlight the transformative roles of youth and women in driving sustainable and inclusive agrifood systems in line with the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan for 2026-2035.

The Pavilion will bring together young and women agripreneurs, policymakers, development partners, and private sector stakeholders to exchange knowledge, showcase innovations, and foster partnerships aimed at overcoming barriers to youth and women empowerment in agrifood systems. It will also provide an opportunity for youth and women to engage directly with leaders and policymakers, allowing them to amplify their voices in shaping the next CAADP agenda.

2. Objectives

- Provide a platform for policymakers, development partners, private sector stakeholders, and young and women agripreneurs to engage in meaningful

dialogue and build partnerships that will advance youth and women’s empowerment in the implementation of the next CAADP agenda

- Create an inclusive space where youth and women are positioned as key drivers of sustainable agrifood systems, with a focus on fostering economic growth, social inclusion, and gender equality in Africa’s the sector.
- Showcase and promote innovative solutions, policies, and strategies that empower youth and women to become effective leaders in Africa’s agrifood systems transformation, ensuring they have access to the necessary resources, knowledge, and opportunities to drive sustainable change.
- Demonstrate scalable, youth-driven and women-led innovations in agrifood systems, including digital technologies, climate-resilient farming practices, and sustainable value chain solutions that contribute to food security, job creation, and economic growth.
- Highlight the role of youth and women in leading climate-smart agricultural practices, underscoring their contributions to environmental sustainability, food security, and climate resilience in African agrifood systems.
- Mobilize key stakeholders to commit to policy reforms and investment strategies that support youth and women empowerment in agriculture, ensuring that the African Union’s CAADP objectives are translated into actionable outcomes that benefit the next generation of agrifood leaders.

3. Expected outcome

A strong commitment from policymakers, development partners, and the private sector to empower youth and women as key drivers in the implementation of the CAADP agenda. This would result in strengthened policies, increased investments, and tangible



support for youth and women-led initiatives, particularly in climate-smart agriculture, financial inclusion, and market access, with a clear message for all stakeholders to prioritize youth and women empowerment in the transformation of Africa's agrifood systems.

4. Format

The Pavilion will feature a dynamic and engaging format, beginning with a plenary opening session that includes statements from Heads of AU Member states, government ministers, and development partners, emphasizing the crucial role of youth and women in agrifood systems transformation. This will be followed by a series of side events, including panel discussions focused on key topics such as climate-smart agriculture, financial inclusion, digital innovation, and gender equality. These side events will provide a platform for stakeholders to share knowledge, explore solutions, and build partnerships in the implementation of the next CAADP agenda. Additionally, the exhibition space will showcase innovative solutions and successful youth and women-led agribusinesses, highlighting technologies, climate-resilient practices, and sustainable value chains that contribute to food security and economic growth. The pavilion will also feature resource booths offering information on creating an inclusive environment for all stakeholders to collaborate, learn, and commit to empowering youth and women in the implementation of the CAADP agenda.

5. Participants

- Policymakers, such as government officials from African Union member states, Ministers of Agriculture and Environment, and representatives from national

and regional economic communities (RECs) involved in agrifood systems and development.

- Young Agripreneurs, including young farmers, agribusiness owners, youth-led startups, and organizations focused on agrifood systems and sustainable development.
- Women Agripreneurs, such as women farmers, women-led agribusinesses, women's cooperatives, and advocacy groups for women in agriculture and agribusiness innovation.
- Development Partners, including representatives from international organizations like AGRA, FAO, the World Bank, and the African Development Bank (AfDB), as well as bilateral donors, international development agencies, and NGOs focused on agriculture, youth, and gender empowerment.
- Private Sector Stakeholders, such as agribusiness leaders, financial institutions that support agriculture, agritech startups, and companies offering digital and climate-smart solutions in agriculture.
- Academia and Research Institutions, including universities and research centers specializing in agricultural development, climate resilience, agribusiness, and youth and gender empowerment.
- Media and Journalists, representing both local and international media outlets covering agriculture, youth empowerment, gender equality, and development issues.
- Agencies and Foundations, including organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Master Card Foundation, and others supporting youth and women empowerment, sustainable agriculture, and climate resilience.
- Regional and International Youth Networks, such as youth-focused agribusiness networks, including the Consortium of African Youth in Agriculture and Climate Change (CAYACC), and youth movements advocating for sustainable agriculture, gender equality, and rural job creation.



DAY 1

6. Programme

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TIME	OPENING SESSION	MODERATOR
1400 - 1500	<p>Welcome remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Namayanja Rose Nsereko, Deputy Secretary General of the NRM, Republic of Uganda (5 mins) Mwaka Namukonda, Executive Coordinator, the Consortium of African Youth in Agriculture and Climate Change (CAYACC) (5 mins) 	Dr. Janet Edeme, Head of Rural Development Division, and Ag. Head of Agriculture and Food Security Division, AUC
	<p>Partners message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel Hailu, Executive Director for Pan-African Programs at MasterCard Foundation (5 min) Mansoor Ahmad, Deputy Group Head, Africa Economic Development and Team Lead for African Agribusiness Investment and Food Trade at the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) (5 min) Abebe Haile-Gabriel is Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa, of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (5 mins) 	
	<p>Key note address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Former Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairman of the Board, AGRA (7 mins) 	

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TIME	OPENING SESSION	MODERATOR
	<p>Official opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Amb. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) at the African Union Commission (6 mins) Hon. Frank Tumwebaze, Minister for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Republic of Uganda (To invite HE. The President of the Republic of Uganda to deliver his opening remarks) President of the Republic of Uganda (TBC) 	
1500 - 1515	GROUP PHOTO AND HEALTH BREAK	
15:15 - 16:30	<p>Advancing Youth and Women's Inclusion in Transforming Africa's Agrifood Systems: Ministerial Panel</p> <p>Setting the scene: Presentation on the performance of youth and women in the CAADP Malabo agenda and aspirations under the CAADP Kampala Declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John M. Ulimwengu, Senior Research Fellow in the Development Strategies and Governance Unit, IFPRI <p>Potential Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Betty Amongi Akena. Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development, the Republic of Uganda Hon. Samuel Dalitso Kawale, Minister of Agriculture, Malawi Hon. Vilakati Moses Malindane, former Minister of Agriculture, Kingdom of Eswatini Hon. Neema Lugangira, Deputy Chairperson, Africa Food Systems Parliamentary Network (AfSPAN) Muktish Narain, Youth Agribusiness Practitioner- Founder - ECORGANIC CO LTD, the Republic of Mauritius 	Dr. Clement Adjorlolo, Principal Programme Officer Agriculture and Rural Transformation (AUDA-NEPAD)

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TIME	OPENING SESSION	MODERATOR
1630-1800	<p style="text-align: center;">SIDE EVENT 1</p> <p>Innovations for Youth-Led Food Systems Transformation, Climate Action, and Green Jobs in Africa</p> <p>Conveners: SNV, UNSDSN, WRI Africa, AGRA, and GAIN</p> <p>Keynote remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mashoko Chakanyuka – Head, Youth Employment in Agriculture- (AGRA) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mwaka Namukonda (Executive Director), The Consortium of African Youth in Agriculture and Climate Change (CAYACC) • Herbert Mawejje- NGIN Ambassador • Ceasar Vulley- Regional Youth Employment Specialist FAO • Charles Opiyo- GAIN (Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition) • Stella Mbiti- UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN) <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Tilahun Amede– Director, Climate Adaptation, Sustainable Agriculture and Resilience- (AGRA) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael Orangi- FOLU/WRI Africa (World Resources Institute, Africa) 2. Sophie Nabuliri- Youth Entrepreneurship Growth Coordinator (AGRA).



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DAY 2 - 10TH JANUARY 2025

TIME	OPENING SESSION	MODERATOR
1400 - 1500	<p style="text-align: center;">SIDE EVENT 2</p> <p>Empowering youth and women for Inclusive Agrifood Systems Transformation in Africa</p> <p>Welcome remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Janet Edeme, Head of Rural Development Division, and Ag. Head of Agriculture and Food Security Division, AUC • Amb. Nekesa Barbara Oundo, Republic of Uganda, <hr/> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nana Yaa Boakyewaa Amoah, Director for Gender, Youth & Inclusiveness, AGRA • Wambui Chege, Director of Agrifood Systems & Climate, Pan-African Programs, MasterCard Foundation • Mr. Domingos Gove, Director of Food Agriculture and Natural Resources, The Southern African Development Community (SADC) • Caesar Vulley, Regional Youth Employment Specialist, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) • Hastings Nhlane - Founder and CEO – ACADES, the Republic of Malawi • Dr. Kassim Sadik, the Deputy Director General of the National Agricultural Research Organization, the Republic of Uganda <hr/> <p>Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth and Women Representative 	<p>David I. Adama Senior Specialist; Continental & Regional Engagements AGRA</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">SIDE EVENT 3</p> <p>Advancing Gender Justice to Enhance the Resilience of Women and Girls leading Against Hunger and Malnutrition Welcome remarks:</p> <p>Convener: Food Rights Alliance</p> <p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HE Rhoda Tumusiime- Former Commissioner, Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission. 	
	<p>Panelists;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Lovin Kobusingye – President African Women in Animal Resources Farming and Agribusiness Network Organization for women (AWRFA-N) Dr. Ruth Biyinzika—Coordinator Grow project- Private Sector Foundation Uganda. (Innovative Financing and funding schemes for women-Grow project) Ms. Esther Mwaura Muiro- Global Advocacy Director, StandForHerLand Campaign/ Landesa. (Women Land Rights). Ms. Lina Asimwe- Program Manager Gender and Economic Justice, Eastern African Sub-Regional Support Initiative for Advancement of Women (EASSI) (Women in Agribusiness across internal and external borders) Ms. Cotilda Nakyeyune- Programme Manager Climate Justice- CARE International- Uganda. (Gender and Climate Justice) Ms. Sarah Samabazi Jennipher- Chairperson Elgon Mothers Group (Breaking barriers, building resilience and tapping opportunities) <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Moureen Wagubi, Executive Director, Institute for Social Transformation (IST), Uganda 	

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TIME	OPENING SESSION	MODERATOR
1700 - 1730	Finalization of the event communique and key messages	
	CLOSING CEREMONY	
1730 - 1800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the Youth and Women Pavilion communique and call to action <p>Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Thomas Tayebwa, the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, the Republic of Uganda H.E Jakaya Kikwete, Former President, United Republic of Tanzania 	Haile A. Abebe Youth Employment & Partnerships Advisor, African Union Commission

