

THEME

Higher Education-Private Sector Partnership: Harnessing Opportunities for Agricultural Transformation in Africa

Draft Agenda for the RUFORUM Business Meeting

Session Chair: Prof. George Kanyama-Phiri, RUFORUM Board Chair & Vice Chancellor, Lilongwe University of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Malawi

Rapporteurs: Dr. Sylvanus Mensah, Mr. Moses Waswa & Emmanuel Okalany, RUFORUM Secretariat

1500-1550

Part I: Opening session of the RUFORUM 16th AGM

- 1) Remarks by Prof Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, RUFORUM
- 2) Welcome Remarks by Hicham EL HABTI, President, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P)
- 3) Address by Prof Abebe Haile-Gabriel, FAO Regional Representative for Africa: Status of Agricultural Development and Food and Nutritional Security in Africa
- 4) Official opening address by Her Excellency, Prof Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission

1550-1600

HEALTH BREAK

1600-1750

Part II: Constitution of RUFORUM Annual General Business Meeting (AGM)

- 1) Prayers (in Silence)
- 2) Record of members present and apologies
- 3) Adoption of the Agenda
- 4) Communication from the Chair
- 5) Minutes and Actions from the 15th Annual General Meeting

PART III: RUFORUM Annual General Business Meeting (AGM)

- 1) Presentation of Annual Report 2019/2020: Dr. Florence Nakayiwa Mayega, Deputy Executive Secretary responsible for Planning, Resource Mobilization & Management, RUFORUM Secretariat
- 2) Presentation of the 2019/2020 Financial Report and 2020/2021 Budget Proposal: Ms. Judith Nakyobe, Finance & Administration Manager, RUFORUM Secretariat
- 3) Discussion on the Secretariat reports
- 4) Report by the External Auditor (PKF) for FY 2019/2020
- 5) Discussion on the 2019/2020 External Audit Report
- 6) Appointment of External Auditor for FY 2020/2021
- 7) Update on preparations for the 2021 Triennial Conference, Prof. Maxime da Cruz, Rector, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin
- 8) Business from the Board: Formal Admission of New Member Universities

1750-1900

PART IV: Reflections on the future and closing

- 1) **Keynote Speaker:** Collective action for making Africa and the World a better place: A call for leadership from Higher Education Institutions to drive required change- La June Montgomery Tabro, CEO W.K. Kellogg Foundation, USA
- 2) **Guest Address:** Repositioning and Transforming Higher Education for development relevance-Prof José A. Zaglul, President of Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences (GCHERA)
- 3) Vote of Thanks: Prof Theresia Nkuo-Akenji, Vice Chancellor University of Bamenda Cameroon and RUFORUM Deputy Board Chair
- 4) Closing Remarks: Prof George Kanyama Phiri, RUFORUM Board Chair & Vice Chancellor, Lilongwe University of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Malawi

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