

Pre-UN Food Systems Dialogue for Central Africa

Date: 26th May 2021

Time: 1500-1830 East African Standard Time

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Moderator: Prof Chadare Flora, National University of Agriculture, Benin

Draft Programme

| Time | Session/Topic | Responsible Person |
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| | Opening Session | |
| 1500-1507 | Welcome Remarks by Session Moderator | Prof Chadare Flora, National University of Agriculture, Benin |
| 1507-1515 | Background to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 and the National and Regional dialogues | Prof Adipala Ekwamu, RUFORUM Executive Secretary |
| | Current Food Systems in Central Africa-Alignment to Policy Frameworks | |
| 1515-1525 | Statement from Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) on issues affecting Food Systems and Trade in Central Africa | Ambassador Gilberto Da Piedad VERISSIMO |
| 1525-1535 | Key policy frameworks on Agriculture and Food Systems in Africa | Dr Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture at the African Union Commission |
| 1535-1550 | Questions and Answers | Moderator |
| 1550-1600 | Keynote Address: An Overview of the Food Systems in Africa with particular focus on Central Africa-needed actions to improve productivity, inclusiveness and resilience | Dr Cargele Masso, IITA Country Representative in Cameroon, |
| 1600-1610 | Open Discussion | Moderator |
| | Case studies of Country Food Systems and Pre-UN Food Systems Dialogue | |
| 1610-1700 | Highlights of current status, challenges and opportunities of food Systems in Burundi Cameroon, Chad, Congo Brazzaville, DRC & Gabon | Dr Mpoko Bokanga Representing the DG IITA, Abudja, Nigeria |
| 1700-1720 | Open Discussion | Session Moderator |

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| | Strengthening Food Systems transformation for increased productivity, inclusivity and resilience | |
| 1720-1730 | Ensuring Access to Safe and Nutritious Food for all | Helder Muteia, FAO Coordinator for Central Africa Sub-Region |
| 1730-1740 | Shifting to Sustainable Consumption Patterns | Prof Obedi Nyamagyoku, Universite Catholique de Bukavu |
| 1740-1750 | Boosting Nature-Positive Production at Sufficient Scale | Professor Matthias Fonteh, the Director of the College of Technology at The University of Bamenda |
| 1750-1800 | Advancing Equitable Livelihoods and value Distribution | Prof Sanctus NIRAGIRA, Rector, University of Burundi Bujumbura-Burundi |
| 1750-1800 | Building Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks and Stress | Dr. Djossa Bienvenu, Private sector |
| 1800-1810 | Human Capital Needs for Agriculture and STI development in ECCAS | Commissioner Honore Tabuna |
| 1810-1830 | Open Discussion | Session Moderator |
| 1830-1840 | Wrap up of Emerging Issues and Next Steps | Prof Majaliwa Mwanjalolo, RUFORUM Secretariat, Kampala, Uganda |