

Pre-UN Food Systems Summit 2021 Ministerial Dialogue

Date: 9th June 2021

Time: 1600-2000 East African Standard Time

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Proposed Chair: - Hon. Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi, Minister for Higher Education Training and Innovation, Namibia

Draft Programme

Time	Session/Topic	Responsible Person
	Opening Session	
1600-1610	Welcome Remarks by Session Moderator	Hon. Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi, Minister for Higher Education Training and Innovation, Namibia
1610-1620	Background to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 and the National, Regional and Continental dialogues	Prof Adipala Ekwamu, RUFORUM Executive Secretary
1620-1630	Official Opening address	H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC
1630-1640	Renewed commitment for US-Africa partnership on agricultural advancement in Africa	Daniel Whitley, Acting Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Services, USA
1640-1650	Perspective from European Union Commission	Dr. Leonard Mizzi, Directorate-General (DG) for International Cooperation and Development - Rural development, food security and nutrition, European Commission,
1650-1700	World Bank efforts to rebuild and strengthen agricultural development and food systems in Africa and globally	Dr. Simeon Ehui, World Bank Regional Director for Sustainable Development (Agriculture, Environment, Social, Water, Urban and Climate), West and Central Africa
1700-1720	Key Note address: Current status of food systems in Africa and implication for poverty, food and nutritional security in the continent	HE. Prof. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Food and Agriculture Organisation Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa
1720-1730	Response: Statement from African Universities	Prof Theresia Nkuo-Akenji, RUFORUM Deputy Board Chair

		& Vice Chancellor, University of Bamenda, Cameroon
1730-1750	Open discussion	
1750-1820	Brief country statements (3-5 minutes maximum) on current status of food systems and emerging key issues for consideration by the UN Food Systems Summit and African Union Commission	
1820-1840	Open discussion	
1840-1900	Presentation and discussion on the Ministers draft communique	Mrs Erica Maganga, Principal Secretary for Agriculture, Government of Malawi
1900-1920	Closing Discussion	Session Moderator
1920-1930	Wrap up of Emerging Issues and next Steps	Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, RUFORUM