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Pre-UN Food Systems Dialogue for Eastern and Southern Africa
Date: 17th May 2021
Time: 1500-1800 East African Standard Time (180 minutes)
Moderator: Dr Hlamali Ngwenya, University of Free State, South Africa

Session I: Opening and setting the scene (14’)

07’ Welcome Remarks by Session Moderator (Dr Hlamali Ngwenya, Sustainable Food Systems, University of Free State)

07’ Background to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 and the National and Regional dialogues (Prof Adipala Ekwamu, RUFORUM Executive Secretary)

Session II: Analysis of current Food Systems in Eastern and Southern Africa (50’)

5’ Moderator introduces the session and speakers

N.B. Instruction to speakers:
- PLEASE limit your presentation to 8 minutes ONLY to allow time to load your presentation and for transition from speaker to another.
- PLEASE have 8-10 slides MAXIMUM

10’ Africa’s Voice to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021: Possible issues for consideration (Prof Kay Muir-Leresche, RUFORUM IAP Member)

10’ Overview of current Status of Food Systems in Southern Africa (Dr Cliff Sibusiso Dlamini, Executive Director, CCARDESA)

10’ Overview of current Status of Food Systems in Eastern and Central Africa (Dr Enoch Warinda, Ag Executive Director, ASARECA)

15’ Open Discussion (Q & A and taking input from participants)

Session III: Case studies of Country Food Systems and Pre-UN Food Systems Dialogue
Panel discussion/dialogue (35’)

5’ Moderator introduces the session and speakers

30’ Panel discussion on Highlights of Food Systems and Dialogue in South Africa, Kenya and Uganda, by:
- Dr Shadrack Moephuli, Director General, Agricultural Research Council, South Africa;
- Dr Ambrose Agona, Director General, National Agricultural Research Organization, Uganda;
- Prof Patience Mshenga, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Egerton University, Kenya;
  - Opening statements (5’)- In less than 2 minutes talk about when the dialogues were held and who participated, etc
  - Respond to questions posed by the moderator (12’)
    - What is the current status and drivers of Food Systems in your country?
    - What are the key messages that emerged from the national dialogue (s) in your country?
    - What actions are needed to enhance Food Systems productivity and resilience?
    - What role should universities and research institutions play towards more sustainable, inclusive and resilient food systems?
  - Moderator takes questions from the audience (8’)


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- Closing remarks by panelists (5’)

### Session IV: Strengthening Food Systems transformation for increased productivity, inclusivity and resilience Breakout Session (65’)

5’ **Moderator introduces the session and set people to breakout sessions**

40’ **N.B. Breakout session process (40’)**

- Moderator’s remarks and allows people to settle (5’)
- Input presentation by speaker (10’)
- Moderator takes questions and input from participants (15’)
  - Give participants chance to ask questions to the speaker
  - Invite the participants to share their own experiences (balance participation and encourage them to use chat box)
- Wrap up (5’)
- Transition back to plenary (5’)

**Break out session 1: Strengthening Food Systems Research and Innovation**

Moderator: Prof Lise Korsten, University of Pretoria, South Africa
Speaker 1: Prof. Stephen Kiama Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi, Kenya
Speaker 2: Mr. Mark Buhl, President, Block Farm and Co-Founder Data Harvest
Speaker 3: Prof. Umezuruike Linus Opara, Chair Post Harvest Technologies, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

**Break out session 2: Human capital development for enhanced Sustainable Food Systems Productivity and Resilience**

Moderator: Vice Chancellor, Mzuzu University, Malawi
Speaker: Vice Chancellor, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
Rapporteur: Dr Runyararo Jolyn Rukarwa, RUFORUM Secretariat, Uganda

**Break out session 3: Fostering inclusivity**

Moderator: Dr Stephen Muchiri, President, East African Farmers Federation, Kenya
Speaker: Dr Slim Nahdy, Executive Director, African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services, Uganda
Rapporteur: Prof Nancy Mungai, Director Research, Egerton University, Kenya

**Break out session 4: Policies for strengthening Food Systems in Africa**

Moderator: Vice Chancellor, University of Zambia
Speaker: Prof Simbarasha Sibanda, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN), South Africa
Rapporteur: Dr Florence Nakayiwa, RUFORUM Secretariat, Uganda

20’ **Report back and Plenary discussion (Led by Moderator)**

- Breakout session 1 rapporteur (4’)
- Breakout session 2 rapporteur (4’)
- Breakout session 3 rapporteur (4’)
- Breakout session 4 rapporteur (4’)

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**Session V: Wrap up of Emerging Issues and next Steps (10’)**
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10’ Wrap up of Emerging Issues and next Steps (Dr Anthony Egeru, RUFORUM Manager, Training and Community Engagement)