

**Vice Chancellors Forum: Towards a Common Voice from African Universities to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Time:** 1600-1900 East African Standard Time

**Registration Link:** <https://bit.ly/3vsYLFp>

Moderator: Prof Theresia Nkuo-Akenji, Deputy Board Chair & Vice Chancellor, University of Bamenda, Cameroon

**Draft Programme**

| <b>Time</b> | <b>Session/Topic</b>   | <b>Responsible Person</b>   |
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|             | <b>Opening Session</b>   |   |
| 1600-1607   | Welcome Remarks by Session Chair   | Prof Theresia Nkuo-Akenji, RUFORUM Deputy Board Chair   |
| 1607-1614   | Opening Remarks by RUFORUM Board Chair   | Prof George Kanyama-Phiri, Vice Chancellor Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources           |
| 1614-1620   | Background to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 and the Vice Chancellors Forum Consultations             | Prof Adipala Ekwamu, RUFORUM Executive Secretary  |
|             | <b>Analysis of current status of Food Systems in Africa</b>  | Session Moderator   |
| 1620-1645   | Overview of current Status of Food Systems in Africa, Key drivers, challenges and needed interventions | Dr Patrick Okori, ICRISAT Country Director, Malawi  |
| 1645-1720   | <b>Open Discussion</b>   | All   |
| 1720-1730   | Highlights of Eastern, Southern and West African Consultations on Pre-UN Food Systems Summit Dialogue  | Dr Nadia Fanou, University of Abomey Calavi, Benin  |
| 1730-1740   | Towards the UN Food System Summit 2021: Emerging issues  | Prof. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, University of Pretoria Centre of Excellence in Food Systems Studies             |
| 1740-1800   | <b>Open Discussion</b>   | Session Moderator   |
| 1800-1820   | Review of Draft African Universities Vice Chancellors Statement to the UN Food Systems Summit          | Dr Florence Nakayiwa, RUFORUM Deputy Executive Secretary, Planning, Resource Mobilisation & Management        |
| 1820-1840   | <b>Open Discussion</b>   | Session Moderator   |
| 1840-1900   | Wrap up of Emerging Issues and next Steps  | Ms Judith Ann Francis, IAP Member from Trinidad & Tobago and Jennie van der Mheen, IAP Member from Wageningen |

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