

4th Annual ReNAPRI Stakeholder Conference

*“Unfolding Agricultural Transformation in Africa:
Strategies for sustainable development”*

Thursday, November 30th

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Friday, December 1st

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Registration

Atlantic Suite Foyer

08:00 – 09:15

Opening Remarks and Welcome

Atlantic Suite

Chance Kabaghe

Chairman, Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI)

Hester Klopper

Vice Chancellor, Strategy and Internationalization, University of Stellenbosch

Joyene Issacs

Head of Department: Western Cape Department of Agriculture

Dora Siliya (TBC)

Minister of Agriculture, Zambia

Jenetha Mahlangu

Acting Chief Director International Relations and Trade, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa

09:15 – 09:30

Overview and Context

Emilio Tostao

Director: Research Center for Agriculture Policy and Agri-systems (CEPPAG)
Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique (ReNAPRI)

09:30 – 11:00

Session 1: Agricultural Transformation in Africa and the Role of Parliamentarians

There is a growing sense that Africa's development crisis was largely underpinned by failure in implementation of policies and development plans. As such, the objective of this session is to engage parliamentarians on issues pertaining to African agricultural transformation. The Keynote Presentation will outline the key trends shaping transformation on the continent. The panelists will then discuss the relevant policy strategy necessary to leverage a specific trend to drive agricultural transformation.

Keynote Presentation:

Thomas S. Jayne

Co-Director: Alliance for African Partnership (AAP), Michigan State University (ReNAPRI)

Chair:

Thomas Munthali

Director of Knowledge and Learning, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)

Panelists:

Richard Mkandawire

Chair of National Planning Commission; Malawi (ReNAPRI)

Bantubonke Harrington Holomisa

MP, South Africa. President of United Democratic Movement (UDM)

Annette Steyn

MP, South Africa. Shadow-Minister of Agriculture

Geordin Hill-Lewis

MP, South Africa. Shadow-Minister of Trade and Industry

Sulaiman Sisay

MP, AU, Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Sierra Leone

Abdiaziz Abdilahi

MP, AU, Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Somalia

Khanyisile Malambe

MP, AU, Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Swaziland

Mboni Mhita

MP, AU, Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Tanzania

Ladislus Ndoro

MP, AU, Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Zimbabwe

11:00 – 11:30

Tea & Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00

Session 2: Transformational Investment in Agri-food Systems and Youth Employment

The objective of this session is to address the question of “who will feed Africa?” The Keynote Presentations will set the scene by briefly laying out two megatrends affecting the trajectories of agri-food system development and intra-regional trade, then shed light on salient demographic and employment dynamics in Africa’s youthful labor force, the evolving role of agriculture in the region’s transformation process, and strategic policies for securing youth livelihoods. The panel, composed of young entrepreneurs, will identify key constraints to private sector transformational investments in African agri-food systems highlighting key success factors and challenges and pragmatic policy actions that will enhance employment opportunities for young people.

Keynote Presentations:

Lulama Ndibongo Traub

Co-Director: Bureau of Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP), Stellenbosch University, (ReNAPRI)

F. Kwame Yeboah

Assistant Professor, Michigan State University

Panelists:

Lufefe Nomjana

Founder: Espinaca Innovations, [Spinach King](#), South Africa

Vuyile Msaku

Co-founder: [Department of Coffee](#), South Africa

Sirjeff Dennis

Founder and CEO of [Jefren Agrifriend Ltd. Co.](#), Tanzania

Chukwu Emeka Mordzie

Founder and CEO of [Elohim Farms](#), Ghana

Louise de Klerk

CEO: [Timbali Technology Incubator](#)

Solly Molepo

Deputy Director: Agro-processing, Industrial Development Division, Department of Trade and Investment, Republic of South Africa

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

Atrium

14:00 – 15:30

Session 3: Land and Changing Land Governance Structures

The Keynote Presentation will present the emerging trends and the impact on land governance structures, land use patterns and discuss the implications of these trends on the Continent's development pathway. The panelists, comprising of Traditional Leaders, farmers' organization and financing institutions, will identify the key challenges and constraints around land that policy makers need to navigate and address going forward.

Keynote Presentation:

Antony Chapoto

Research Director: Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), (ReNAPRI)

Chair:

Chance Kabaghe

Director: Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute, University of Zambia (ReNAPRI)

Panelists:

Bantubonke Harrington Holomisa

Member of South African Parliament, President of United Democratic Movement (UDM)

Chieftainess Muwezwa

Zambian Traditional Leader

Anifa Bangirana Kawooya

MP, AU, Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Uganda

Ray van Rooyen

Head: Sales Enablement, Barclays Africa Group Limited

Cheyo Mwenechanya

Head: Agriculture for Zambia, Botswana and Tanzania, First National Bank (FNB)

Ishmael Sunga (TBC)

CEO: Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)

Christo van der Rheede

Deputy Executive Director: Agri SA

15:30 – 16:00

Tea & Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:30

Closing of Day 1: Insights and Lessons

Isaac Minde

19:00 – 22:00

Gala Dinner

Atlantic Suite

19:00 – 19:30

Welcome Drinks

19:30 – 20:00

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Western Cape Department of Agriculture

ACBF

Absa Bank

UK's Department for International Development (DFID)

John Deere

20:00 – 22:00

Dinner and Live Entertainment

Friday, December 1st

08:00 – 08:30

Overview and Context of Day 2

Atlantic Suite

Gabriel Elepu

Director: Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Makerere University, Uganda (ReNAPRI)

08:30 – 10:00

Session 4: Policy Coherence for Predictable Maize Markets in ESA: Rethinking Role of Strategic Grain Reserves

Maize is and will remain a key commodity for most of the eastern and southern Africa region. As such, governments in the region have the tendency to intervene in maize markets to promote food security and growth. Experiences from most countries of the region indicate that governments tend to expand and abuse the mandate of state-owned strategic grain reserves into crop marketing by setting prices, marketing and controlling international trade. The resultant effect of these interventions has been a lack of coherence and transparency in the market creating uncertainty. Smallholder farmers and private sector have been at the receiving end of the negative effects of these interventions through an erosion of incomes on one hand while governments tend to absorb the inefficiencies of the system leading to fiscal pressures on the other hand. Evidence has also shown that these interventions have caused higher price volatility leaving the consumers worse off. There is a need for rethinking how governments react and support maize markets in the region without causing the uncertainty that erodes farmer or private sector incomes and consumer welfare.

Chair:

Antony Chapoto

Research Director: Indaba Agricultural Research Policy Institute, (IAPRI)

Panelists:

Gerald Masila

CEO: East African Grain Council

Chance Kabaghe

Chairman, Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI)

Ben Mwangela

FTESA Consultant in SGR, Kenya

Steve Orr

Team Leader, FoodTrade ESA

Thomas S. Jayne

Co-Director: Alliance for African Partnership (AAP, Michigan State University (ReNAPRI))

10:00 – 10:30

Tea & Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00

Session 5: Regional Outlook

The objective of this session is to present the baseline outlook for the ReNAPRI region. The presenters will highlight key points on how the agricultural sector can evolve over the next 10 years, subject to a range of exogenous assumptions. The Outlook presented will be commodity specific, focusing on maize, wheat, sugar and soybeans. Following extreme weather conditions over the past two years that have led to exceptional swings in terms of production levels and relative prices across the region, key aspects of regional trade will also be reviewed. Considering the rapidly changing agricultural environment, alternative scenarios will also be explored.

Chair:

Ferdi Meyer

Director: Bureau of Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP), University of Pretoria, (ReNAPRI)

Presenters:

Brian Chisanga

Researcher: Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), (ReNAPRI)

Tracy Davids

Research Director: Bureau of Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP), University of Pretoria, (ReNAPRI)

12:00 – 13:30

Session 6: Global Commodity Outlook: Implications for Africa

The objective of this session is to present the outlook for global commodity markets, which underpins the regional view in the preceding session. The three presenters represent international institutes that publish a global outlook on an annual basis and will share their view on the latest developments and expectations for the next 10 years. Presentations will focus on the relevance to Africa, as well as the possibility for Africa to influence global markets. Commodity coverage will be relevant to the African region and focus on those that are already, or have the possibility of being traded with Africa.

Chair:

Ferdi Meyer

Director: Bureau of Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP), University of Pretoria, (ReNAPRI)

Presenters:

Holger Matthey

United Nation's Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

Patrick Westhoff

Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), University of Missouri

Robert M'Barek

European Commission, Joint Research Centre

13:30 – 14:00

Closing Session: Recap and Way Forward

Miltone Ayieko

Director: Tegemeo, (ReNAPRI)

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch

Atrium