Opportunities for Africa to Feed Itself by end of this decade (2030): Addressing the vulnerability of African Food Systems

Downtown Des Moines Hilton Hotel, Meeting Venue: Cloud Ballrooms A and B

Tuesday, October 18 2022 @5:30 – 7:30pm CDT

Includes Dinner Reception

Co-Hosted by: African Development Bank, Iowa State University, USAID, Bayer Crop Science, URUS, ISAAA AfriCenter, AATF, Africa Union, CGIAR and CSIR

Expected Outcome:

- Knowledge exchange from various agricultural leaders about current efforts and contributions to Africa’s aspiration to feed itself by the year 2030
- Expand networking and forge mutual partnerships with international contacts for sustained growth of actors in the agri-food systems
- Recommendations to African Development Bank (AfDB) to launch a Coalition of the willing to lead development of resilient African food systems

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Panelists

Moderator: Prof Peter Jeranyama (University of Massachusetts - Amherst)

Convenor: Dr. Dianah Ngonyama, Associate Director for Research Administration & Research Integrity Officer, Iowa State University

Dr. Beth Dunford - Vice President, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Dr. Rachel Chikwamba - Africa Union Panel on Emerging Technologies rep & CSIR Executive

Dr. Peter Dorhout - VP for Research at Iowa State University

Programme:

Opening remarks:

5:30 – 5:40pm: High level presentation on the recently launched African Emergency Food Production Facility ($1.5 Billion) for supporting 20 million African smallholder farmers with certified seeds and fertilisers

5:40 – 5:50pm: Africa Union strategy for meeting the goal for Africa to feed itself by 2030

5:50 – 6:00pm: Role of global universities in training, research and capacity building of African institutions to develop innovative Agripreneurs and Ag scientists/innovators to drive the transformation of Africa’s Ag-based economies

Panel Discussion:

6:00 – 7:30pm:

Dr. Margaret Karembu (ISAAA AfriCenter)
Dr. Curtis Youngs (ISU Global Agriculture Programs)
Mark Edge (Bayer Crop Science)
Dr. Renee Lafitte (Gates Foundation)
Marcel Petrutiu (URUS Group LP)
Dr. Sylvester Oikeh (African Agricultural Technology Foundation)
Dr. Tad Sonstegard (AceliGen)

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