



DAY 1: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015

9:00–9:30am

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The transformation of the agricultural sector in Africa holds tremendous promise for catalyzing economic growth and creating employment opportunities for the continent's young people.

Buti Kgwaridi Manamela – Deputy Minister, The Presidency of South Africa

Reeta Roy – President and CEO, The MasterCard Foundation

9:30–10:30am

YOUTH KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Three youth speakers share their stories of how they successfully transitioned to employment or entrepreneurship in agriculture.

Demand-Driven Skills Development in Agriculture: Awadh Milasi – Country Project Manager, Opportunities for Youth Employment, SNV Netherlands Development Organization

Mixed Livelihoods in Agricultural Value Chains: Laetitia Mukungu – Founder, Africa Rabbit Centre

Rural and Agricultural Financial Services: Rita Kimani – Co-founder and CEO, FarmDrive

Co-Facilitators: Arnest Sebbumba – Program Coordinator and Founder, Countryside Youth Foundation; Thelma Namonje – Research Associate, Indaba Agriculture Policy Research Institute

10:30–11:00am

BREAK

11:00am–12:00pm

YOUTH LIVELIHOODS DIARIES RESEARCH PROJECT

Youth researchers discuss preliminary findings about the diverse livelihood strategies young people exhibit in their day-to-day lives.

Moderator: Claudia Pompa – Independent Consultant

Panelists: Gabriel Felli – Research Supervisor, Low-Income Financial Transformation; Justine Kutaira – Field Researcher, Low-Income Financial Transformation; Anne Marie van Swinderen – Founder, Low-Income Financial Transformation

12:00–1:15pm

LUNCH

1:15–2:30pm

DEBATE

Debate on the opportunities and risks of investing in rural agricultural programs.

Proposition: Agriculture is a sector of economic opportunity for youth.

Moderator: Eleni Gabre-Madhin – Co-founder and CEO, eleni

Panelists: James Sumberg – Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies; Nteranya Sanginga – Director General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture

2:30–3:45pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN AGRICULTURE

1. Mixed Livelihoods

Karim Harji – Director of Research, ET Jackson & Associates

Ndungu Kahihu – Executive Director, CAP Youth Empowerment Institute

Sara Elder – Chief Technical Advisor, Youth Employment Programme, International Labour Organization

Moderator: Meredith Lee – Deputy Director, Youth Livelihoods, The MasterCard Foundation

2. Building the Case for Youth Financial Services

Ata Cisse – YouthStart Technical Specialist, United Nations Capital Development Fund

Jules Ndahayo – CEO, Umutanguha Finance Company

Mekonnen Yelewemwessen – Founding Managing Director, Amhara Credit & Savings Institution

Moderator: Rani Desphande – Director, YouthSave

3. Demand-Driven Skills Development

Clare Ignatowski – Director, Human and Community Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation

Zebadiah Moshi – Director General, Vocational Education and Training Authority

Peter Shiras – Executive Vice President, Business Development, International Youth Foundation

Moderator: Steve Cumming – Program Manager, Youth Livelihoods, The MasterCard Foundation

3:45–4:15pm

BREAK

4:15–5:15pm

AGRICULTURE AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

This session offers innovative examples of the private sector creating opportunities for young people in agricultural value chains.

Moderator: Peter Bamkole – Director, Enterprise Development Centre, Pan-Atlantic University

Panelists: Alistair Djimatey – Manager, Blue Skies Foundation; Kinyua M'Mbijewe – Head of Corporate Affairs, Africa, Middle East, Syngenta; Kola Masha – Founder and Managing Director, Doreo Partners; Craig Hardie – Co-founder and Joint Managing Director, Malawi Mangoes



DAY 2: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015

9:00–9:45am

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Drawing from her bestselling book, *The Bright Continent*, Dayo Olopade will define the opportunity and possibility for young people in Africa and examine mixed livelihoods as an income-generation strategy.

Dayo Olopade – Journalist and Author

9:45–10:45am

POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS: SYSTEMIC FACTORS AFFECTING YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE

This plenary panel will offer a high-level discussion on systemic issues that affect the agricultural sector.

Moderator: Karen Brooks – Director, Research Program on Policies, Institutions and Markets, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research

Panelists: Louise Fox – Visiting Professor of Development Practice, University of California, Berkeley; Sulley Gariba – Ghana's High Commissioner to Canada; Thomas Jayne – University Foundation Professor of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University; Irene Annor-Frempong – Director, Capacity Strengthening Networking, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa

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YOUTH FINANCIAL SERVICES: INNOVATIONS IN YOUTH ACCESS TO FINANCE AND AGRI-FINANCE

This plenary panel will explore unique approaches and innovations in providing access to finance for young people in rural areas.

Moderator: Ruth Dueck-Mbeba – Senior Program Manager, Financial Inclusion, The MasterCard Foundation

Panelists: Jessie Tientcheu – Deputy of Programs, Freedom from Hunger; John Magnay – Head of Agricultural Finance, Opportunity International; Cleopatra Ngulube – Deputy Regional Programme Manager, TechnoServe; Alejandro Jakubowicz – CEO, FINCA Democratic Republic of Congo

2:30–3:15pm

DEMAND-DRIVEN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT: MARKET SCOPING AND ANALYSIS

This presentation will share insights into the Harambee and McKinsey model for market scoping and labour market analysis.

Nicola Galombik – Executive Director, Yellowwoods; Lindiwe Gadd – Senior Advisor, McKinsey & Company

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Agnes Kalibata will highlight the promise of agriculture and agribusiness as a catalyst for transformative change within the lives of young women and men.

Agnes Kalibata – President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa

4:30–5:00pm

CLOSING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ann Miles will highlight the key issues that emerged from the Summit and invite youth delegates to share their perspectives.

Ann Miles – Director of Programs, Financial Inclusion & Youth Livelihoods, The MasterCard Foundation

“Whether it’s coffee in Ethiopia, roses in Kenya, or cocoa in Ghana – many aspects of the African economy remain based on agriculture. Africa’s future depends on the proper utilization of this sector.”

Ngoni Mugwisi
– MasterCard Foundation Scholar, Arizona State University

