

United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) Dialogues 2021

Title: Opportunities for Youth and Women in Transforming Africa's Food Systems

Date: 19th February, 2021 | Time: 02:00Pm to 04:00Pm EAT | Venue: Online

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Summary

Most of Africa's food is produced by smallholder farmers with the majority being women. Therefore, they are a leverage point for transforming agricultural practices and technologies to improve food and nutrition security under prevailing climatic, political, social and environmental conditions. Despite their significant role in ensuring food security, these farmers are the most vulnerable to climate change and poverty with the women being exposed to additional gender inequalities and social exclusion. On the other hand, youth face untold challenges in their quest to venture into agriculture and food production.

Objective of dialogue

To discuss challenges and opportunities to ensure a sustainable food system in Africa and identify ways to strengthen women and youth empowerment.

Agenda

02:00	Start of meeting
02:05 – 02:15	Introduction and opening remarks by the moderator – Dr. Mary Nyasimi, Executive Director Inclusive Climate Change Adaptation for a Sustainable Africa (ICCASA)
02:15 – 02:25	Transforming Africa's food systems to withstand a warmer climate - Manyewu Mutamba, NEPAD
02:25 – 02:35	Plenary – Dr. Mary Nyasimi

- 02:35 – 02:45 What contributions can African youth provide to support sustainable food systems in Africa? – Divine Ntiokam, CSAYN
- 02:45 – 02:55 Plenary – Dr. Mary Nyasimi
- 02:55 – 03:05 Supporting women farmers to achieve food security and incomes in Africa – Dr. Agnes Kalibata, UN Special Envoy to the Food Systems Summit
- 03:05 – 03:15 Plenary – Dr. Mary Nyasimi
- 03:15 – 03:25 Building an effective advocacy youth and women movement for sustainable and equitable agricultural development in Africa - Faith Gikunda, ICCASA
- 03:25 – 03:35 Plenary – Dr. Mary Nyasimi
- 03:35 – 03:45 Role of Africa Universities to empower African Youth farmers for a more sustainable food system – Dr. Judith Wafula, Lukenya University
- 03:45 – 03:55 Plenary – Dr. Mary Nyasimi
- 03:55 – 04:00 Closing Remarks – Veronica Ndetu, Climate Change Unit (CCU) Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Co-operatives, Kenya

