

EU-AFRICA & FARM TO FORK STRATEGIES 2020

HOW TO SQUARE AMBITIONS WITH THE UN SUSTAINABILITY GOALS



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@VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

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PROGRAMME (~100 min)

WELCOME & OPENING

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ADDRESSES BY THE GUESTS OF HONOUR

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Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation
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JACKSON MTHEMBU (TBC)

Minister in the Presidency
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KEYNOTES

KOEN DOENS (TBC)

Director General, DG DEVCO,
European Commission

AGNES KALIBATA (TBC)

Special Envoy for the UN 2021 Food Systems
Summit; President, Alliance for a Green
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INTERVENTIONS & OPEN DEBATE

LAWRENCE HADDAH (TBC)

Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)

RODRIGO DE LAPUERTA (TBC)

Director, FAO Liaison Office to the EU & Belgium

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MODERATED BY **ANNE SCHLEY**

Project Manager for Development Policy Dialogue, Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSS)

ABOUT THIS EVENT

For reaching the Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger (SDG2) in Africa through joint efforts, the EU must address the challenges of nutrition and food security by boosting a safe and sustainable agri-food system globally. In line with SDG 2, this involves supporting small-scale farmers and equal access to land, technology and markets. It also requires international cooperation to ensure investment in infrastructure and technology to improve agricultural productivity

The EU's Farm to Fork Strategy together with its New EU-Africa Strategy, aim to promote the Global Transition towards a robust and resilient food system to ensure the access of affordable and safe food for everyone while protecting natural resources and combating climate change. With the right incentives, a shift towards a sustainable agri-food system is also expected to provide the necessary social and economic benefits. Through cooperation with African governments, stakeholders and other partners, the EU aims to ensure a successful global transition with internationally agreed standards for safe and sustainable agri-food products.

In view of the 6th EU-Africa Summit, this event will explore the African perspective on what measures are needed for the global transition towards sustainable food systems. Given the current negotiations on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA) as well as on a post-Cotonou Agreement, what role is there for trade to play to support these ambitions while ensuring the survival and competitiveness of farmers on both sides of the Mediterranean?

ABOUT SME CONNECT

SME Connect, founded in 2017, is a vast network and an umbrella organization for SMEs and their supporters seeking to maximise the impact of SMEs on national levels. SME Connect is non-political but advised by a non-profit board of politicians made up of all constructive political groups. Its own **Working Group on Health & Nutrition** was established to bring together SME actors of the food sector, stakeholders and policymakers to raise the awareness of the role of nutrition in tackling health challenges as well as the need for more significant investments in innovation to promote sustainable agri-food production systems, whilst also ensuring our food safety systems work for SMEs