



Day 1 - 30 Oct 2019, Wednesday

08:00 Registration

09:00 Chairman's Introduction

09:10 **KENYA'S AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION & GROWTH STRATEGY**

- Creating an enabling environment for agriculture development
- Embracing agri-tech & the potential of vertical farming
- Public private partnerships opportunities for agro-processing
- Subsidies & programs to attract investors

Dominic Kitaka, Head of Agriculture Transformation Office
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries & Irrigation, Kenya

09:40 **IMPACT OF AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (AfCFTA) ON AGRICULTURE**

- Food security balance in Africa
- Cross border trade and its impact
- Best practises
- Pan African Policy framework: A reality?

M D Ramesh, President & Regional Head - South & East Africa
OLAM INTERNATIONAL

10:10 Discussion followed by Coffee

10:45 **AFRICAN AGRIBUSINESS: GROWTH OUTLOOK & MARKET PROSPECTS**

- Assessing the potential of key agri commodities
- Forecasting price trends in grains, oil crops, cash crops
- Regional & global trade opportunities

David Jackson, Director of Oils Research
LMC International Ltd

11:15 **SUSTAINABLE & STRATEGIC SOURCING STRATEGY**

- Utilizing local content & crop sourcing initiatives/challenges
- Developing an inclusive agri value chain from farm to factory
- Sustainability, food safety and quality assurance to meet cross border regulatory compliance

11:45 **BOOSTING THE BOTTOMLINE THROUGH FARM MECHANISATION: COMMERCIAL TEA PLANTATION**

- Key success factors & lessons learned
- Modernization & mechanization of farming practice

Silas Juma Njibwakale
 Managing Director
Kipkebe Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of Sasini PLC.)

12:15 Discussion followed by Networking Lunch

13:25 Chairman's Introduction

13:30 **DATA CAPTURING TO ENHANCE OVERALL PROFITABILITY OF A FARMING OPERATION**

Mr. Cobus Burger, Business Manager
SGS Precision Farming Services, Africa

14:00 **APPLICATION OF REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE FOR TODAY'S CLIMATIC CONTEXT: CASE STUDIES**

- Resilience, profitability, healthier people
- Unlocking its true value in effectively managing agri-projects
- Global case studies: Europe, Argentina, South Africa & DRC

Guillaume Sneessens
 Associate Agronomist
Soil Capital

14:30 **GRAIN FARM INVESTMENT TO MEET RAPID RISING REGIONAL DEMAND**

- Demand/supply outlook & growth projections
- Investment challenges
- Role of improved varieties and quality input materials
- Yield-enhancing farming practices
- Enhancing crop productivity for small holder farmers

15:00 Discussion followed by Coffee

15:30 **AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT POTENTIAL & OPPORTUNITY IN ETHIOPIA**

- Assessing the potential of commercial/mechanized farm projects (over 95% farming activities are dominated by smallholders)
- Differences between commercial farm and subsistence farm
- Diagnosing the bottleneck of agri-investment

Birhanu Tesfaye Mekonnen
 GM - Guba Farm Project
Horizon Plantations Pl

16:00 **MAKING INPUTS ACCESSIBLE FOR FARM OWNERS**

- Assessing the supply & demand for crop inputs (seeds, fertilizers, crop protection, etc)
- Government roles in providing subsidies & incentives
- Sourcing strategies for high quality inputs to ensure strong productivity
- From farm to fork: Enhancing quality and quantity of marketable agricultural production

16:30 **MULTISTAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE: ACCESS TO INNOVATIVE FINANCING**

- Assessing the real challenges in financial accessibility
- Role of commercial banks in funding long-term investments
- Developing innovative financial instruments that are compatible with African market

Panellists:
 Olaniyi Oladejo, Operating Partner
Sahel Capital Agribusiness Managers Ltd

Edson Mpyisi, Principal Agricultural Economist & Coordinator
African Development Bank (AfDB)

17:00 End of Day 1



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Day 2 - 31 Oct 2019, Thursday

09:00	Chairman's Introduction	11:10	DEVELOPING COCOA VALUE CHAIN IN WEST AFRICA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cocoa market outlook & trends Value addition & opportunities Strategic partnership as a key enabler to promote cocoa consumption Government initiatives & programs to attract investors
09:10	FOOD PROCESSING & AGRO-INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding value to agricultural products: Challenges & opportunities Optimising agri-value chain 	11:40	FUTURE FARMS: REVOLUTIONIZING CROP FARMING THROUGH HYDROPONIC SYSTEMS & RESPONSIVE DRIP IRRIGATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current & future market trends – Global & regional context Latest R&D updates Commercialization opportunities
09:40	COFFEE PLANTATION & PROCESSING PLANT INVESTMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply and demand outlook Land acquisition processes Strategies to ensure productivity for local consumption & exports <p>Meseret Desta, CEO Afro-Tsion Farm</p>	12:10	LEVERAGING ROBUST, RELIABLE IRRIGATION TECHNOLOGY & SYSTEMS TO INCREASE FARM PRODUCTIVITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of effective irrigation practices & technology innovations Key criteria for selecting the right system for various crops African case studies
10:10	A CASE STUDY OF LARGE SCALE SISAL FARMING IN TANZANIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key success factors – best practices, harvesting mechanization, storage facilities, infrastructure, packaging & distribution Selecting the right system for sisal development Challenges faced & actions taken – New Msowero Farms Ltd New opportunities: Using bags made from sisal fibre as an alternative to plastic bags <p>Khyati Patel Director of Finance & Operations Noble Azania Investments Limited</p>	12:40	Final Discussion followed by Networking Lunch
10:40	Discussion followed by Coffee	14:00	End of Conference.

ENHANCING COST COMPETITIVENESS IN AFRICA'S AGRIBUSINESS

KEY SESSIONS:

- LMC** forecasts price trends in grains, oil crops, cash crops
- KENYAN MINISTRY OF LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES & AGRICULTURE** presents country's agricultural transformation & growth strategy
- OLAM INTERNATIONAL** assesses the impact of African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AFCFTA) on agriculture
- SGS** shares how data capturing can enhance overall profitability of a farming operation
- Case studies on application of regenerative agriculture for today's climatic context by **SOIL CAPITAL**
- [INTERACTIVE SESSION]** Multistakeholder Dialogue: Access To Innovative Financing
- KIPKEBE LTD** on boosting the bottomline through farm mechanization
- NOBEL AZANIA INVESTMENTS** features a case study of large scale sisal farming in Tanzania
- AFRO-TSION FARM** reveals coffee plantation & processing plant investment projects in Ethiopia
- HORIZON PLANTATION** assesses the potential of commercial farm investment in Ethiopia
- HYDROPONICS AFRICA** speaks on revolutionizing crop farming through hydroponic systems & responsive drip irrigation

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