

Enabling farmers access to finance, quality agri inputs, technologies and end markets

Over 60% of Africans make their living from agriculture and 80% of them are in small scale farming. It can be said that smallholder farming supplies more than half of Africa's food needs. As a group, smallholder farmers are among the poorest and most marginalized in the world.

Africa's smallholder farmers face many challenges preventing them from scaling up their participation in the market- including insecure rights to land, lack of access to quality inputs and financial services, inadequate support from research, and post harvest loss caused by poor rural infrastructure, inability to access quality seeds and mechanization.

Covid-19 lockdown and social distancing policy have created "choke-points" for the local food supply system in Africa and further compounding the misery for farmers as they are not able to go to their farms to plant / harvest their crops and consumers are fearful of buying food from local food markets for fear of contamination.

Wise investment strategies can transform small scale in highly productive and sustainable farming systems. There needs to be collaborative action-research programs and to engage with policy advocacy to build resilient, equitable and sustainable futures for smallholder farming communities.

Attend CMT's first webinar series on **Building Smallholder Capacities in Africa** and participate in active discussions with stake holders, agribusiness community, financial providers, impact investors, non-profit social organisation. **What is being done ? What has worked ? What can be improved ?**

Proudly sponsored by Olam, who is very much present in Africa – Mr Srivathsan – the MD for Africa will deliver an opening keynote speech Moderated by Ranveer Chauhan – MD of Akwaaba Ventures – who is very knowledgeable and passionate about Africa and the agrisector and comes with more than 30 years of experience.

Hear from the panel of experts speakers who will each address their ideas, share their experiences and contribution in bringing a positive impact to the lives of African smallholders.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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26 NOV 2020, THURSDAY

17:00 Keynote Speaker & Sponsor Olam MD for Africa
Venkataramani Srivathsan, Managing Director Africa &
Middle East, **Olam International**

17:30 Open Panel with Each Speaker presenting for 15 minutes
Moderator:
Ranveer Singh Chauhan, Director
Akwaaba Ventures Pte Ltd

Bridging gender gaps in smallholder agriculture in Africa – Unlocking farming as a business for women
Vanessa Adams, VP Country Support and Delivery,
Partnership for Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in
Africa, COP
Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

Digital finance solution and partnerships to support smallholders during Covid 19 & disrupted food supply chains
Ad Rietberg, Director, **Agri-wallet**

Facilitating farmer based organizations to create sustainable businesses and reduction of post-harvest loss
Madelon Pfeiffer, Region Manager-Africa, **Rabo Foundation**

Quality inputs and smallholder farming training - enhancing nutrition security and rural livelihood
Rutger Groot, Chairman East-West Seed Knowledge Transfer
East-West Seed Group

Building local sustainable inclusive business models, strengthening small holders and private sector partnerships
Henk van Duijn, Program Director, **2SCALE**

Scaling up access to finance and capacity for small farmers in a Covid era
Samuel Dzotefe, Manager - Agribusiness and Forestry, Sub-Saharan Africa, **IFC - International Finance Corporation**

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