

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1: 25 th June 2026		
Time	Session	Facilitators / Presenters
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and registration	EPRN/Lemigo
09:00 – 09:05	Introduction of the conference	Seth Kwizera (EPRN)
09:05 – 09:20	Welcome Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jean Baptiste Sagahutu (EPRN) Telesphore Ndabamenye, Hon. Minister of MINAGRI
09:20 – 09:25	Group photo	All
SESSION 1: EVIDENCE-BASED AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION FOR RESILIENT GROWTH		
09:25 – 09:35	Key note speech/Session opening remarks	Mohamed Aw-Dahir, FAO Resident Coordinator
09:35 – 11:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimizing allocation of public expenditure to accelerate agrifood system transformation with environmental sustainability in Rwanda Turning Data into Action: Rwanda's Food Systems Countdown Initiatives by Numbers - Insights from the GAIN Food Systems Dashboard From Leaf to Cup: Supporting the Future of Rwanda's Tea Sector Tracking the market responses policy reforms in Rwanda's coffee sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marco V. Sanchez (FAO) Jean Claude Kabano (GAIN) NAEB (in collaboration with FAO/MAFAP programme) Davide delPrete (FAO)
11:35 - 12:00	Health Break	All
12:00 - 12:30	Panel Discussion on Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation for Resilient Growth Moderator: Birasa Nyamulinda, EPRN	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silikari Sylver (MINAGRI) Esdras Byiringiro (WB) IFPRI (TBC) AKADEMIYA2063 (TBC)
12:10-12:30	Comments, Questions and Answers	All
LUNCH BREAK		

SESSION 2: TAX ADMINISTRATION TO FINANCE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH: STRENGTHENING RWANDA'S FISCAL SPACE

14:00-14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Fiscal Resilience through VAT Compliance: Leveraging Data-Driven and Modern Tax Administration Approaches The value of good advice: Experimental evidence on tax advice in Rwanda Balancing Domestic Revenue Mobilization and Private Sector Competitiveness in Rwanda (2015 – 2024): Evidence from Secondary Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Karangwa (RRA) Giovanni Occhiali (ICTD) Jean Paul Mpakaniye (EPRN)
14:45-15:00	Comments, Questions and Answers	All
15:00-15:20	Health Break	
15:20-16:00	<p>Panel Discussion on Strengthening Fiscal Resilience through Domestic Revenue Mobilisation and Modern Tax Administration</p> <p>Moderator: John Karangwa (RRA)</p>	<p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abel Ntegeno (MINECOFIN) Denis Mukama (RRA) Giovanni Occhiali (ICTD) Habtamu Fuje (IMF)

Day 2: 26th June 2026

SESSION 3: EAC REGIONAL ECONOMIC STATUS AMIDIST GLOBAL SHOCKS

Time	Session	Facilitators / Presenters
09:00-09:05	Opening Remarks	Hon Minister MINICOM (TBC)
09:05-09:35	Presentation on Eastern Africa's Economic outlook	Rodgers Mukwaya (UNECA)
09:35-10:10	<p>Panel discussion on High Growth, Tight Budgets, and Rising Uncertainty</p> <p>Moderator: Didier Habimana (ECA)</p>	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elena Acebes (UNECA) Judith Nabaasa (MINECOFIN) Thierry Mihigo (NBR)
10:10-10:30	Comments, Questions and Answers	All
10:30-11:00	Health Break	All

SESSION 4: BUILDING FUTURE-READY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ECOSYSTEMS IN RWANDA: FROM EVIDENCE TO ACTION

11:00-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGUKA Tracer Study (2022–2025): Jobs, Enterprise Growth and Lessons for Youth Economic Empowerment in Rwanda Youth Forecast Exercise for Rwanda: Anticipating Future Skills, Jobs and Opportunities for Young People (2025–2035) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johnson Rukundo (UNDP) Solange Tetero (MIYA - TBC)
11:30-11:50	Comments, Questions and Answers	All
11:50-12:30	<p>Panel discussion on Building Future-Ready Youth Employment Ecosystems in Rwanda: From Evidence to Action</p> <p>Moderator: Nicolas Schmids (UNDP)</p>	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johnson Rukundo (UNDP) Solange Tetero (MOYA - TBC) Elyse Kamanzi (MCF) A young entrepreneur
12:30-12:35	Conference Recommendations	Willis Okul Odhiambo (EPRN)
12:35-12:40	Conference closing remarks	Guest of Honor, MINAGRI (TBC)

12:40 Lunch and Networking