

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1: 25 th June 2026		
Time	Session	Facilitators / Presenters
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and registration	EPRN
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) Olivier Kamana, Permanent Secretary 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	FAO Country Representative remarks
09:35 – 10:35	<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 Food Systems Dashboard From Leaf to Cup: Supporting the Future of Rwanda's Tea Sector Embedding Traceability into Rwanda's coffee sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marco V. Sanchez (FAO) Jean Claude Kabano (GAIN) Alexis Nkurunziza (NAEB) Anne Laurette ISINGIZWE and Roger Michel KUBWIMANA (BKtechouse)
10:35-10:50	Comments, Questions and Answers	All
10:55 - 11:20	Health Break	All
11:20 - 12:10	Panel Discussion on Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation for Resilient Growth Moderator: Birasa Nyamulinda, EPRN	Moderator: Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getaw Tadesse (AKADEMIYA) Emerence Mukangabo (IFPRI)
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"> David Ntthemuka (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: Hannah Mareno (RRA)</p>	<p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Karangwa (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	Recap of day 1	Seth Kwizera (EPRN)
09:05-09:35	Presentation on Eastern Africa's Economic outlook	Elena Acebes (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"> Rodgers Mukwaya (UNECA) Judith Nabaasa (MINECOFIN) Faustin Maniraguha (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	AGUKA Tracer Study (2022–2025): Jobs, Enterprise Growth and Lessons for Youth Economic Empowerment in Rwanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pierre Kalinda (MOYA) Nicolas Schmids (UNDP)
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: Flora Kaitesi (UNDP)</p>	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicolas Schmids (UNDP) Pierre Kalinda (MOYA) Ms. Uwineza Shakira (Youth Entrepreneur)
12:30-12:35	Conference Recommendations	Willis Okul Odhiambo (EPRN)
12:35-12:40	Conference closing remarks	Olivier Kamana, Permanent Secretary of MINAGRI
12:40	Lunch and Networking	