



Session Brief

Parallel Session 5: Agricultural Biotechnology: A sustainable Lever for African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCTA)

Date: 6th June 2023, 14:00hr-16:00hrs (SAST)

Format:

Venue: ICC Durban (Room Durban)

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83606176958>

Synopsis

The session will discuss the role that agricultural biotechnology can play as lever for African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCTA) to facilitate the trade through sustainable supply of food and cash crop needs of the continent. The objective of the session is to raise awareness on the potential of biotechnology to support the agenda of AfCTA through the sustainable transformation of agriculture that meet the food and industrialization needs if Africa. The session will focus on biotechnology progress in Africa, challenges and opportunities. The output of the session will be:

1. Progress of agricultural biotechnology in Africa, progress, current challenges and opportunities for the transformation of Africa’s agriculture.
2. Role of biotechnology in meeting the food and industrialization needs of Africa.
3. Regulatory Challenges hampering agricultural biotechnology progress in Africa.
4. The role of the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in developing and delivering sustainable agricultural technologies for Africa’s needs

Program

Sr	Time	Activity	Facilitator
A	14:00–14:10	Opening Thoughts Dr Canisius Kanangire, Executive Director, AATF	Ms Nancy Muchiri
	14:10 – 15:10	Key Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AATF 2023-2027: How AATF Strategy supports AfCTA agenda and Objectives, Dr Canisius Kanangire, Executive Director, AATF 2. Potential of Agricultural Biotechnology for food and 	

Speakers



Dr Canisius Kanangire-
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Ms Nancy Muchiri
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Dr Francis Nangayo,
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Dr Tshilidzi
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Dr Pedro Fato, AATF



Dr Kingstone

		<p>industrial revolution – Dr Francis Nang’ayo, Senior Manager Regulatory Affairs, AATF.</p> <p>3. TELA Maize Potential in Mozambique – Dr Pedro Feto, Principal Investigator, IIAM, Mozambique</p> <p>4. Policy Readiness for Agricultural biotechnology in Africa, Dr Tshilidzi Madzivhandila. Executive Director FANRPAN</p> <p>5. Lessons from over 20 years of growing GMOs in South Africa: Dr Kingstone Mashingaidze, Principal Investigator, ARC, South Africa</p>	
B	15:10 15:40	Questions and Reflections	Ms Nancy Muchiri
C	15:40 – 16:00	Conclusions and Way Forward	Dr Canisius Kanangire

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