

9th Africa Agriculture Science Week

10th FARA General Assembly



Abuja, Nigeria | 27th - 30th July 2026

AASW9 Programme Agenda



AASW9 Theme & Sub-Themes:

“Innovation and Partnerships for Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems in Africa”



Sub-Theme 1:

Emerging Agricultural Technologies and Innovations
(Digital, Biological, Chemical, Mechanical)



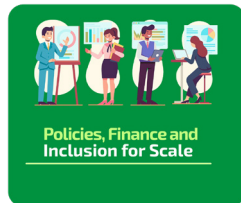
Sub-Theme 2:

Climate Resilient Agrifood Systems:
Improving Productivity, Resilience and Sustainability.



Sub-Theme 3:

Nutrition, Health, and Urban Food Systems.



Sub-Theme 4:

Enabling Impact at Scale: Policies, Financing, Capacities, Institutions, Inclusion (Gender, Youth, PWDs, etc)

Date	09:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 13:00	13:00 - 14:00	14:30 - 17:30	18:00 - 19:00
23rd - 26th	Pre Events					
Monday, 27th July	Inaugural Plenary Session MC: Cyrile Stober / Curtain raiser video Welcome Address: Dr. Adamu Abubakar Dabban, <i>Executive Secretary, ARCN</i> Opening Remarks: Ms. Bongiwe Njobe, <i>Chairperson of the FARA Board of Directors</i> Context Presentation "The State of African Agri-food System: Harnessing Innovation and Partnership to Achieve CAADP-Kampala Targets" Dr. Debisi Araba, <i>Managing Director, Akademiya2063</i> <i>Flagging the Subtheme: Video/ Panel Discussion</i>	Coffee Break	Official Opening Anthems by Police Band: AU & Nigeria anthems MC Intro: Cyrile Stober Lead Partner Statements Director Bol, Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, <i>President, AfDB</i> Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, <i>Assistant Director General, FAO-RAF</i> European Union Commission (EC Nigeria Rep) HE Moses Vilakati, <i>Commissioner, AUC-ARBE</i> Opening Address Senator Abubakar Kyari <i>CON, Honorable Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Nigeria</i> Keynote Paper "Innovation and Partnerships for resilient and sustainable agrifood systems in Africa." - Dr. Simeon Ehui, <i>Director General, IITA</i> <i>"Opening of the Exhibition"</i>	Lunch	Side Events SE 1 SE 6 SE 2 SE 7 SE 3 SE 8 SE 4 SE 9 SE 5 SE 10	AASW9 Sponsored Cocktail
	Exhibition & Networking					

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	Plenary Hall		Parallel Halls		Side Event Halls		
Tuesday, 28th July	Overview of Science & Partnership for Agriculture Conference (SPAC) Prof. Wole Fatunbi, Ag. DRI, FARA SPAC Study: "State of Agricultural Research in Africa, highlights of key trends, challenges, and opportunities." - presented by Dr. Emmanuel Njukwe, DRI, CORAF Panel Discussion: "Optimizing Agricultural Research to Deliver CAADP-Kampala Outcomes at the Country Level" Facilitator: Dr. Sylvester Dickson Baguma, ED, CORAF Panelists Prof. Paul Pinnock Bonsu, DG, CSIR-Ghana Dr. Litha Magingxa, CEO, ARC South Africa Dr. Patrick Ketiem, DG, KALRO Dr. Abel Abd-Elazeem, President, ARC Egypt Soil Health Panel: "Interphase of Science and Private Sector Partnerships for Restoration of Africa's degraded Soil" Panelists Dr. Innocent Okuku, CEO, AFIDA Dr. Shamie Zingore, DRI, APNI Dr. Manyewu Matamba, AUDA-NEPAD	Coffee Break	Theme I  Emerging Agricultural Technologies Knowledge, Learning, and Innovation Systems for Agrifood Transformation in Africa  Theme II  Climate-Resilient Agrifood Systems Food Sovereignty in Africa: Scaling Agroecology & Ecological Organic Agriculture for Resilient & Sustainable Agrifood Systems in Africa  Theme III  Nutrition, Health and Urban Food Systems Knowledge, Learning, and Innovation Systems for Agrifood Transformation in Africa  Theme IV  Policies, Finance and Inclusion for Scale From Dialogue to Joint Action: An Institutional Innovation for scaling Africa-Europe Cooperation on Soil Health Systems  Partnerships Event Africa-Brazil Partnership for Agri-Food Systems Transformation	Lunch	Side Events SE 11SE 12 SE 13SE 14 SE 15SE 16 SE 17SE 18 SE 19SE 20 Side Events SE 21SE 22 SE 23SE 24 SE 25SE 26 SE 27SE 28 SE 29SE 30 Abuja Roundtable Donor Roundtable Discussion "Mobilizing Africa's own funding for Agricultural Research: A possibility or mere pipe dream" Panelist/Facilitator (TBD)	Open Space/Bilateral Talks	
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Wednesday, 29th July	MC: Cyrile Stober Cultural Dance Welcome Address Dr. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi CON, Hon. Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security Keynote Address I: "Nigeria's story of Science and Technology" Dr. Kingsley Tochukwu Udeh SAN, Hon. Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology Keynote Address II: "Advances in Marine and Blue Economy in Nigeria" Adegboyega Oyetola, Hon. Minister of Marine and Blue Economy Keynote Address III: "Advancing Nigeria's Livestock Industry. Pushing the technologies that matter" Alhaji Idi Mukhtar Maiha, Hon. Minister of Federal Livestock Development Keynote Address IV: "Progress on Agricultural Research in Nigeria. The change is here." Senator Abubakar Kyari CON, Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Food Security  Nigeria Agriculture in Motion  Nigeria Agriculture Technology Exhibition Walk	Coffee Break	<i>"Case Studies of Sustainable Agrifood Systems"</i>  Prof. O.B Kehinde, Vice Chancellor, FUNAAB  Success Stories - National ARI in Nigeria - Colleges of Agriculture Commissioners' Fireside Chat  Dr. Afees Abolore Alabi, Kwara, NC Bolu Owotomo, Ogun, SW Hon. Dr. Ilyasu Aliyu Gital, Bauchi, NE Hon. Muttaka Namadi, Jigawa, NW Princess Nkechinyere Iyioku, Ebonyin, SE Prof. Beke Tuboukiye Sese, Bayelsa, SS	Lunch	 The Youth Innovation Challenge  Value-Chain Based Extension (VCBE): Success Models  Book Show Harmonized Fertilizer Recommendation for Crops in Nigeria	Presidential Dinner
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Thursday, 30th July	10th FARA General Assembly Adoption of General Assembly Agenda Mad. Bongiwe Njobe, <i>Chairperson of the FARA Board of Directors</i> Highlights from AASW9 Prof. Wole Fatunbi, <i>Ag. DRI, FARA</i> Achievements by the Secretariat since 9th General Assembly Dr. Aggrey Agumya, <i>Executive Director, FARA</i> FARA Business Plan Dr. Aggrey Agumya, <i>Executive Director, FARA</i> Amendments to the Constitution and Governance Manual Mad. Elizabeth Nsimadala, <i>Chairperson of the Nominations and Governance Committee of the FARA Board of Directors</i>	Coffee Break	Ratification of Appointment of FARA Chairperson and Board of Directors for 2026-2029 Mad. Bongiwe Njobe, <i>Chairperson of the FARA Board of Directors</i> Formal Handing Over Ceremony: Chairperson of FARA Board of Directors Valedictory Speech by Outgoing Chairperson Mad. Bongiwe Njobe, <i>Chairperson of the FARA Board of Directors</i> Acceptance speech by Incumbent Chairperson of FARA Incumbent Chairperson, <i>Chairperson of the FARA Board of Directors</i> Closing Statements Dr. Moumini Savadogo, <i>Executive Director, CORAF</i> Funder, <i>TBC</i> Government of Nigeria, <i>TBC</i>	Lunch	Post Event Space & Networking



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