

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”



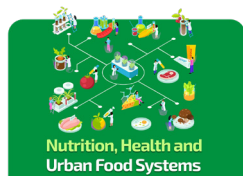
Sub-Theme 1:

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



Sub-Theme 2:

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



Sub-Theme 3:



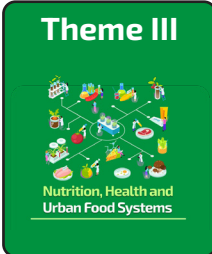
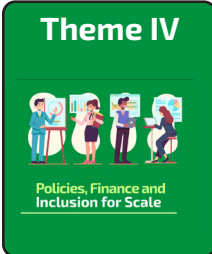
Nutrition, Health, and Urban Food Systems.



Sub-Theme 4:

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

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23rd - 26th	Pre Events					
Monday, 27th June	<p>Inaugural Plenary Session MC: Cyrile Stober / Curtain raiser video</p> <p>Welcome Address: Dr. Adamu Abubakar Dabban, Executive Secretary, ARCN</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Ms. Bongiwe Njobe, Chairperson of the FARA Board of Directors</p> <p>Context Presentation "State of African Agriculture Report" Dr. Debisi Araba, Managing Director, Akademiya2063</p> <p><i>Flagging the Subtheme: Video/ Panel Discussion</i></p>	Coffee Break	<p>Official Opening Anthems by Police Band: AU & Nigeria anthems MC Intro: Cyrile Stober</p> <p>Lead Partner Statements Director Bol, Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, President, AfDB Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Assistant Director General, FAO-RAF European Union Commission (EC Nigeria Rep) HE Moses Vilakati, Commissioner, AUC-ARBE</p> <p>Opening Address Senator Abubakar Kyari con, Honorable Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Nigeria</p> <p>Keynote Paper "Innovation and Partnerships for resilient and sustainable agrifood systems in Africa." - Dr. Simeon Ehui, Director General, IITA</p> <p>"Opening of the Exhibition"</p>	Lunch	<p>Side Events (120 Minutes each)</p> <p>SE 1 SE 2</p> <p>SE 3 SE 4</p> <p>SE 5 SE 6</p> <p>SE 7 SE 8</p> <p>SE 9 SE 10</p>	AASW9 Sponsored Cocktail
	Exhibition & Networking					

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<p>Tuesday, 28th June</p>	<p>Overview of Science & Partnership for Agriculture Conference (SPAC) Prof. Wole Fatunbi, Ag. DRI, FARA</p> <p>SPAC Study: "State of Agricultural Research in Africa, highlights of key trends, challenges, and opportunities." - Presented by: Dr. Emmanuel Njukwe, DRI, CORAF</p> <p>Panel Discussion: "Optimizing Agricultural Research to Deliver CAADP-Kampala Outcomes at the Country Level" Facilitator: Dr. Sylvester Dickson Baguma, ED, CORAF</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <p>Theme I</p>  <p>Emerging Agricultural Technologies</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <p>Theme II</p>  <p>Climate-Resilient Agrifood Systems</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <p>Theme III</p>  <p>Nutrition, Health and Urban Food Systems</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <p>Theme IV</p>  <p>Policies, Finance and Inclusion for Scale</p> </div> <div style="width: 100%; text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Ministerial Dialogue on: Accelerating Policy Action</p> </div> <div style="width: 100%; text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Theme V</p> <p>FiBL Agroecology</p> </div> </div>	<p>Lunch</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Side Events (120 Minutes each)</p> <div style="display: grid; grid-template-columns: 1fr 1fr; gap: 10px;"> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">SE 11</div> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">SE 12</div> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">SE 13</div> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">SE 14</div> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">SE 15</div> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">SE 16</div> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">SE 17</div> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">SE 18</div> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">SE 19</div> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">SE 20</div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Abuja Roundtable</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donor Roundtable Discussion "Mobilizing Africa's own funding for Agricultural Research: a possibility or mere pipe dream" Panelist/Facilitator (TBD)</p> </div>	<p>Open Space/Bilateral Talks</p>
<p>Exhibition & Networking (All Day)</p>						

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Wednesday, 29th June	<p>MC: Cyrile Stober Cultural Dance</p> <p>Welcome Address Dr. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi CON, Hon. Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security</p> <p>Keynote Address I: "Progress on Agricultural Research in Nigeria...The Change is Here" Senator Abubakar Kyari CON, Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</p> <p>Keynote Address II: "Advancing Nigeria's Livestock Industry. Pushing the Technologies that matter." Alhaji Idi Mukhtar Maiha, Hon. Minister of Federal Livestock Development</p> <p>Keynote Address III: "Nigeria's story of Science and technology." Dr. Kingsley Tochukwu Udeh SAN, Hon. Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology</p>	Coffee Break	<p>Country Showcase</p> <p>Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Tech Show Exhibitions/Research</p> <p>Nigeria Institutes Events</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Parallel Event I Knowledge, Learning, & Innovation Systems for Agrifood Transformation in Africa <i>Panelist/Facilitator (TBD)</i></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Parallel Event II Role of Science/Research in Industrializing Nigeria Agriculture <i>Panelist/Facilitator (TBD)</i></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>Parallel Event III Africa-Brazil Partnership for Agri-Food Systems Transformation <i>Panelist/Facilitator (TBD)</i></p> </div>	Lunch		Presidential Dinner
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Thursday, 30th June	<p>10th FARA General Assembly</p> <p>Adoption of General Assembly Agenda <i>Mad. Bongiwe Njobe, Chairperson of the FARA Board of Directors</i></p> <p>Highlights from AASW9 <i>Prof. Wole Fatunbi, Ag. DRI, FARA</i></p> <p>Achievements by the Secretariat since 9th General Assembly <i>Dr. Aggrey Agumya, Executive Director, FARA</i></p> <p>FARA Business Plan <i>Dr. Aggrey Agumya, Executive Director, FARA</i></p> <p>Amendments to the Constitution and Governance Manual <i>Mad. Elizabeth Nsimadala, Chairperson of the Nominations and Governance Committee of the FARA Board of Directors</i></p>	Coffee Break	<p>Ratification of Appointment of FARA Chairperson and Board of Directors for 2026-2029 <i>Mad. Bongiwe Njobe, Chairperson of the FARA Board of Directors</i></p> <p>Formal Chairperson of FARA Board of Directors Handing Over Ceremony</p> <p>Valedictory Speech by Outgoing Chairperson <i>Mad. Bongiwe Njobe, Chairperson of the FARA Board of Directors</i></p> <p>Acceptance speech by Incumbent Chairperson of FARA <i>Incumbent Chairperson, Chairperson of the FARA Board of Directors</i></p> <p>Closing Statements <i>Dr. Moumini Savadogo, Executive Director, CORAF</i> <i>Funder, TBC</i> <i>Government of Nigeria, TBC</i></p>	Lunch	<p>Post Event Space & Networking</p>



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