

Agricultural Innovation For Africa

Conference Program Guide

Date: 9th– 10th October 2025

Venue: Cedi Conference Center,
University of Ghana

Theme:

**African Youth Leveraging Innovation for
Sustainable Food Systems**

DAY ONE: Unlocking Opportunities in the Food System

TIME: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Time	Session Title	Who
8:30 – 10:00am	Arrival, Registration, Networking, Safety and Safeguarding Brief, Exhibition Booth Visit	
10:00 – 10:05am	Opening Remarks	Benjamin Gyan-Kesse, Executive Director, KIC
10:05 – 10:10am	Special Remarks	Joe Mensah, Board Chair, KIC
10:10 – 10:15am	Conference Chair Opening Remarks	Prof. Godfred A. Bokpin, Economist and Professor of Finance, UG
10:15 – 10:30am	Keynote Address: African Youth Leveraging Innovation for Sustainable Food Systems	Dr. Peter Boamah Otokunor, Director, PIAA
10:30 – 10:45am	Thought Leader Presentation: Why Youth Innovation is Critical to Africa's Food Systems	Dr. Betty Annan, Country Director, AGRA
10.30am -3.00pm	AgriBusiness Clinic	Africa Skills Hub
10:45-11:15am	Photo Session & Snack Break	
11:15-11:25am	Conference Provocateur's Take	Dr. Michael Abu Sakara Foster, Agronomist & Development Specialist

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		Dr. Peter Boamah Otokunor, Director, PIAA
	Panel Discussion:	Isaac Sesi, CEO, Sesi Technologies
11:25 am – 12:10 pm	The Future of Food – Youth at the Center of Africa's Agricultural Transformation Moderator: Barbara Ghansah, CEO, Zinari Capital	Gottfried Odamtten Sowah, Acting Head, Country Programs, Mastercard Foundation - Ghana Baaba Asante, Business Development Executive, Interplast
	Panel Discussion:	Mavis Owureku Asare, CEO & Founder, Impact Food Hub, Agribusiness Advisor
12:10 – 1:00 pm	Food Innovation and Product Development – Solving Local Challenges with Local Solutions for Global Market Moderator: Ato Ulzen-Appiah, Entrepreneurship Development Specialist, KIC	Eric Agbozo, CEO, Sekoe Chocolate Dode Seidu, CEO & Founder, Africa Trade Academy
	Plenary: Youth-Driven Circular Economy – Turning Food Waste into Business	Presenter: Bubu Kumordzie, Deputy Innovation Manager, Jekora Ventures
1:00 – 1:50pm	Moderator: Ohene Damptey, Senior West Africa Private Sector Engagement Consultant, AGRA	Panelists: Hannah Appiah, Co-Founder, McHan Cosmetics Najat Mohammed, Co-Founder, Tekcycle Abdul Mueez Otoo, Co-Founder, Jaasgrow MC
1:50 – 2:20pm	Announcements & Survey	

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Masterclass:		
2:20 – 3:50pm	Food Regulation and Compliance – What Every Food Startup Needs to Know	FDA & GSA
3:50 – 4:00pm	Conference Wrap Up	MC
4:00 – 5:00pm	Networking and Exhibition	All