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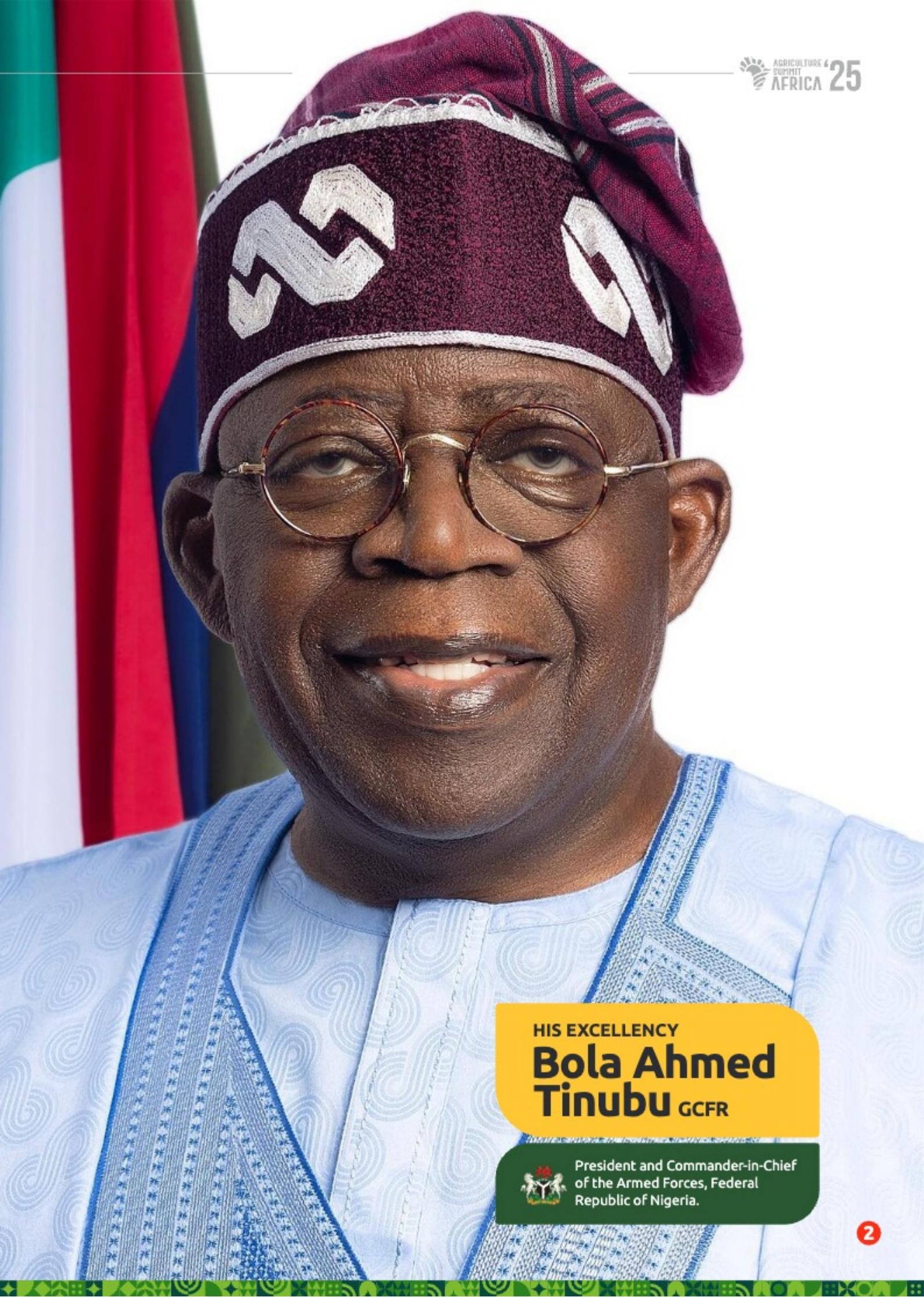


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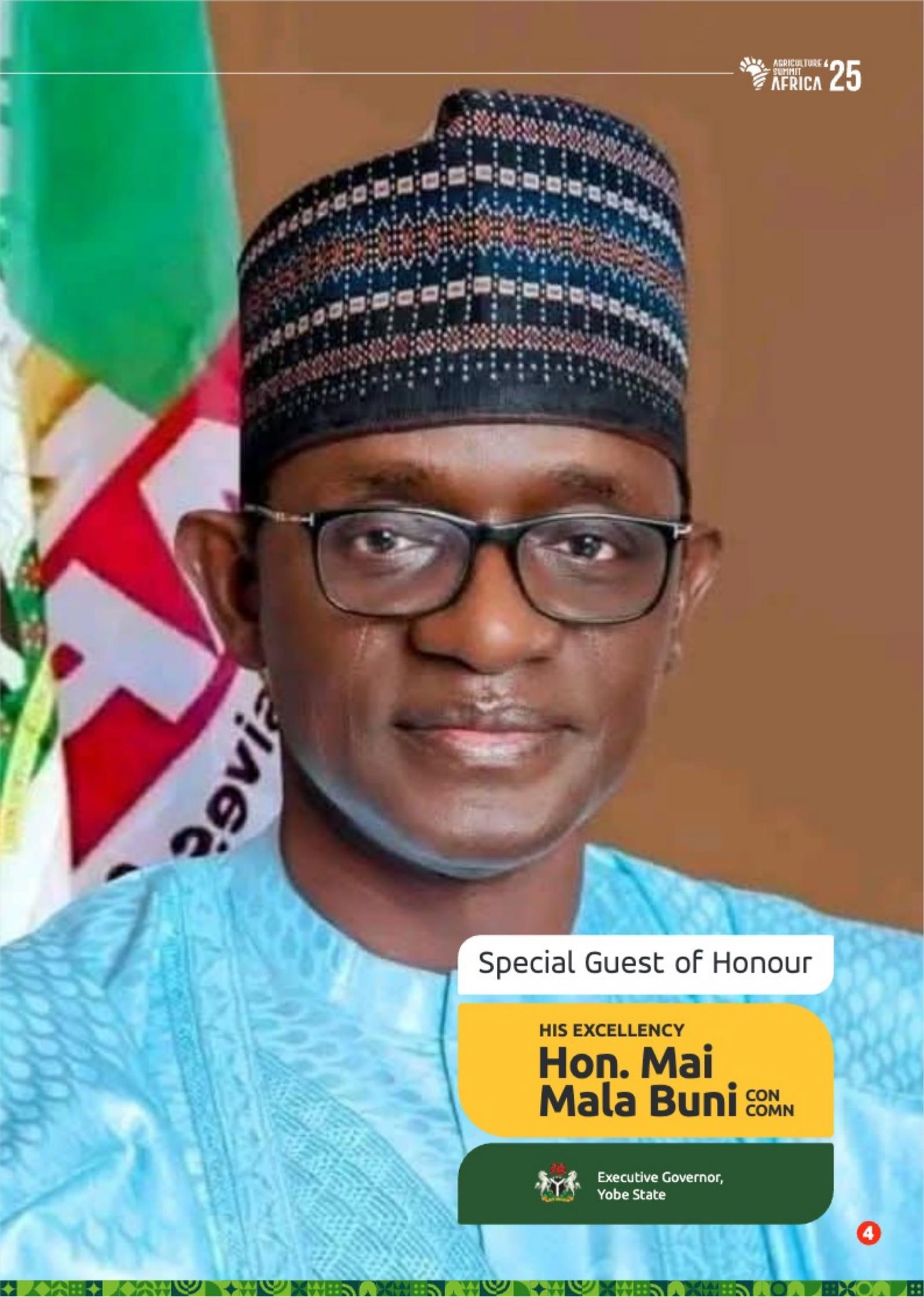
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Olasunkanmi Owoyemi

Managing Director
Sunbeth Global Concepts Limited

Agenda: Day 1

TIME	DAY 1 THURSDAY, 6TH NOV., 2025	SPEAKER
8:00AM - 9:00 AM	ARRIVAL/SUMMIT OPENING	9:00AM - 9:00 AM ARRIVAL/SUMMIT OPENING
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	The Farmer's Rhythm	Dance by the National Troupe
9:15 AM - 9:25 AM	Welcome Address	Abubakar Suleiman Managing Director/CEO, Sterling Bank Limited
9:25 AM - 9:40 AM	Keynote Address	Jude Uzonwanne Managing Partner, TUG Capital Partners
9:40 AM - 10:00 AM	Keynote MOU Signing	Mohammed Abu Ibrahim ES/CEO NADF
10:00 AM - 10:20 AM	Goodwill Messages	Mr. Aminu Tukur, VC Noor Takaful Chairman, Bank of Agriculture Muhammad Babangida Chairman, Bank of Agriculture Hon. Idi Mukhtar Maiha Hon. Minister Federal Ministry of Livestock Development. Hon. Mai Mala Buni CON COMN Executive Governor, Yobe State.
10:20 AM - 10:40 AM	Special Remarks	Olasunkanmi Owoyemi MD Sunbeth Global Concepts
10:40 AM - 11:10 AM	Exhibition Inspection/Refreshments	
11:10 AM - 12:25 PM	Session 1 From Policy to Plate: Enabling Laws for a Thriving Agri-Future	Moderator Oame Airuhi
12:25 PM - 12:55 PM	Fireside Chat powered by Mastercard Harvesting Resilience: Stories from the Value Chain	Mastercard
12:55 PM - 2:15 PM	Session 2 Powered by International Finance Corporation Powering Up the Base: Smallholder Farmers as Drivers of Food System Resilience	Moderator Mohammed Aliyu International Finance Corporation
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Networking Session	
3:00 PM	Day 1 Close	

Agenda: Day 2

TIME	DAY 2 FRIDAY, 7TH NOV., 2025	SPEAKER
9:00AM - 9:15 AM SUMMIT OPENING/RECAP OF DAY 1/ DEAL ROOM OPENS		
9:15 AM - 9:25 AM	Opening Remarks	Olushola Obikanye Group Head, Agric and Mineral Finance, Sterling Bank
9:25 AM - 9:35 AM	Spoken Word	Muhammed Al-Amin Sanusi
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Goodwill Message	
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Special Remarks	Garba Mohammed
10:00 AM - 10:25AM	Introductory Session A presentation on the state of the Agriculture sector	Veriv Africa
10:25 AM - 11:35 AM	Session 1 Harnessing Digital Tools for an Agricultural Renaissance	Moderator Vera Iheanacho Sterling Bank
11:35 AM - 12:45 PM	Session 2 Green Money, Green Fields: Mobilizing Finance for Climate-Smart Agriculture in Africa	Moderator Olapeju Ibekwe Sterling One Foundation
12:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Session 3 Driving Inclusivity for Women and Youth in Agriculture	Moderator Modupe Ojo Sunbeth Global Concepts
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Closing Charge & Vote of Thanks	Dele Faseemo Group Executive, Sterling Bank
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Day 2 Close	



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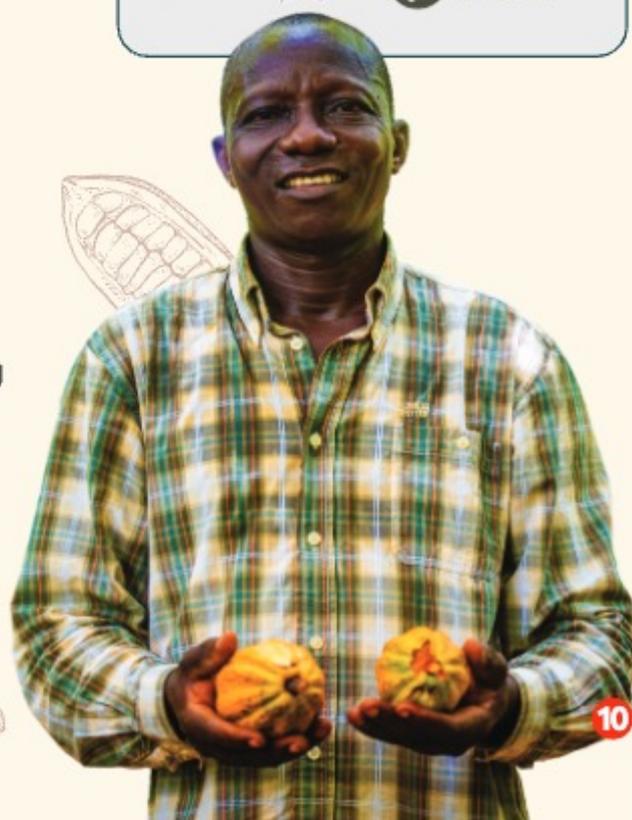
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Empowering Africa's Food Futures

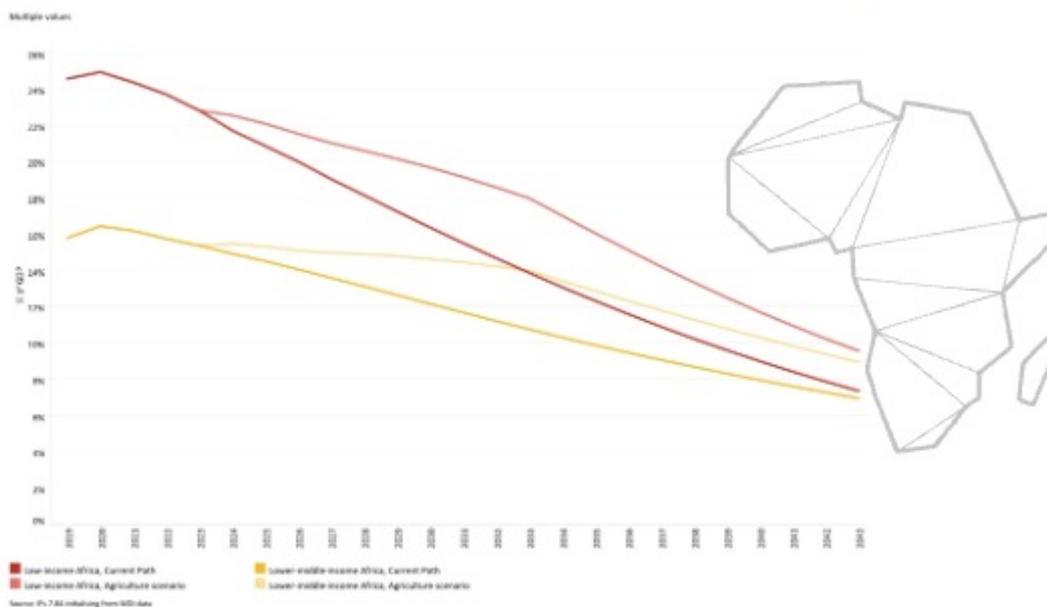
Africa faces significant challenges in achieving food security. Despite the continent's abundant natural resources and a predominantly agrarian population, agricultural productivity remains low, food prices remain high, and supply struggles to keep pace with rapid population growth.

The Current Path forecast in the chart above shows that the contribution of agriculture to the GDP of low-income and lower-middle-income Africa is projected to decline from 24.6% and 15.8% in 2019 to 7.4% and 7.0% respectively, in 2043. However, in an Agriculture scenario, which assumes significant improvements in agricultural practices and policies, agriculture's contribution would still be approximately 10% by 2043.

These projections suggest that while the relative percentage contribution of agriculture to GDP may decrease, the overall value and impact of agriculture can significantly increase with targeted interventions.

Additional data on the following factors, further underscores the urgent need for a paradigm shift in African agriculture:

Chart 11: Agriculture's % contribution to GDP: 2019-2043



Food Security Crisis

In early 2025, projections indicate that over 60 million people in East Africa and nearly 50 million in West and Central Africa face acute food insecurity, exacerbated by persistent conflict, economic instability, and the severe impacts of climate change. In Nigeria alone, millions continue to struggle with undernourishment, making food security a national and continental priority.

Climate Change and Resource Scarcity

Africa, while contributing less than 10 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, is among the most vulnerable to climate extremes. Erratic rainfall, prolonged droughts, and recurring floods threaten not only crop yields but also the livelihoods of smallholder farmers who form the backbone of Nigeria's and Africa's agricultural economy.

Investment Gaps

Despite holding 60 percent of the world's uncultivated arable land, Africa faces a significant financing shortfall. Public spending on agriculture often falls below committed targets, and commercial banks in many African nations, including Nigeria, allocate only a small fraction of their lending portfolios to agriculture. This gap calls for innovative finance solutions, including green finance mechanisms and impact investments, to scale the continent's vast agricultural potential.

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ASA's Legacy, Impact, & Sterling Bank's Role

ASA has consistently served as a catalyst for policy reform and investment in African agriculture. **The summit has hosted over 15,000 attendees from 20+ countries since its maiden edition. In 2024, the summit secured over \$100 million in investment commitments that directly enhanced local food production and market access for smallholder farmers.**

Building on this legacy, ASA 2025, which will be hosted by Sterling Bank Limited in partnership with global stakeholders, will leverage Sterling Bank's financial expertise and technical capacity to forge revolutionary partnerships.

These alliances will be instrumental in:

- Mobilizing innovative and green finance to fund forward-thinking agricultural projects.
- Supporting agritech startups and initiatives that modernize farming practices.
- Empowering smallholder farmers with access to markets, credit, and technology.
- Promoting youth and women inclusivity to ensure equitable participation in Africa's agrifood value chains.

ASA 2025 Thematic Priorities

ASA 2025 is built around a comprehensive agenda that addresses the entire agricultural value chain. Key thematic areas include:

Innovative and Green Finance: Discussion panels and investment deal rooms will focus on how to unlock capital for sustainable agriculture. Case studies, such as recent successful financing in Nigeria, will illustrate how green finance initiatives can spur both economic growth and environmental sustainability.

Agritech Revolution: The sessions will highlight the role of digital technology, precision farming, and data-driven insights in transforming agriculture. By connecting startups with investors, the summit will lay the groundwork for scalable agritech solutions that address local challenges.

Empowering Smallholder Farmers: The summit will prioritize strategies for increasing the productivity and market participation of smallholder farmers, including improved access to credit, technical training, and cooperative models that drive collective growth.

Inclusivity and Social Empowerment: Dedicated forums will emphasize the importance of youth and women in agriculture, discussing barriers and proposing innovative solutions for greater inclusivity. These sessions will not only identify challenges but also celebrate success stories from across Africa.

Food Security and Climate Resilience: By integrating discussions on food security and climate adaptation, ASA 2025 will foster an understanding of how sustainable agricultural practices can mitigate the effects of climate change while ensuring stable food supplies.

ASA 2025 Expected Outcomes

This year's summit aims to achieve several tangible outcomes:

Adoption of a High-Level Declaration

The issuance of the "Africa Food Security and Resilience Declaration," which will outline specific commitments to reduce hunger, improve agricultural financing, and bolster climate resilience.

Securing Financial Commitments

New investment pledges amounting to billions of dollars will be announced, targeting priority areas such as irrigation, agritech innovation, and rural infrastructure development.

Concrete Policy and Program Initiatives

A suite of policy recommendations and action plans will be agreed upon, with clear timelines and accountability mechanisms to ensure follow-through at national, regional, and continental levels.

Formation of Strategic Partnerships

New alliances among governments, private sector players, and international institutions will be established, creating a dynamic ecosystem for continued investment and collaboration in agriculture.

Empowerment Initiatives

Specific programs aimed at supporting smallholder farmers, youth, and women will be launched, providing training, access to credit, and technology transfer initiatives.

Core Objectives of ASA 2025



Advance Food Security

- 1 Develop evidence-based policies and actionable strategies to reduce hunger and malnutrition.
- 2 Prioritize investments that enhance local food production and fortify supply chains against global market shocks.

Mobilize Investment & Innovative Finance

- 1 Bridge the existing financing gap through innovative instruments such as blended finance, green bonds, and impact investment. Prioritize investments that enhance local food production and fortify supply chains against global market shocks.
- 2 Engage multilateral institutions, private investors, and local banks—including Sterling Bank — to pledge capital toward sustainable agricultural development.



Champion Agritech & Digital Solutions

- 1 Showcase cutting-edge agritech innovations that boost productivity, improve resource management, and enable precision farming.
- 2 Establish incubation programs and pilot projects that connect agritech innovators with market opportunities.



Empower Smallholder Farmers

- 1 Enhance capacity-building initiatives that provide smallholder farmers with modern farming techniques, financial literacy, and market access.
- 2 Create platforms for farmers to share best practices and benefit from economies of scale.

Promote Youth & Women Inclusivity

- 1 Ensure active participation of youth and women in decision-making processes, technical sessions, and entrepreneurial ventures.
- 2 Launch mentorship programs and funding schemes specifically targeting young agripreneurs and women-led agribusinesses.



Foster Global & Pan-African Partnerships

- 1 Leverage Sterling Bank's global partnerships to bring international expertise and investment to Nigeria and the wider African market.
- 2 Align summit outcomes with continental frameworks such as the African Union's Agenda 2063 and global commitments like the SDGs and the Paris Agreement.



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Speakers' Profiles



Muhammad Babangida
Chairman, Bank of Agriculture

Since 2009, **Muhammad Babangida** has served as a Board Director for the Nigerian Export-Import Bank (NEXIM). In addition to his duties as the Chairman of the finance and general purpose committee, Muhammad also serves on the risk management committee and the credit committee. The Nigerian Export-Import Bank presently provides short and medium term loans to Nigerian exporters. It also provides short-term guarantees for loans granted by Nigerian Banks to exporters as well as credit insurance against political and commercial risks in the event of nonpayment by foreign buyers.

Previously, Muhammad Babangida served as a Board Director for Unity Bank Plc from 2006 to 2012. During this time, Muhammad was a member of the board credit committee; member of the board IT committee; and member of the compensation committee. Unity Bank is one of Nigeria's leading retail banks after emerging from the largest merger and consolidation in Nigeria's banking industry. Following the landmark banking consolidation spearheaded by the Central Bank of Nigeria, (CBN), nine financial institutions with competences in investment banking, corporate and retail banking came together in January 2006 to form Unity Bank Plc. From 1998 to 2006, Muhammad served as a Board Director for Intercity Bank, Plc. His duties include Chairman of the board credit committee; member of the board establishment committee; member of the board IT committee; and member of the committee of directors for "Unity Bank" information. During Muhammad's tenure, Intercity Bank grew from a profit after tax of N33 million in 1998 to N500 million in 2003. Furthermore, he also helped to establish a solid IT platform, leading to excellent delivery channels that were able to meet the ever-growing demands of the market. From 2009 to 2011, Muhammad served as Board Director for Niger State Development Company (NSDC) from 2009 to 2011. NSDC is an Investment Development Company in the business of moulding the economic future of Niger State by promoting economic development through industrial development in the state.

Muhammad Babangida has over 26 years business experience working in various industries like Banking, real estate , education , security consultancy and oil and gas. Muhammad Babangida has served on the Board of Unity Bank and NEXIM Bank while also Heading the Board Committee of the Board on Finance and General Purposes, Credit and Strategy. He is currently serving on the Board of Lotus Bank. Muhammad Babangida has served as well on other Government and Private Organization In Nigeria and Abroad. Muhammad Babangida is an avid learner and a great team player who is always looking for viable Business opportunities In Nigeria and Abroad. Muhammad Babangida is an outdoor adventurer and loves playing the Game of Polo, Basketball and Tennis. Muhammad Babangida enjoys reading and listening to Music at his free time and a fluent speaker of French, English and Hausa.



Aminu Tukur
Vice Chairman
Noor Takaful

Aminu Tukur's career in the finance industry spans nearly three decades, and he has emerged as a luminary in the field, leveraging his expertise to drive innovation and sustainable growth.

Having assumed the role of Vice Chairman at Noor Takaful Insurance Limited, Aminu has exemplified his adeptness in navigating the intricate landscape of Islamic finance. Since joining the company in February 2018 as the General Manager, he has been instrumental in steering the Company as one of the fastest growing Insurance Companies in Nigeria. A testament to his exemplary leadership qualities and profound industry acumen, Aminu was entrusted with the pivotal role of Acting Managing Director in April 2019, a position he held with distinction for one year. During his tenure, he orchestrated strategic initiatives that fortified the company's market position and bolstered its financial performance.

Aminu's academic credentials underscore his commitment to continuous learning and professional development. Holding a Masters of Business Administration from Nottingham University Business School in the UK, coupled with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the prestigious University of Abuja in Nigeria, he embodies a rare blend of theoretical knowledge and practical wisdom.

Throughout his illustrious career, Aminu has honed his skills and expertise across various facets of finance. His tenure with esteemed institutions such as ARM, Efectivo Capital, and Adamawa Investment & Property Development Company has equipped him with a multifaceted understanding of investments, risk management, and financial stewardship.



Jude Uzonwanne
Managing Director
TUG Capital Partners

Mr. Uzonwanne is the Managing Partner at TUG Capital Partners, an Africa-focused investment and advisory company. In this role, he advises investors and governments on a range of agribusiness, mining, and industrial opportunities across Africa.

Prior to this position, he worked in several senior roles including at 54gene, Nirsal Plc, the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Gates Foundation, Bain & Company, and Monitor Company (now Monitor Deloitte). In these roles, he has worked on multiple agricultural transformation strategy projects across African markets including in Nigeria, Ghana, DR Congo, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Zambia, and Kenya.



Dele Faseemo
Group Executive,
Sterling Bank

Dele Faseemo is a seasoned banking executive Corporate & Investment Banking at Sterling Bank . He has over two decades of experience spanning corporate finance, project and infrastructure financing, and energy (oil, gas, and power) advisory.

He leads Sterling Bank's corporate and investment banking strategy, focusing on large-scale financing, sector partnerships, and sustainable investments that drive real-sector growth across Nigeria and West Africa. Under his leadership, Sterling Bank secured notable partnerships to support businesses in agriculture, infrastructure, and renewable energy. Dele is recognized for his expertise in structuring complex financing deals, promoting sustainability in banking, and fostering strategic collaborations with international and development finance institutions (DFIs).

Known for his affable leadership style and strong industry insight, he continues to champion banking as a catalyst for inclusive economic growth and sustainable development in Nigeria.



Ibukun Opeke
Deputy Chief
Operating Officer
Sunbeth Global Concepts

Ibukunoluwa serves as the Deputy Chief Operating Officer at Sunbeth, where she supports growth initiatives to drive capital raising, international market entry, and strategic investments across the value chain.

She began her career in law, advising on regulatory compliance, governance, and cross-border operations, which equips her with the expertise to navigate complex regulatory landscapes in support of the Group's global ambitions.

With experience in project management and multi-stakeholder coordination, Ibukunoluwa consistently translates strategic vision into measurable results. She is dedicated to building resilient systems that enhance long-term competitiveness and sustainable growth.



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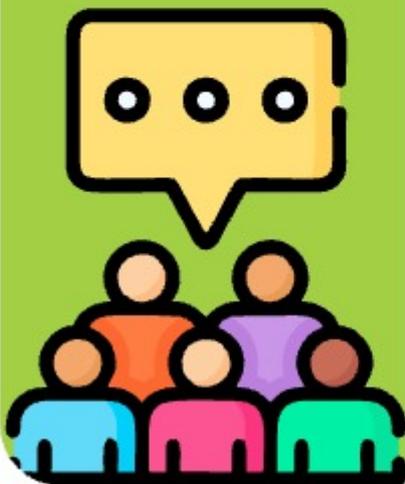
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Session 1

From Policy to Plate: Enabling Laws for a Thriving Agri-Future

Moderator
Oame Airauhi





Oame Airuhi
Group Head,
Transaction Banking,
Sterling Bank

Oame David Airuhi is the Group Head, Transaction Banking at Sterling Bank Limited, where he oversees the Transaction Banking Business with a focus on Trade Finance (covering import and export) and Cash Management.

He can be described as a dedicated transaction banking professional with 21+ years of experience working in the financial services industry in Nigeria. With a strong background in Trade, and job roles ranging from international operations to trade finance, product management and sales. His career has also included business development functions, facilitation of trade finance sales, implementing working capital solutions and export facilitation.

He is a thoroughbred professional with a knack for leading cross functional deal teams to collaborate and achieve desired outcomes. He has participated in various capacities at trade events organized in and outside Nigeria. He has moderated/served as lead discussant at many sessions focused on Supply Chain Finance challenges for corporate clients, working capital initiatives and Structured Trade Finance initiatives.

He is known to be quite passionate about the facilitation of intra-African trade and is very involved with international Working Groups focused on Solving the African MSME Trade Finance Gap by developing bespoke Trade Finance and Working Capital products for Africa.

Oame holds an MBA in marketing, a B.Sc. in Biochemistry and Trade Finance certifications from the London Institute of banking and Finance.



Toritseju Dottie
Partner, IP Team

Toritseju Dottie is a Partner in the IP team and a member of the Firm's IP prosecution unit. Toju advises local and foreign clients on brand protection in respect to registration, commercialization and enforcement of IP rights. She has advised on several IP-related commercial transactions within several industries and worked closely with several regulators ensuring compliance with relevant laws within Sub-Saharan Africa.

Toju is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria (IPLAN), International Intellectual Property Law Association (IIPLA), International Trademark Association (INTA) and the Anti- Counterfeiting Collaboration (ACC) she is also passionate about mentoring and educating young professionals on the importance of IP protection amidst technology advancement in Nigeria.



**Dr. Nurudeen
Abubakar Zauo**

Technical Adviser to the
President on Economic
and Financial Inclusion

Dr. Nurudeen Abubakar Zauo is the Technical Adviser to the President on Economic and Financial Inclusion and Secretary of the Presidential Committee on Economic and Financial Inclusion (PreCEFI), where he leads national efforts to expand financial access and inclusive growth. With prior experience as a Technical Adviser at the Central Bank of Nigeria, he has shaped key policies on digital innovation, financial inclusion and economic empowerment.

He also spearheaded and founded the #ShesIncluded gender inclusion movement. A Chartered Accountant and Fellow of ACCA (UK), Dr. Zauo brings nearly two decades of experience across public policy, academia, and finance, and is widely respected for his leadership and impact in development finance.



Leonard Anyanwu

Managing Director,
Saroafrica Nigeria Limited

With over 27 years of experience spanning strategy formulation and execution, business development, marketing and sales, supply chain, and operations, Leonard Anyanwu is a seasoned business leader whose career reflects deep expertise and lasting impact across the agricultural and consumer goods sectors.

He began his career at Saro Agrosciences as a Management Trainee and steadily rose through the ranks to become Group Executive Director, a testament to his diligence, commercial acumen, and passion for sustainable business growth. Prior to his appointment as Group Executive Director in 2008, Leonard held several pivotal leadership roles, including Managing Director, Saro Agrosciences (Ghana and Nigeria); Group Head, Supply Chain and Logistics; and Group Head, Strategy and Business Development at Saroafrica International Limited. He currently serves as Managing Director, Saroafrica Nigeria, with executive oversight of five key subsidiaries under the Saroafrica Group, driving innovation, operational excellence, and market leadership.

Leonard holds a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics and Extension from the Rivers State University of Science and Technology and has undertaken executive education at Strathmore Business School, Lagos Business School, and the Yale School of Management. He is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Purchase and Supply Management and sits on the boards of many companies including Green Hills Agric Products Limited, Siat Nigeria Limited and AgriSeedco Nigeria.

Beyond his corporate achievements, Leonard is deeply committed to mentoring the next generation of business leaders. He is a regular speaker at leadership and management forums, including the Lagos Business School, where he shares insights on strategy, leadership, and transformation.



Rt. Hon. Bello Kajoje
Chairman, Committee
on Agricultural Production
and services.
House of Representative,
National Assembly, Abuja

Born on June 21, 1971, in the historic city of Bagudu in Kebbi State, he serves in the Federal House of Representatives and is the current Chairman of the House Committee on Agricultural Production and Services. His remarkable contributions make him a significant figure in Nigeria's legislative history. His readiness to address the needs of his constituents, regardless of the circumstances or costs, is truly commendable.

A man of high ideals, Rt. Hon. Kajoje has accomplished unprecedented rural electrification in his constituency, ensuring that nearly all towns are now electrified. As an effective and reliable parliamentarian, he launched an inclusive ICT training program across major towns in his constituency. This initiative provides residents with access to essential digital services, alleviating the need to travel long distances for JAMB and NIN registrations. It also empowers youth, creates employment opportunities, and fosters economic growth, marking a significant advancement in ICT development within the region.

A respected traditional leader, Rt. Hon. Kajoje holds the esteemed title of Kongunan Gwandu and is a member of the Gwandu Emirate Council. His efforts have transformed the socio-economic landscape of his people, positioning him as a key figure in the evolution of both legislative practices and the future of Kebbi State. His dedication has notably improved security in Kebbi State, which previously faced threats due to its porous borders. By convening multiple marathon meetings of the Border Communities Development Agency (BCDA), he has successfully shifted the narrative from insecurity to stability, resulting in a peaceful and secure environment.

To strategically invest in agriculture and transform his constituency into the State's food hub, he has purchased and distributed thousands of agrochemicals, including pesticides, herbicides, and various farm tools and tractors.



John Kennedy Opara
Chairman/CEO
CSS Group of Companies

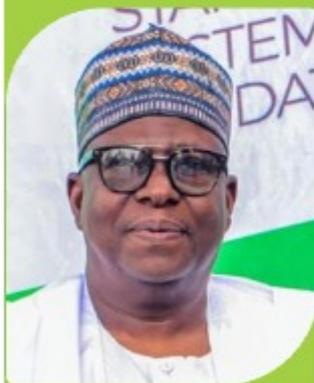
John Kennedy Opara, PhD., OFR, JP graduated from the University of Calabar, and earned a Master's degree from University of Jos and later proceeded to the same university to obtain his PhD in Applied Microbiology.

He went to Harvard University and Stanford University, USA to obtain post graduate certificates in Leadership. He studied also at the prestigious Oxford University obtained a postgraduate diploma in Leadership. He also did some management program with Columbia University, New York USA and Cambridge University London United Kingdom. He is well read and has travelled widely. Oxford University in recognition of his contribution gave him honorary Professor.

He had served under four successive presidents in Nigeria, where he occupied different positions as Special Assistant on Religious Matters. He was appointed the Pioneer Executive Secretary of Nigerian Christian Pilgrim Commission (Presidency) from 2008-2016, when he left office.

He was honoured by the USA Parliament in conjunction with the African Leadership Magazine as the best Public Servant in Africa in 2013.

Today he is the Chairman/CEO of CSS Group of Companies majoring in Agriculture, construction, food processing and packaging, Aviation and Renewable energy.



Arc. Kabir Ibrahim
National President
All Farmers Association
of Nigeria

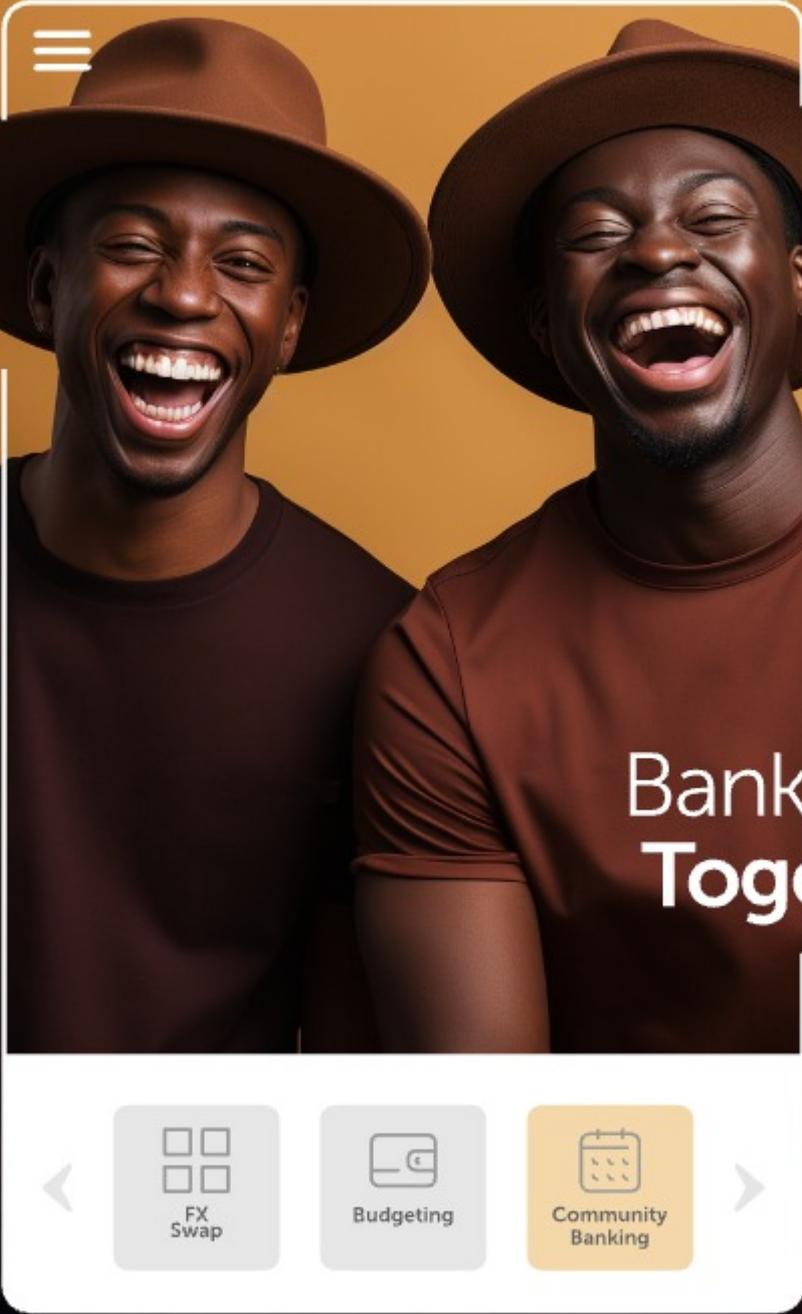
Kabir enrolled at KCAST Zaria 1976 for A-level after which he enrolled to study Architecture between 1978 and 1983 graduating with both BSc and MSc Architecture in 1983.

He worked briefly in the public service as a lecturer and Director of Works Services before joining the private sector as a consulting Architect in 1987. He diversified fully into Agriculture in 2001 and became the Chairman of the Katsina Chapter of the Poultry Association of Nigeria in 2003, President of the Poultry Association of Nigeria between 2008 and 2012.

Kabir got elected as the National President of the All farmers Association of Nigeria in 2014, President of NABG 2024, BoT chairman of NAFN 2024, and appointed Chairman, Agriculture and Livestock Trade Group at NACCIMA in 2025. He is a fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Architects(NIA)2021 and a member of Architects Registration of Nigeria(ARCON) 2024-2027.



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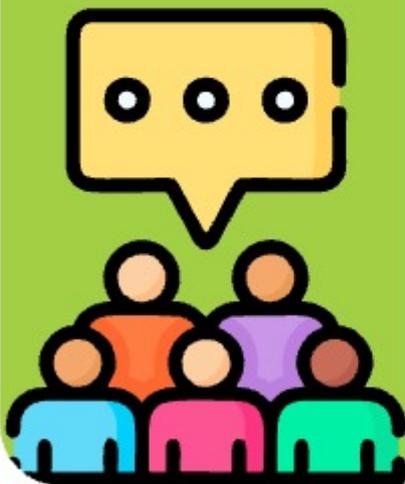
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Session 2

Powering Up the Base: Smallholder Farmers as Drivers of Food System Resilience

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Creating Markets, Creating Opportunities

Moderator
Mohammed Aliyu





Mohammed Aliyu
Senior Country Officer,
International Finance
Corporation

Mohammed Aliyu is the Senior Country Officer for Nigeria at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group. He leads high-level private sector engagements in this capacity and collaborates closely with senior government officials and international development organizations. His focus includes fostering new business opportunities and supporting the structuring and negotiating of complex deals to promote economic development in Nigeria. Mohammed is the Nigeria focal point for the IFC's PPP Transaction Advisory Services.

Before assuming his current role at IFC, Mohammed's career with the World Bank began in 2009, where he worked on transport infrastructure projects and the design of interventions in conflict-affected regions of Nigeria.



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Profile



Africa's agricultural landscape is transforming, and at Arzikin Noma, we are proud to lead this change. Our vision is simple yet bold: to unlock agriculture's potential by equipping smallholder farmers across Nigeria and Africa with the tools they need to thrive.

With operations spanning over 12 states in Nigeria including Kaduna, Kano, Plateau, Taraba, Bauchi, Nasarawa, Kwara, and Ogun and expanding across borders into East Africa, Kenya, the company has positioned itself as a catalyst for food security, economic empowerment, and sustainable growth.

With a target of supporting 1,000,000 smallholder farmers, Arzikin Noma has already built a strong network of over 400,000 farmers and counting. These farmers benefit from access to high-quality inputs, modern training in climate-smart and regenerative agriculture, and direct market linkages that ensure their efforts translate into sustainable income. The company's footprint now extends across over 656,000 hectares of farmland, where it cultivates vital grains such as maize, soybeans, paddy rice, millet, sesame, sorghum, and cowpea. By focusing on staple crops that are central to both nutrition and industry, Arzikin Noma plays a critical role in strengthening regional food systems and reducing dependence on imports.

Recognizing that agriculture is not just about crops but also about people, Arzikin Noma places a strong emphasis on youth empowerment. To date, the company has reached 48,745 young people through agribusiness training, job creation, and skills development. By inspiring and equipping the next generation, Arzikin Noma is reversing rural-to-urban migration and proving that agriculture can be a dignified, profitable, and future-driven career path.

Infrastructure has also been a cornerstone of Arzikin Noma's community impact. With over 500 community-based warehouses established, farmers now enjoy access to safe storage facilities that significantly reduce post-harvest losses, preserve grain quality, and strengthen food security. This investment has created greater income stability for farming families and built confidence among buyers and markets that depend on reliable, high-quality produce.

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Bountiful Atako
Alana Green Limited

Bountiful Atako is a passionate agripreneur and forward-thinking leader helping to transform Africa's agricultural landscape one innovation, one farmer, and one solution at a time.

With over 10 years of experience in the business world, Bountiful has built a dynamic career that blends sales, entrepreneurship, policy engagement, and innovation. His journey started in sales, where he developed a deep understanding of how to connect products with people and real-world needs skills that have served him well across every stage of his career. Early in his journey, he served as Executive Trainee to the Executive Secretary of the Fertilizer Producers and Suppliers Association of Nigeria (FEPSAN).

Fuelled by a desire to solve deeper problems for farmers, Bountiful went on to establish Alana Green Limited, a mechanization and digital-ag focused company that provides cutting-edge support and inclusive financing to women farmers across Nigeria. Today, he leads the company as Managing Director, overseeing diverse projects in mechanization, fertilizer distribution, value chain development and sustainable farming practices. Under his leadership, Alana Green has grown into a leading player in the agritech space empowering farmers with access to modern tools and tailored solutions that improve yields and livelihoods.



Kola Masha
Co-Founder/CEO
Babban Gona

Prior to co-founding Babban Gona, Kola was a Managing Director and CEO of a subsidiary in the Notore Group, one of Nigeria's leading agricultural conglomerates, where he led the development and execution of Notore's commercial strategy across West and Central Africa, preparing the company to sell one million tons of fertilizer and establish a modern seed business.

In addition, he led the effort to raise \$130 million in equity. Kola brings significant leadership experience in corporate finance, business development, sales and marketing, product development and operations, across four continents with multiple global companies, including GE, Notore and Abiomed (listed as one of the top 10 stocks of the decade by Kiplinger).

In addition, Kola brings extensive public sector experience as Senior Advisor to the Nigerian Minister of Agriculture. Kola has received numerous awards including being the first leader in history of a for profit social enterprise to win the prestigious Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship.



Adejoke Nofiu
COO, Ecotutu Limited

Adejoke Nofiu is the Operations Lead at Ecotutu Limited, where she plays a key role in streamlining and optimizing the company's day-to-day activities to enhance efficiency, sustainability, and customer satisfaction. In her role, Adejoke oversees core operational processes, ensuring that Ecotutu's cold chain and storage solutions run smoothly and deliver maximum value to clients across Nigeria's agricultural and health sectors. With a strong analytical background, Adejoke brings data-driven thinking into every aspect of her work from project management and logistics coordination to process improvement and performance evaluation. Her efforts directly contribute to Ecotutu's mission of making cold storage solutions more accessible and affordable for farmers, agribusinesses, and other stakeholders working to strengthen food security in Africa.

Adejoke is deeply passionate about developing practical, innovative approaches to reduce post-harvest losses and advance environmentally friendly systems. Her work reflects a steadfast commitment to using technology and data insights to drive real, measurable impact in Nigeria's food value chain. She holds a B.Sc. in Mathematics from the University of Abuja and has further strengthened her expertise through specialized training in data analytics and business operations, equipping her with a solid foundation for data-informed decision-making and strategic execution.



Uka Eje
Co-founder/CEO
ThriveAgric

Uka Eje is the Co-Founder & CEO of ThriveAgric Limited, a leading agricultural technology company based in Nigeria, passionate about ensuring food security. He co-founded ThriveAgric in 2017 with a vision to build an Africa that feeds herself and the world, by linking smallholder farmers to finance, data-driven best practices, and access to local & global markets for their commodities.

ThriveAgric is currently present in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya and Uganda and Under Uka's leadership, ThriveAgric has worked with local and international financial institutions to provide financing for over 800,000 smallholder farmers in over 3000+ communities in Nigeria and across Africa. His leadership has also positioned ThriveAgric as a member of the World Economic Forum's Technology Pioneer Community Uka holds a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from Covenant University, and is an alumnus of YCombinator, Alibaba Business School, Google Launchpad Accelerator and the University of Leeds' Future of Food Programme.



Olushola Obikanye
GH, Agric & Solid Minerals
Finance, Sterling Bank

Olushola Obikanye is the Group Head for Agriculture and Solid Minerals Finance at Sterling Bank Ltd. He has over two decades in roles spanning agricultural finance product development, corporate strategy, financial analysis, credit administration and project management, among other roles in banking.

He has been involved in several agricultural business projects, ensuring quality and scheduled delivery of mandates within the triple constraints of time, cost, and scope to meet the clients' needs. In Advocacy, he has been involved with youth and women in areas of Talent Discoveries; Inspiring and driving them towards achieving purpose and pursuing their dreams with a commendable success rate. He's an exceptional manager of men and resources.

Olushola is a Fellow of the Institute of Credit Administration (ICA), a member of the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) and the Animal Science Association of Nigeria (ASAN), He is also an Honorary Senior Member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN).

He holds a degree in Agriculture from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, post graduate degrees in Credit Management from the London Postgraduate Credit Management College, UK and a doctorate and MBA in Credit Management from the International University, Panama.



Sekongo Kolognin
Operations Officer
International Finance
Corporation

Sekongo Kolognin is an Operations Officer at the International Finance Corporation (IFC). He leads digital and agriculture finance upstream advisory projects in Central Africa. Sekongo joined IFC 4 years ago, and has been focusing on enabling technology driven solutions for financial inclusion and food security. He is the Nigeria focal point for IFC's Africa Agriculture Accelerator Program.

Prior to IFC, Sekongo spent 13 years working with Financial institutions, Fintechs, mobile network operators across Sub Saharan Africa; implementing alternative delivery channels and digital payment ecosystems

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Ahmed Abdrabboh
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Ahmed Abdrabboh is Vice President, Growth Segments at Mastercard. In this role, he leads partnerships and business and solutions development to drive growth and inclusion across markets globally. Ahmed focuses on expanding Mastercard's Growth Segment strategy, working closely with financial institutions, fintechs, and ecosystem partners to accelerate adoption of inclusive digital payment solutions and new business models across emerging markets, focused on low- and moderate-income segments.

Previously, Ahmed served as Global Director for SME Products at Mastercard, where he led the development of product strategies and partnerships to empower small businesses worldwide. Prior to that, he was Head of Acceptance for North Africa, overseeing the expansion of merchant acceptance and digital payment infrastructure across the region.

Before joining Mastercard, Ahmed spent over a decade with Citibank in Egypt and the United Kingdom, holding various leadership roles across the cards and assets businesses. Earlier in his career, he also worked with Xerox, where he gained foundational experience in sales and customer relationship management.

With more than 22 years of experience in payments, banking, and financial services, Ahmed brings deep expertise in developing scalable solutions that enable financial access and digital transformation. Ahmed holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance and Marketing from the German University in Cairo and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Cairo University.



Akintunde Akinwande
Head of Digital for
Africa, OCP Africa

Akin has built almost two decade's experience in the agriculture industry where he has been responsible for designing and implementing innovative solutions that solve value chain problems of smallholder farmers in Africa.

Akin joined OCP Africa in 2016 and has risen to the position of Head of Digital for Africa. At OCP he has been responsible for different laudable initiatives like the Agribooster, OCP School Lab, Farm and Fortune Hubs, Udongo and GIS Agri; a powerful, AI-enhanced platform that integrates satellite imagery with field data to support governments, institutions, and farmers in optimizing agricultural practices.

Akin holds a Bachelor's degree in Geoinformatics from the University of Lagos, Nigeria and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the prestigious Africa Business School (Morocco) in conjunction with Columbia Business School (USA). He also completed courses in Business Excellence with specialties in Strategy and Leadership at the Columbia Business School, New York.



Michael Adeshola Adeoluwa
GMD/CEO, Arzikin Noma

Michael Adeshola Adeoluwa is a dynamic agribusiness executive with over 15 years of progressive leadership experience spanning construction and agriculture. He is the current Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Arzikin Noma, one of Nigeria's fastest-growing agribusiness enterprises committed to transforming food systems and securing Africa's agricultural future.

At Arzikin Noma, Michael has successfully expanded the company's reach to over 400,000 smallholder farmers, providing them with access to finance, training, extension services, digital support, and guaranteed market access. Under his leadership, the company has achieved a zero rejection rate in crop quality for five consecutive years, a milestone that has elevated Arzikin Noma into the spotlight as a model of innovation, farmer empowerment, and food security.

He has spearheaded the company's transition from production to processing, unlocking thousands of jobs across the agricultural value chain, while securing over 40 million dollars in capital through strategic partnerships with international development agencies, financial institutions, and government bodies. His introduction of climate-smart agriculture, mechanized services, and digital extension platforms has redefined standards for cereal and legume production in Nigeria.



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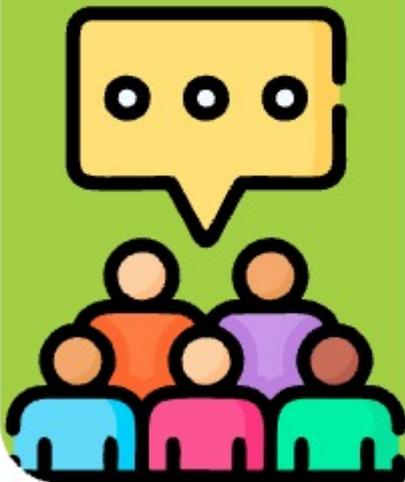


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Session 1

Harnessing Digital Tools for an Agricultural Renaissance

Moderator
Vera Iheanacho





Vera Iheanacho
Head Agribusiness
Development & Strategy,
Sterling Bank

Vera Iheanacho is a seasoned finance professional with over a decade of experience driving growth across Nigeria’s agribusiness and financial sectors. She currently serves as Head, Agribusiness Development and Strategy at Sterling Bank, where she leads innovative financing models that empower small holders, women, and youth in agriculture.

Vera has played a pivotal role in transforming agricultural lending in Nigeria. She successfully secured a \$21.7 million grant from the Mastercard Foundation to expand access to affordable finance for 100,000 smallholder farmers, and mobilized \$500,000 in grant funding from the World Bank Gender Innovation Lab to evaluate the impact of agri-finance programs. She also spearheaded the design of the Sterling Women and Youths in Agric Finance (SWAY AG FIN) program and digital loan portal—impacting over a million potential beneficiaries and setting a benchmark for inclusive agri-finance in West Africa.

Her expertise spans Agribusiness Value Chain Finance, Strategy and Innovation, Credit and Risk Management, Financial Modelling, Corporate and Structured Finance, and Product Development. She has led multiple strategic partnerships, designed the bank’s annual agribusiness strategy framework, and managed key initiatives such as Sterling Cooperative Livestock Investment Hub where she raised 1 Billion in investments for the poultry value chain.

Vera is a Certified Expert in Agricultural Finance from the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Germany, a Certified Financial Modelling and Valuation Analyst, and a Association of professional Women Bankers (APWB). She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science from Ambrose Alli University and is currently pursuing an Executive MBA at the Prestigious Lagos Business School.



Muhammad Bello
Executive Director,
YieldEx Nigeria Limited

Muhammad Bello Haruna is an M&E Specialist and Project Management Expert with over two decades of experience in agricultural value chain development, pro-poor growth, and market systems development. He is the Executive Director of YieldEx Nigeria Limited, a technology-driven agribusiness solutions company in Northern Nigeria. At YieldEx, he provides strategic leadership in designing and implementing digital solutions for farmer coordination, investment monitoring, and agribusiness development. His work has helped transform smallholder agriculture by using data, technology, and inclusive systems to support thousands of farmers, including women and youth, across Kano, Jigawa, Kaduna, and other states.

He has a strong background in both public and private sector agricultural financing. He was a Branch Head at the Bank of Agriculture, where he transformed microfinance structures into the unified Bank of Agriculture platform. As an M&E Specialist and Project Manager at Diamond Development Initiatives (DDI), he oversaw the design and implementation of M&E systems for over 150 donor-funded projects worth more than \$25 million.



Nasir Yammama
Senior Special Assistant
to the president on
Innovation

Nasir Yammama is a distinguished Nigerian innovator and entrepreneur with over a decade of pioneering work at the intersection of technology and societal transformation. As Senior Special Assistant to the Nigerian President on Innovation, he spearheads critical initiatives that advance technological progress and nurture the country's innovation ecosystem. Nasir co-leads the Presidential Initiative for Innovation, Policy Evaluation, and Research (PIIPER), championing evidence-based governance through strategic integration of research and technology. His leadership was pivotal in the design and implementation of nationwide digital platforms that enhance government transparency, coordination, and delivery across all ministries and agencies. He also guides the government's efforts towards accelerating Deep Tech and Innovation Driven enterprises.

Before joining public service, Nasir founded Verdant Agri-Tech, an influential social enterprise that revolutionizes agricultural productivity in Nigeria by empowering rural farmers with accessible digital tools and market information. His work bridges grassroots agricultural knowledge with cutting-edge technology, addressing vital challenges of food security, economic development, and sustainable growth. Recognized internationally, Nasir's contributions extend across key sectors including education, health, and industrialization, aligning innovation with Nigeria's strategic priorities.

Nasir is driven by a vision to harness innovation as a transformative force that uplifts underserved communities and fosters equitable development. His interdisciplinary expertise and global perspective position him as a leading voice in advancing digital transformation, science, technology and innovation.



Dr. Emmanuel Okeleji
CEO of SeamlessHR

Dr. Emmanuel is CEO of SeamlessHR, Africa's leading HR and Payroll software company. SeamlessHR's eponymous software helps medium to large enterprises across Africa automate all their payroll and human resource processes from hiring to exit.

SeamlessHR currently serves nearly 1000 of the biggest companies in Africa, with offices in Nairobi, Lagos, and Johannesburg. He also previously served on the founding team of a private equity funded Hospital in Lagos, deploying over \$70m in building the largest private hospital in Nigeria.

He studied Medicine and Surgery. He worked as a doctor and had a brief stint in Investment Banking at Goldman Sachs in London. Emmanuel is a consummate and engaging speaker on a wide range of subjects. He is passionate about Entrepreneurship and the role of Entrepreneurs in nation building and defining the future of Africa. He enjoys playing golf, taking walks in the forest, and listening to classical music.



Daniel Huba
Vice President,
Growth Segments,
Mastercard

Daniel Huba is a Vice President, Growth Segments at Mastercard. In this role, he focuses on market development, commercial growth and social impact for customers and partners in Africa. Huba and his team work across technology, product development and partnerships to support businesses and communities in remote and underserved areas.

In his role, Huba manages the strategic rollout of Community Pass in Africa. Community Pass is a digital infrastructure designed to connect key players across the agricultural value chain to rural and underserved communities. His role includes designing and implementing market incubation and operating models, business development, stakeholder and customer relations, and platform deployment. Community Pass is currently operational in Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Ghana.

Previously, Huba served as Director for Digital Agriculture at the Mastercard Labs for Financial Services in Nairobi. Before joining Mastercard, he accumulated more than 18 years of experience in various sectors including working as a Relationship Manager for SME banking at NIC Bank (now NCBA), lecturing on SME Development at Mount Kenya University, consulting and advising with organizations such as ILO and Danida on Micro and Small Enterprise management, serving as Program Manager for Agriculture Digital Inclusion at TechnoServe and rolling out mobile technology products for Vodacom and Safaricom in East and Southern Africa.

Huba holds a Master of Business Administration in Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) Development from Leipzig University, Germany, and a Bachelor of Education in Business Studies from Kenyatta University, Kenya. He has completed specialized training in Product Development, Innovation Management, Business Modelling, Leadership, and Project Management.



Abdulsamad Isah
Extension Africa

Abdulsamad Isah is the Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of Extension Africa, where he leads agricultural innovation and climate change adaptation initiatives. With a strong background in agricultural economics and rural development, he has extensive experience managing and evaluating agricultural development projects across Nigeria and beyond.

Before Extension Africa, Isah co-founded Agripreneurship Professional Services Limited, where he designed a monitoring system that significantly reduced loan diversion and defaults while improving loan recovery rates. He also served as National MEL Coordinator for Technoserve Inc. and the Institute of Agricultural Research, providing technical leadership on donor-funded projects. In addition, he has consulted as an Agricultural Economist with Abt Associates Inc. and Ecorys.

A Fellow of the Nigeria Association of Evaluators and member of the Africa Association of Evaluators, Isah is certified in Predictive Analytics and holds a B.Tech in Agricultural Economics and Extension from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University.

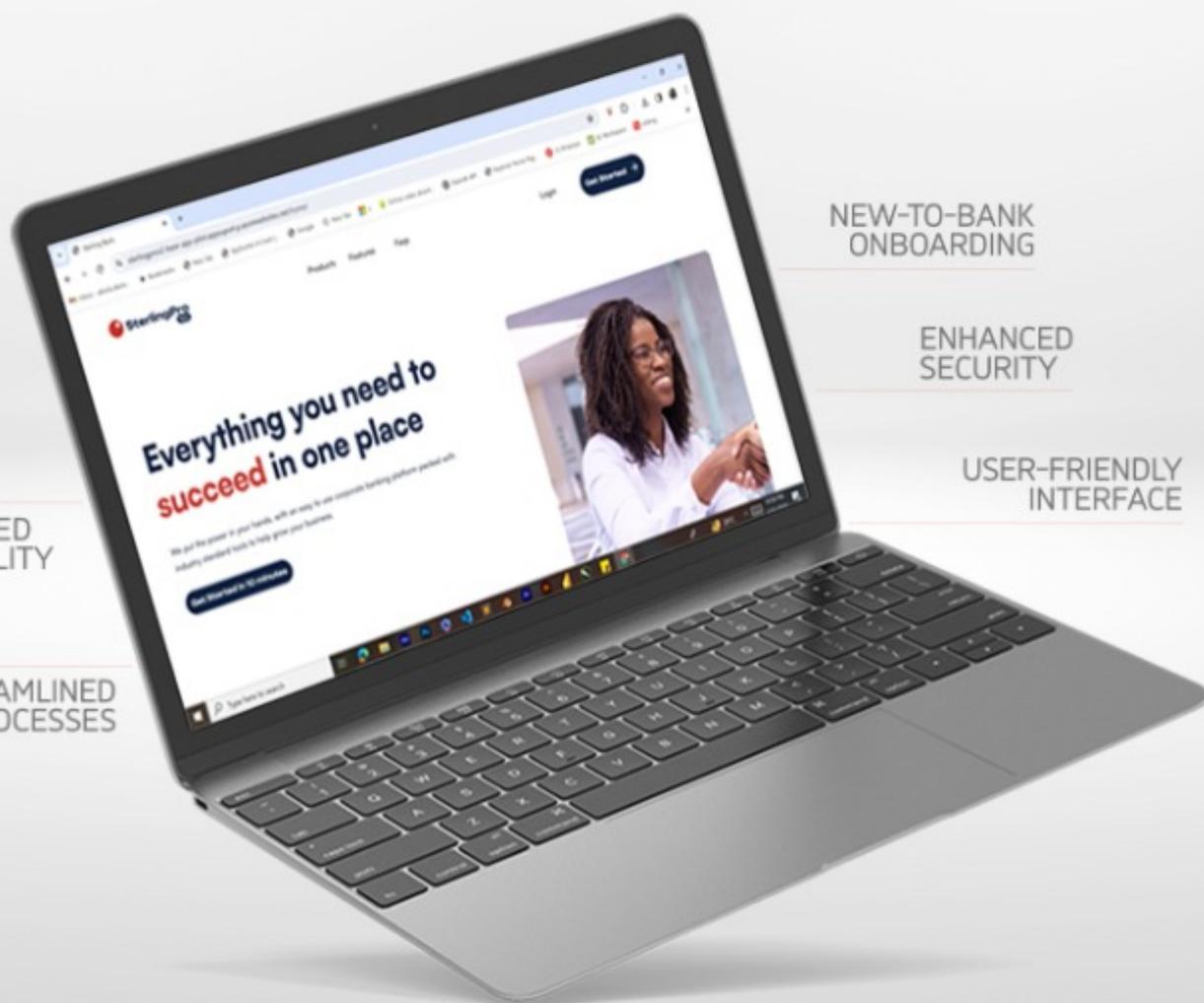


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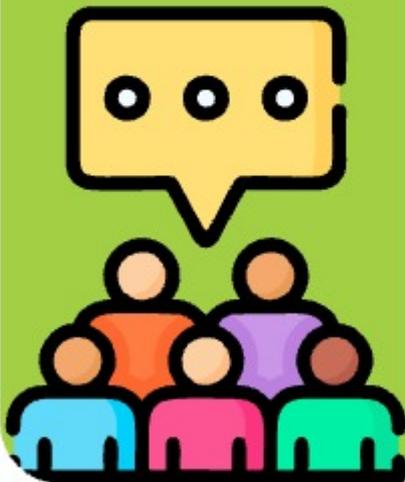
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Session 2

Green Money, Green Fields: Mobilizing Finance for Climate-Smart Agriculture in Africa

Moderator
Olapeju Ibekwe





Olapeju Ibekwe
Chief Executive Officer,
Sterling One Foundation

Olapeju Ibekwe is a seasoned business leader, filmmaker, and sustainability professional with keen interests in women empowerment, youth development access to quality education, and better healthcare. With two decades of corporate experience, she has built expertise in brand and marketing communications, strategy formulation and execution, team management, process improvement, strategic partnerships, and business expansion.

She currently oversees all operations and initiatives at the Sterling One Foundation, a social change vehicle focused on tackling the root causes of poverty in Nigeria. Under this non-profit, she works with and supports various non-profits across the African continent in capacity building, and amplifying impact within the Foundation's key focus areas - healthcare, climate action, youth development and education, gender equality and women empowerment, and food security. Part of her work includes leveraging technology for alternative financing for social impact projects through Africa's first free crowdfunding platform - Giving.ng. She also works with the private and public sectors on social impact initiatives, and spearheads coalition-building between the different sectors through the Africa Social Impact Summit.

Peju sits on the board of the One Health Initiative where she helps shape impactful policies and initiatives for medical practitioners and everyday Nigerians seeking better healthcare. As a movie producer, she uses her work within the media and creative space to raise awareness about gender issues, especially gender-based violence while actively supporting young girls through mentorship, providing business advisory for very early-stage entrepreneurs, and supporting climate action initiatives in coastal communities. Olapeju Ibekwe has received various awards in the social impact space, including the Leadership Impact Award in Nonprofit Management at the CSR Reporters Philanthropic Awards on Social Impact and Sustainability Practices, and was named in Ventures Africa's Top 20 Women of Impact in 2023.



Nzubechukwu Anisiobi

Executive Director,
Corporate Finance
Sunbeth Global
Concept

Nzubechukwu N. Anisiobi, ACCA, ACA, MBA, is a seasoned finance professional with extensive expertise in financial strategy, risk management, and corporate finance.

At Sunbeth, Nzubechukwu leads the development and strategic finance initiatives, including oversight of the treasury function, investor relations, capital raising and external funding efforts.

Prior to joining Sunbeth, he served as the Group CFO of Cardinal Stone Partners, a multi-asset investment banking firm, where he led the finance, treasury and strategy teams. He has a strong track record in capital raising (N30Bn+), M&A integration, and financial reporting; leading high-impact initiatives across investment banking, asset management, and securities trading.

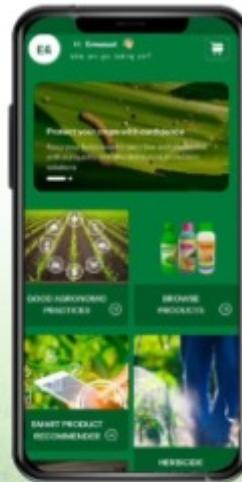
With a deep understanding of IFRS, compliance, and corporate governance, he has successfully scaled businesses, driving 4x balance sheet growth and 2.7x revenue expansion within three years. Nzubechukwu played a pivotal role in financial planning, risk management, and strategic execution, while at Cardinal Stone Partners. He spearheaded the integration of an acquired pension fund administrator, strengthened credit lines, and collaborated with Deloitte to design and implement a 5-year strategic roadmap.

Nzubechukwu also served as Senior Manager at KPMG, where he managed \$4M+ in audit billings, ensured regulatory compliance and financial efficiency for top-tier clients in the financial services sector.

Nzubechukwu holds an MBA (Finance) from the University of Lagos and a B.Sc. in Economics from the University of Port Harcourt, where he was recognized as the Best Graduating Student in the Faculty of Social Sciences. He is a Chartered Accountant (ACA, ACCA) with a strong analytical and strategic mindset, committed to enhancing financial performance and business growth.

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Ade Adefeko
Business Leader and
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Ade Adefeko is a renowned Commercial Diplomat, Global Executive, and Visionary Leader, widely recognized for his strategic influence and contributions across multiple industries. With over 35 years of professional experience, Ade has built an impressive legacy of achievements, bridging the private and public sectors with his deep expertise in agriculture, trade and investment, development finance, media communication, diplomacy, entertainment, and sports.

An accomplished and people-centric leader, Ade possesses a unique ability to navigate complex global landscapes, leveraging his extensive networks, multilingual skills, and a keen understanding of international relations. His commitment to humanity and sustainable development has been a driving force in his career, making him a sought-after strategic advisor, policy influencer, and corporate leader.

- Member of the Presidential Fiscal Policy and Tax Reform Committee (FPTRC)
- Chairman of the Industrial Group, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI)
- Director at the Nigeria-Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NICCI)
- Chairman of the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture (NACCIMA)
- Honorary Consul of Botswana in Lagos
- Independent Director at Mobihealth, a UK-based telemedicine company
- Director of Corporate and Regulatory Affairs at Olam Agri
- Board Member, Sport Nigeria LTD/GTE

Ade's multi-disciplinary expertise spans broadcast and pay-TV, FMCG, NGOs, policy think tanks, financial services, external communication, and legislative intermediation. His ability to build enduring relationships, coupled with his results-driven approach, has positioned him as a key player in shaping business strategy, policy reforms, and international trade relations. A distinguished thought leader and international speaker, Ade actively champions the African narrative, offering deep insights into economic transformation and global partnerships. Through his advisory roles, corporate engagements, and community initiatives, he continues to drive impactful, strategic, and cost-effective solutions that foster economic growth and sustainable development across Africa and beyond.



Kashetolulope Lawal

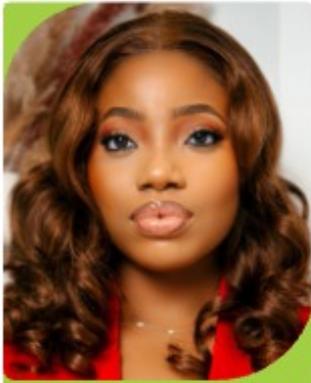
Ag. Divisional Head,
Corporate & Investment
Banking Directorate,
Sterling Bank

Kashetolulope Lawal is a seasoned banking professional with over 20 years of experience spanning Retail, Commercial, Corporate Banking, Trade Finance, Fund Management, and Special Projects.

Kashe began his banking career in 1998 as a team member in the Management Information Systems team at Access Bank (formerly Intercontinental Bank Plc). He later transitioned to the Corporate Banking Group, where he progressed from a Relationship Manager in Retail and Commercial Banking to a Team Leader for Corporate Banking and National Conglomerates. He eventually became Group Executive for the Food & Beverages Group before departing in 2009. Between 2009 and 2014, he held leadership roles at Stanbic IBTC Bank, Citibank Nigeria Limited, and ARM Investment Managers. In 2014, he joined FBN Merchant Bank Limited as Head of Origination & Client Coverage, leading business development and investment banking solutions across various sectors.

Currently, at Sterling Bank Ltd, he serves as the Ag. Divisional Head, Corporate Bank within the Corporate & Investment Banking Directorate. Additionally, he is the Product Sponsor and Director of OmniX, a platform that provides investment and financing solutions for corporate clients and high-net-worth individuals (HNIs).

Kashetolu holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting (1996) and a Master of Economics (2006) from the University of Lagos. He is a member of several professional bodies, including the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ACA), the Certified Pension Institute of Nigeria (ACPIN), the Nigerian Institute of Management (ANIM), and is an Honorary Member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (HCIB).



Dumebi Oluwole

Lead Economist, Stears
Director, Farm Junction
Foundation

Dumebi Oluwole is a Pan-African economist and consultant with over five years of experience specialising in emerging and frontier markets. Currently, the Lead Economist at Stears, she delivers data-driven insights that help investors and business leaders navigate complex economic environments, with expertise in macroeconomics, alternative investments, commodities, and consumer analysis.

Dumebi has worked with leading Nigerian research and financial institutions, producing proprietary data intelligence and insights on the macroeconomic and investment landscapes across key African markets, including Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, Ghana, Egypt, Morocco, and Senegal. Her work supports strategic decision-making for business executives and Africa-focused investors.

She holds an MSc in Economics from the University of Lagos and a First Class Honours BSc in Economics from Babcock University. Dumebi is a full member of the Nigerian Economic Society (NES).

Beyond her professional work, Dumebi passionately advocates for humanitarian causes, particularly in education, food security, youth empowerment and community development. She actively engages with schools to inspire youth through talks on the importance of education, skill development, and public health. Dumebi volunteers as the Director of Special Projects with the Farm Junction Foundation and as a Mentor with the Abenol Foundation for the Undergraduate Empowerment and Sensitisation Scheme (UESS).



Ayodeji Balogun
Group Chief Executive,
AFEX

Ayodeji Balogun is the Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO) of AFEX, where he is leading global teams of experts leveraging technology, innovative finance, and inclusive agriculture to connect agriSMEs and smallholder farmers to commodity and financial markets. He is a global executive with a demonstrated history of driving growth and profitability in Africa's commodities market.

Ayodeji began his stint at AFEX by developing the company's new market entry strategy in East and West Africa. He then resumed as the Country Manager for AFEX Commodities Exchange Limited in Nigeria, and the Business Lead for Africa Exchange Holdings Limited in West Africa. In both roles, he pioneered the development of a private sector-led commodities exchange and warehouse receipt system, and doubled as the Product Development Manager, leading value chain development in the agriculture Sector, and designing physical and derivative contracts for commodities across markets in Africa. His interest in commodity trading was stoked early when he began learning about trade in the family business. His first solo run as an entrepreneur was at the age of thirteen when he had to consummate a transaction worth USD \$4,000 (at today's value), and he grew to manage the family-owned commodities trading business, with a turnover of over USD15 million, before joining the MBA program at Lagos Business School.

He holds an MBA from Lagos Business School and a certificate in Creative Leadership from the THINK School of Creative Leadership. He has also graduated from the Global CEO – Africa pro-gram of IESE Business School, and the Managing Fast Growing Companies Executive Program of the Stanford Graduate School of Business.



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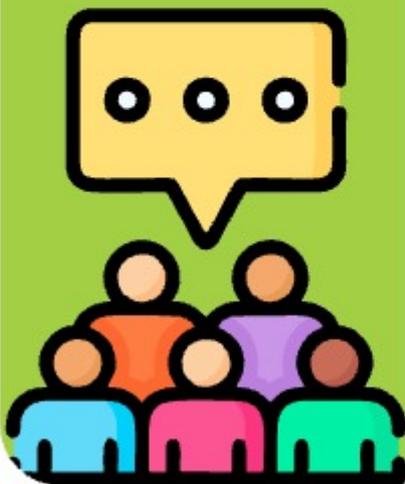
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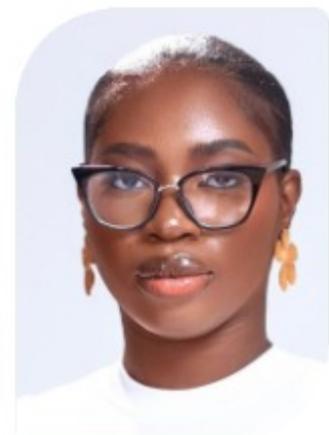
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Session 3

Driving Inclusivity for Women and Youth in Agriculture

Moderator
Modupe Ojo





Korede Demola-Adeniyi
Executive Director
Alternative Bank

Korede Demola-Adeniyi, is an Executive Director at The Alternative Bank, where she provides strategic leadership for the Bank's operations across the Southern region of Nigeria. Alternative Bank Limited, a subsidiary of Sterling Financial Holdings Company Plc, became a fully licensed non-interest bank in July 2023 after a decade of operations under the Sterling Bank window.

With over three decades of banking experience, Korede has developed deep expertise across treasury, retail and consumer banking, as well as strategic leadership. Since joining The Alternative Bank in 2024, she has led the realignment of the South Bank's structure, established robust regional frameworks, strengthened branch and agency banking channels, and fostered a culture of performance excellence. Under her leadership, the South Bank has recorded a year-on-year growth in deposits, risk assets, and revenues, driven by disciplined execution and a focus on people development.

Prior to this role, Korede spent two decades at Ecobank, where she held senior leadership positions including Head of Treasury, Nigeria; Group ALM Head, Group Head, Personal Banking; and Head, Consumer Banking. In these capacities, she led large teams across Nigeria and other African markets, managed multi-million-dollar operational budgets, and introduced customer-focused products that drove revenue growth and expanded the bank's retail footprint.

Korede holds a B.Sc. in Economics from the University of Benin and an M.Sc. in Economics from the University of Lagos. She is a member of the Chartered Institute of Directors, Nigeria (CIoD Nigeria).



Modupe Ojo
Sustainability Manager
Sunbeth Global Concepts

Modupe Ojo is a Sustainability Manager at Sunbeth Global Concepts Limited, where she leads efforts to embed sustainability into the company's operations, promote responsible sourcing, and create social impact across agricultural value chains.

With a background in law and a Master's in Africa and International Development from the University of Edinburgh, Modupe is deeply passionate about inclusive growth, especially empowering women and youth to play stronger, more active roles in shaping the future of agribusiness.



Adetola Oniyelu
Project Manager,
Sustainable Agriculture
BATN Foundation

Adetola is a senior agribusiness and project management professional with 14+ years of cross-sector experience in government, private sector and development organizations. He currently serves as Project Manager, Sustainable Agriculture at the BATN Foundation, where he directs a portfolio of 20+ projects annually, delivering measurable improvements in value-chain performance, youth and women's economic empowerment, and climate-smart agribusiness models. across the Nigerian states and the FCT.

Adetola leads high-impact, scalable programmes in collaboration with national institutions and universities, fostering agri-preneurship, innovation, and enterprise development among youths across Nigeria. He recently delivered a project which convened multi-stakeholder platforms comprising ministerial representatives, senior executives from commercial banks, agribusiness leaders, and development partners to develop a stakeholder-endorsed Sustainable Agribusiness Financing Roadmap for smallholder farmers within Nigeria's agricultural sector.

A Registered Animal Scientist (RAS), certified Product Manager and member of the Animal Science Association of Nigeria, Adetola specializes in financing mechanisms, traceability, data-driven decision making and scalable solutions that transform agriculture into profitable, inclusive enterprises.



Tracy Dabul
Head of Marketing
& Partnerships,
Leky Mills Limited

Tracy Dabul is a dynamic sales, marketing, and partnerships professional with over eight years of experience driving business growth and social impact. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Sales and Marketing at Rome Business School. Tracy specializes in market expansion and strategic partnerships that elevate brands and foster meaningful, long-term relationships. As Head of Marketing and Partnerships at Leky Mills Limited, she has grown the customer base by 25%, increased brand awareness by 75%, and spearheaded the company's expansion into the UK and Canadian markets.

Beyond her corporate achievements, Tracy is deeply passionate about community impact. She actively volunteers with initiatives centered on education, youth leadership, and agriculture, using her marketing expertise to empower communities and drive sustainable change. She thrives at the intersection of creativity and strategy, building brands, crafting campaigns, and forging partnerships that inspire trust and lasting connection.



Baliqees Salaudeen-Ibrahim
Green Republic Farms

Baliqees Salaudeen-Ibrahim is the CEO and Co-founder of Green Republic Farms, a climate-smart agricultural enterprise dedicated to sustainable food production especially in the horticultural sector, women’s empowerment, and youth inclusion in agriculture. She currently serves as the Deputy Executive Chair of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) and the Project Coordinator, where she leads strategic initiatives focused on climate advocacy, youth empowerment, and sustainable development across the Africa continent. Baliqees also serves as a member of the Lagos State Ministry of Youth and Social Development’s Technical Working Group under the Climate Change thematic focus working alongside industry leaders to advance youth engagement and inclusion.

As the CEO of Green Republic Farms, Baliqees leads efforts to revolutionize controlled-environment farming by integrating soilless and greenhouse farming, renewable energy, and digital technology to enhance food production efficiency. Her farm specializes in growing Habaneros, tomatoes, bell peppers, and other horticultural produce, supplying fresh, high-quality vegetables to markets in Southwest Nigeria using the farming closer to the market strategy while reducing post-harvest losses. Baliqees is an alumna of the Lagos Business School’s Agribusiness Management Programme (AgMP), where she gained advanced expertise in agricultural value chains, business modeling, finance, and strategic operations.



Samson Ogbole
Team Lead,
Eupepsia Place Limited
(SoillessFarm Lab)

Farmer Samson Ogbole is the Team lead for Eupepsia Place Limited (Soilless Farm Lab), - an agritech company. Farmer Samson believes “*food production should not be seasonal because hunger is not*” and that “*the process of food production must be healthy for the farmer, the consumer and the environment*”.

Farmer Samson has a B.Sc. Biochemistry Igbinedion, M. Sc. Biochemistry, Ibadan, Common Wealth of Nations MBA, National Open University of Nigeria (in view), PhD Biochemistry, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (in view). Other certificates include Biotechnology from Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Introduction to Food and Nutrition from Stanford University, Introduction to population health from The University of Manchester, Greening the Economy from Lund University Sweden, Sustainable Agriculture for year 2050 from Wageningen, Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture from The University of Western Australia Certification, and Public Health from University at Albany.

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