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Smart and affordable farming solutions for Africa: The next driver for agricultural transformation

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Programme

8h00-8h45 Registration
9h00-9h15 Introduction and Opening of the Briefing: Isolina Boto, Manager, CTA Brussels Office

Introductory remarks: Jean-Pierre Halkin, Head of Unit, Rural Development, Food & Nutrition Security, Europeaid, European Commission; Ulrich Adam, Secretary General, CEMA; Juha Ruippo, Director of the Finnish Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK) Brussels; Theo de Jager, President, Panafrican Farmers Organisation (PAFO); Michael Hailu Director of CTA

9h15-11h00 Panel 1: Setting the scene: Drivers of smart-farming in Africa
This panel will discuss the available tools and approaches in support of smart-farming which can benefit the smallholders. It will also discuss public-private partnerships (PPPs) and multi-stakeholder alliances that aim at accelerating investments and transformative change in African agriculture.
Chair: H.E. Kaire Mbue n de, Ambassador of Namibia
Panelists:
- Smart-farming: trends and new opportunities benefiting small-holders
  Josef Kienzle, Expert, Equipment and Institutions/Agro-Industries, Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries. Division (AGST), FAO
- Connecting your farm: the future of Precision Agriculture in Africa
  Louisa Parker, Manager External Affairs, Africa and Middle East, AGCO
- Contribution of unmanned aerial systems to precision farming
  Giacomo Rambaldi, Senior Coordinator ICT, CTA; Damien van Eeckhout, Head of International Business Development, Airinov
- Smart farming: a priority for farmers in Africa
  Theo de Jager, President, Panafrican Farmers Organisation (PAFO)

11h00-11h15 Coffee break

11h15-13h00 Panel 2: Scaling up successes in smart farming
This panel will look at specific examples of successful smart-farming applications at various levels. It will also show smart inclusive and sustainable PPPs.
Chair: H.E. Teneng Mba Jaiteh, Ambassador of Gambia
Panelists:
- PPPs: Upscaling agribusiness successes in Africa
  Chris Addison, Senior Coordinator Data4Ag, CTA; Stephen Muchiri, CEO, Eastern African Farmers Federation, Kenya
- Proven successful smart-farming technologies: the case of Potato initiative Africa
  Frank Nordmann, Grimme, Germany
- Empowering women and youth through capacity building
  Eric Kaduru, KadAfrica, Uganda
- Pooling forces: Machinery rings and cooperatives
  Andreas Hastedt, Board member, German Association of Machinery Rings

Conclusion

Networking Lunch