

Climate Variability in Africa: Implications for Agricultural Transformation

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Abstract

Climate change's impacts are already being felt by smallholder farmers through reduced yields and severe weather events. Investing in climate-smart approaches for agriculture is critical to increase yields, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions through enhanced resilience. This high level panel on scaling-up innovations and climate-smart approaches to agriculture will examine how Africa can transition to climate-smart agriculture. The debate will convene leading thinkers and doers on Africa's agricultural development and provide an opportunity to share perspectives on what it takes to place the continent on the path to climate-smart agriculture. It aims to garner solutions for better implementation and promote innovations to bring to scale.