

## **Title: High-Level Dialogue on Climate-Smart Agriculture: Global and Regional Perspective**

Friday, December 4

12:00 -13:30

African Pavilion, Salle 1

Organized by the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture

Climate change already undermines agriculture and food systems in many regions, making it more difficult to achieve food security and nutrition goals and reduce poverty. Small scale farmers are particularly vulnerable to climate change. To achieve food security, there is a need for sustainable increases in agricultural productivity.

The main task of the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture (GACSA) is to support governments, farmers, scientists, businesses, and civil society, as well as regional and international organizations to adjust practices and attain new knowledge in the face of climate change. In particular, this applies to right-based agricultural practices, food systems and social policies.

There is broad international consensus that sustainable agriculture is foundational to building resilient and sustainable societies. This insight is the main rationale for GACSA's existence. The key is to identify opportunities in the local and national settings, and to build on these.

There is empirical evidence that fundamental changes take place when climate-smart approaches are applied to agriculture. Here is where the significance of the three action groups of the Alliance comes into play. Widening the knowledge base; enhancing awareness about investment opportunities; and adapting policy frameworks to suit the quest for greater food security, spur the Alliance to action. This side event will mirror and disseminate this commitment.

The overall objective of this event is to contribute to enhanced awareness about climate-smart approaches, and how GACSA can rally a growing global movement for scaling-up CSA. The meeting will establish a platform for dialogue among the participants.

### **Confirmed Speakers:**

Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD

Maria-Helena Semedo, Deputy Director- General, FAO of the United Nations

Luis Felipe Arauz Cavallini, Minister of Agriculture, Costa Rica

Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Chief Executive Officer and Head of Mission, FANRPAN

**Moderator:** Martin Bwalya, Co-chair, GACSA