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**The Path to Food Sovereignty –
Sustainable and Resilient Agriculture for Africa**

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Monday, January 23rd

09.00 – 10.00 **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

10.00 – 10.20 **Welcome & Opening**

Room A

Prof. Dr Stefan Liebing

Chairman

Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft (AV)

Frank Nordmann

Co-Chairman

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10.20 – 11.00 **Keynotes**

Room A

Cem Özdemir (MdB) (tbc)

Federal Minister

BMEL

Private Sector Keynote (tbc)

African Keynote (tbc)

Master of Ceremony: Christoph Kannengiesser

CEO, Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft (AV)

11.00 – 12.00 **Opening Discussion**

Room A

How to achieve long-term sustainable solutions for food security and resilient value and supply chains?

The Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine have shown us recently that resilient agri-food value and supply chains are going to be necessary to provide stable food systems in the future. How can Agribusiness support that necessary development? What kind of changes in the broader framework need to be undertaken? What are future challenges and where is also opportunity?

12.00 – 01.30 **Networking Lunch Break**

01.30 – 02.15 **Panel Discussion**



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Room A

Financing Africa's Agriculture – How to Encourage Private Sector Investment

Our economic system is significantly based on investment. The way how money is being invested has an impact that cannot be overestimated. Both public and private sector investments are necessary to provide the necessary capital to support farmers as well as food processors. But for now, access to finance can still be difficult in large parts of the continent. In this panel we want to assess how access to financing can be made easier? What changes need to be undertaken to make finance better accessible for everyone?

02.30 – 03.30

Parallel Sessions

Room A

Parallel Session 1: Smart farming, digitalization, and leapfrogging opportunities for African Agribusinesses

Digitalization is a process that is already impacting our world in its foundations. Mobile solutions and smart innovation technologies are revolutionizing the agri-food sector. E. g. inputs like fertilizers and pesticides are being used more efficiently, access to financial means and retailing of agricultural products is being facilitated. In this session, we want to receive an overview over promising current projects, developments and future projections.

Room B

Parallel Session 2: Women in Agribusiness for a more Sustainable Agricultural Sector

Women are the backbone of the economy in many African countries. In agriculture and smallholder farming specifically, women are tasked with a lot of work and responsibility. But, due to a worse access to land, financing and education compared to their male counterparts, they often lack the tools to improve their living conditions sustainably. In this session, we want to analyse the underlying circumstances for that and provide an overview over promising developments.

03.30 – 04.30

Networking Coffee Break

04.30 – 05.30

Parallel Sessions



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Room A

Parallel Session 3: The Reduction of Post-Harvest Losses and Value Creation – killing two birds with one stone?

A large amount of post-harvest losses due to pests and poor processing capacities is a problem worldwide but specifically in Africa as well. How can technical solutions provide an infrastructure to reduce waste, create value and improve food security in the long run? What is necessary to make such solutions accessible for local businessmen or farmers?

Room B

Parallel Session 4: The Agri Energy-Nexus: How to Combine Food Security with Energy Transition

Floods, droughts and extreme weather due to climate change are already putting pressure on agricultural systems in Africa. In the long run, we need fossil-free solutions to fuel our economies in general and agricultural activities specifically. There are already clever solutions that can have a lasting impact – combining farming activities with energy production.

05.45 – 06.30

Expert Outlook

Room A

Cooperation for Food Security in Africa: How can Multistakeholder Partnerships Support the Food Systems of Tomorrow?

To provide resilient food systems that can ensure food security for everybody, cooperation is necessary. The private sector can provide technological solutions to increase yields and feed a growing African population. But the private sector does not have solutions for everything and needs the right political and regulatory framework. How can agribusiness, political actors as well as scientific institutions and civil society can work together to make sure that the food systems of tomorrow are as resilient and sustainable as possible and make agricultural yields accessible for everyone?

06.30 – 08.00

Get Together for all participants (tbc)