

AFRICA DAY 2022

ASSESSING FOOD SECURITY IN AFRICA POST COVID-19

Friday, 20th May 2022, 3pm to 5:00pm, Zoom webinar

Food security, at the individual, household, national, regional and global levels is achieved when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. This definition clearly sets out four elements food security, namely: availability, access, utilization and stability. Recently, some researchers pledge the addition of two more elements of agency and sustainability.

Food insecurity is a daily reality for hundreds of millions of people around the world. Although its most extreme manifestations are often obvious, many other households facing constraints in their access to food are less identifiable. Nevertheless, the World Bank estimates that about 800 million people Worldwide are facing hunger. Operational agencies lack a method for differentiating households at varying degrees of food insecurity in order to target and evaluate their interventions.

There is acute, chronic and transitory food insecurity. Seasonal food insecurity is located between chronic and transitory. The appropriate measurement of food security, though difficult, is critical for targeting food and economic aid, supporting early famine warning and global monitoring systems; evaluating nutrition, health and development programs; and informing government policy across many sectors. This important work is complicated by the multiple approaches and tools for assessing food security and the influence on our food system.

Food system relates to the food supply chain which encompasses all activities that move food from production to consumption. It gathers all the elements and activities related to the production, processing, distribution, preparation and consumption of food. While smallholder farmers produce around one-third of the world's food, less than half of what the headlines claim. Family farms do produce around 80% of the world's food. These farms can be of any size, and should not be confused with smallholders. Africa food system is dominated by Family farms and Smallholder farmers who play significant role in the food system and food security in Africa.

In an effort to reduce the adverse effects of the current crisis in Eastern Europe on Food security in Africa, the Board of Directors of African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) on 31st March 2022 approved the launch of Ukraine crisis Adjustment Trade Financing Programme for Africa (UKAFPA), a programme of credit facilities that the Bank has developed to manage the impacts of the Ukraine crisis on African economies and businesses. The programme amounts to US4 billion.

This conversation will share good practices, examine some factors that affect global food security and how they affect the continent of Africa, enlighten policy makers and encourage engagement in agri-business supply chains. Such factors include but not limited to:

- ❖ The Covid-19 pandemic
- ❖ The Russia-Ukraine conflict
- ❖ Sustainability of production and effects on climate change and environment
- ❖ The principle of comparative advantage of specialization
- ❖ The Geo-politics effects
- ❖ Healthy food and hygiene

The official languages of this conversation are English and French with simultaneous translation. Participation is open to the diaspora community worldwide, policy makers, business community, media, academia, CSO, as well as other major stakeholders.

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3:00-3:05pm	<i>Welcome Remark by the Host</i>	Dozie Celeste Ugochukwu AFMD / African Diaspora Council of Switzerland
3:05-3:15pm	<i>Opening Statement</i>	Angela Odai Ag. Head Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (CIDO) African Union Commission Addis Ababa Ethiopia
3:15-4:00pm	<i>Keynote Presentation</i> <i>Assessing current Food Security</i> <i>in the Sub-regions of Africa and</i> <i>immediate remedy measures</i>	Hameed Nuru WFP Representative to the African Union World Food Programme Addis Abeba, Ethiopia
4:00-4:20pm	<i>Diaspora Engagement for Food</i> <i>Security and Supply Chains</i> Enhancing Food supply chain through Diaspora Engagement	Samba Ndiaye General Manager Bamby Agriculture Senegal - France
4:20-4:50pm	Input & Contributions, Q & R	Participants
4:50-5:00pm	Closing Remark	Aicha Bacha General Secretary, Global Movement of Panafrican and Caribbean Women leaders Belgium - Morocco

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