

Africa Growth Forum

Enhancing Agricultural Productivity for Shared Growth in Africa

January 19-20, 2011

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011

ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. BREAKFAST FALK AUDITORIUM, BROOKINGS

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. WELCOME FALK AUDITORIUM

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- Strobe Talbott, President, Brookings
- Gary Toenniessen, Managing Director, Rockefeller Foundation

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. OPENING SESSION FALK AUDITORIUM

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

- Mwangi Kimenyi, Director, Africa Growth Initiative at Brookings
- Ernest Aryeetey, Brookings and The University of Ghana
- Chris Udry, Yale University

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. COFFEE BREAK FALK AUDITORIUM

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PARALLEL SESSION I	
SAUL-ZILKHA ROOM	SOMERS ROOM
AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION AND NEW TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION I <i>Heterogeneous Returns and the Impersistence of Agricultural Technology Adoption</i> Presenter: Andrew Zeitlin , Oxford University <i>Risk Aversion, Property Rights and Household Investment in Conservation Agricultural Technologies: Evidence from Agro-pastoral Regions of Kenya</i> Presenter: Ogada Maurice Juma , Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis Moderator: Richard Joseph , Northwestern University and Brookings Discussant: Akwasi Mensah-Bonsu , University of Ghana	CONTRACT FARMING AND PRODUCTIVITY <i>As You Sow, So Shall You Reap: The Welfare Impacts of Contract Farming</i> Presenter: Marc F. Bellemare , Duke University <i>Institutional Innovations for Agricultural Transformation and Pro-poor Growth: The Case of Contract Farming in Nigeria</i> Presenter: Aderibigbe Olomola , Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research Moderator: Claudia Juech , Rockefeller Foundation Discussant: Christopher Chibwana , International Food Policy Research Institute

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	SAUL-ZILKHA ROOMS
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1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. PARALLEL SESSION II	
SAUL-ZILKHA ROOM	SOMERS ROOM
AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION AND NEW TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION II <i>Technology Adoption in Agriculture: Evidence from Experimental Intervention in Maize Production in Uganda</i> Presenter: Tomoya Matsumoto , National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan <i>Rationalizing Public-Private Partnerships in the African Seed Industry: Insights from Uganda</i> Presenter: Barnabas A. Kiiza , Makerere University, Uganda Moderator: John Page , Brookings Discussant: Munenobu Ikegami , International Livestock Research Institute	PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES AND AGRICULTURAL COMMERCIALIZATION <i>Production Technology, Productivity and Gross Margin of Smallholder Commercial Food Crop Farmers in Ghana</i> Presenter: Akwsai Mensah-Bonsu , University of Ghana, Legon <i>Stages of Agricultural Commercialization in Uganda the Role of Markets</i> Presenter: Sergiy Zorya , The World Bank, and Oleg Nivievskyi , University of Gottingen, Germany Discussant: Luc Behagel , Paris School of Economics

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	COFFEE BREAK	SAUL-ZILKHA
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3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	PARALLEL SESSION III
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SAUL-ZILKHA ROOM	SOMERS ROOM
INSURANCE AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY <i>Drought Insurance for Millet Growers in Niamey Area: Ex Ante Evaluation of Potential Interest to Farmers</i> Presenter: Antoine Leblois , International Research Centre on Environment and Development (CIRED) <i>Dynamic Effects of Index Based Livestock Insurance on Household Intertemporal Behavior and Welfare</i> Presenter: Munenobu Ikegami , International livestock Research Institute <i>Offering Rainfall Insurance to Informal Insurance Groups: Evidence From a Field Experiment in Ethiopia</i> Presenter: Stefan Dercon , Oxford University Moderator: Mwangi Kimenyi , Brookings	THE EFFECT OF POLITICS, HUMAN CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT ON AGRICULTURAL PERFORMANCE <i>Examining Underinvestment in Agriculture</i> Presenter: Chris Udry , Yale University <i>The Impact of Political Reform on Policies Toward and the Economic Performance of Agriculture</i> Presenter: Steven Block , Tufts University <i>Knowledge Infrastructure and Agricultural Productivity in Ghana</i> Presenters: Olumide Taiwo and Emmanuel Asmah , Brookings Moderator: Melvin Ayogu , Human Enterprise Research

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	RECEPTION	FALK AUDITORIUM
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6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	DINNER	FALK AUDITORIUM
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WELCOMING REMARKS

- Mwangi Kimenyi, Director, Africa Growth Initiative at Brookings

MODERATOR

- Homi Kharas, Deputy Director, Global Economy and Development at Brookings

REMARKS

- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Managing Director, The World Bank

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	BREAKFAST	SAUL-ZILKHA ROOM
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9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	PARALLEL SESSION IV
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SAUL-ZILKHA ROOM	SOMERS ROOM
LAND TENURE AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY <i>The Interaction Between Land Tenure, Commodity Commercialization and Agricultural Productivity in Uganda</i> Presenter: John Mutenyo , Brookings, and Edward Bbaale , Center for Global Development <i>Cost as a Barrier to Land Tenure Security for Poor Agricultural Households: Willingness to Pay for Land Certification in Uganda</i> Presenter: Ibrahim Kasirye , Economic Policy Research Centre, Uganda Moderator: Ernest Aryeetey , Brookings and The University of Ghana Discussant: Ogada Maurice Juma , Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis	DYNAMICS OF FERTILIZER USE AND OUTCOMES I <i>Measuring the Impact's of Malawi's Farm Input Subsidy Program</i> Presenter: Christopher Chibwana , USAID Malawi <i>Do Fertilizer Subsidies Provide Transitory or Enduring Benefits to Farmers? Evidence from Malawi</i> Presenter: Jacob Ricker-Gilbert , Michigan State University Moderator: Margaret McMillan , International Food Policy Research Institute Discussant: Xavier Giné , The World Bank

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK	SAUL-ZILKHA ROOMS
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11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	PARALLEL SESSION V
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SAUL-ZILKHA ROOM	SOMERS ROOM
DYNAMICS OF FERTILIZER USE AND OUTCOMES II <i>Adoption and Levels of Demand of Fertilizer in Cocoa Farming in Cote d'Ivoire: Does Risk Aversion Matter</i> Presenter: Euphrasie Ben Houassa Kouame , University of Abidjan-Cocody <i>Learning by Doing But Not Learning from Others: Fertilizer Adoption in Western Kenya</i> Presenter: Jonathon Robinson , University of California, Santa Cruz Moderator: John Mbaku , Weber State University	FINANCIAL INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE <i>Commitments to Save: A Field Experiment in Rural Malawi</i> Presenter: Xavier Giné , The World Bank <i>On the Impact of Microcredit: Evidence from a Randomized Intervention in Ethiopia</i> Presenter: Alessandro Tarozzi , Duke University Moderator: Olatunji Akande , Nigerian Institute for Social and Economic Research Discussant: Antoine Leblois , International Centre

Discussant: Marc Bellemare , Duke University	for Research on the Environment and Development (CIRED)
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12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	SAUL-ZILKHA ROOMS
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1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	PARALLEL SESSION VI
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SAUL-ZILKHA ROOM	SOMERS ROOM
AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION AND NEW TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION III <i>Policy Issues in Technology Adoption and Maize Productivity in Benue State Nigeria: An Endogenous Switching Regression Approach</i> Presenter: Goodness Chioma Aye , University of Pretoria <i>Role of Information in the Adoption of Soil Improvement Techniques: Evidence from Central Province in Kenya</i> Presenter: Jennifer Gathoni Njaramba , Jawaharlal Nehru University Moderator: Sarah Ssewanyana , Economic Policy Research Centre, Uganda	GENDER AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY <i>Understanding the Complexities Surrounding Gender Differences in Agricultural Productivity in Nigeria and Uganda</i> Presenter: Agnes Quisumbing , International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) <i>On the Origins of Gender Roles: Women and the Plough</i> Presenter: Nathan Nunn , Harvard University Moderator: Clement Ahiadeke , Institute of Statistical, Social, and Economic Research Discussant: John Mutenyo , Brookings

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	COFFEE BREAK	SAUL-ZILKHA
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3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	PARALLEL SESSION VII
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SAUL-ZILKHA ROOM	SOMERS ROOM
STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION AND AGRICULTURE <i>On Climate Variability And Resource-Dependent Wealth Dynamics: The Case of Ethiopian Pastoralists</i> Presenter: Christopher B. Barrett , Cornell University <i>New Evidence on Trade, Employment and Structural Transformation</i> Presenter: Margaret McMillan , International Food Policy Research Institute	CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT <i>Adoption and Impact of Conservation Agriculture in Central Ethiopia</i> Presenter: Girma T. Kassie , CIMMYT International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center <i>Health Shocks and Natural Resource Management: Evidence from Western Kenya</i> Presenter: Harsha Thirumurthy , The World Bank

Moderator: Abdoulaye Diagne , Consortium pour la Recherche Economique et Sociale	Moderator: Moses Ikiara , Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis
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5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION	FALK AUDITORIUM
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POLICYMAKERS PANEL

MODERATOR

- **Ezra Suruma**, Distinguished visiting fellow, Brookings, and senior presidential advisor on finance and planning in Uganda

PANEL

- **Wole Edun**, Director of Planning, Research and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Nigeria
- **Johnson Irungu**, Director of Agriculture and Crop Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya
- **Lena Otoo**, Head of Policy Division, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana

6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	CLOSING SESSION	FALK AUDITORIUM
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CLOSING REMARKS

- **Mwangi Kimenyi**, Director, Africa Growth Initiative at Brookings
- **Ernest Aryeetey**, Brookings and The University of Ghana