



DRAFT PROGRAM
DAY 1: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00 - 9:00am	Arrival and Registration
	OPENING SESSION
9:00 - 9:15 am	Opening Comments / House Keeping by MC and Establishing Protocol
9:15 - 9:20 am	Anthem and Pledge
9:20 - 9:25 am	Welcome Remarks by Prof. Pierre Damien Habumuremyi, <i>Former Prime Minister, Republic of Rwanda, Kigali and Continental Chair, Pan African Alliance of Small and Medium Industries (PAOSMI)</i>
9:20 – 9:30am	Ministerial Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senator Abubakar Kyari, <i>Hon. Minister, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.</i> - Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu, <i>Honorable Minister of Budget and Economic Planning</i> - Dr. Kinsley Tochukwu Udeh, SAN, <i>Hon. Minister, Federal Ministry of Science and Technology</i> - Hon. Hussain Abdubagi Akol Agany <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security Republic of South Sudan</i>
9:30 - 10:30am	<p>Goodwill Messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Republic of Benin. ▪ African Export-Import Bank (Afrexim Bank). ▪ United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) ▪ European Union Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS ▪ Embassies. ▪ African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC). ▪ Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment. ▪ Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). ▪ ECOWAS Commission. ▪ Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA), Nigeria. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ African University of Science and Technology. ▪ State Governors. ▪ Kenyan Nutritionist and Dietician Institute. ▪ Nigeria Cassava Growers Association. ▪ 1890 Universities Center of Excellence for Global Food Security and Defense (CEGFS), USA. ▪ National Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike. ▪ Ugandan Parliament (Her Excellency Dr. Agnes A. Atim) ▪ National Agricultural Development Fund (NADF) ▪ Strategy Implementation Task Office for Presidential Executive Order 5 (Non-oil and Gas Sector)
10:30 – 10:40am	Address by the Conference Chair, Dr. Henry E. Emejio, <i>Director General / CEO, Pan African Alliance of Small and Medium Industries (PAOSMI)</i>
10:40 -10:50am	Presidential Address / Declaration of the Opening of the Event by the Special Guest of Honour, His Excellency, Senator George Akume, Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) of Nigeria, Abuja, Nigeria.
10:50 – 11:00am	Group Photograph / Exhibition Tour / Tea Break

11:00 -11:30am	<p>Keynote Speaker: H.E Amb Philbert Abaka Johnson, UNIDO Regional Director for Nigeria and ECOWAS</p> <p>Topic: Building Sustainable and Quality Driven Cassava Industries in Africa</p>	
11:30 - 12:30pm	<p>High Level Panel Discussion on Keynote Paper Presentation and the role of Cassava in African Economy vis-à-vis food security, Value addition, nutrition, and export.</p> <p>Chaired by: Prof. Hillary I. Inyang</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning (FMBEP). 2. Federal Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security (FMAFS). 3. Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology (FMIST) 4. African University of Science and Technology (AUST). 5. Nigeria Agro Business Group. 6. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, South Sudan. 7. Sierra Leone Association of Cassava Producers and Processors. 8. Agbeyewa Farms Limited 9. African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank). 	
12:30 -1:30pm	Lunch	
01:30 - 02:10pm	<p>SESSION A</p> <p>on</p> <p>SUSTAINABLE CASSAVA PRODUCTION</p> <p><i>Presentations of Papers (20 Min Each)</i></p>	<p>SESSION B</p> <p>on</p> <p>QUALITY ENHANCEMENT AND VALUE ADDITION</p> <p><i>Presentations of Papers (20 Min Each)</i></p>
	<p>Paper 1: Influence of Agro-Climatic parameters on sustainable Cassava Production across the Climatic belts of Nigeria.</p> <p>By Okoye N. N - <i>National Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike, Nigeria.</i></p> <p>Poster presentation 1: Sustainable Drying Technologies for Cassava: A Review on Energy Efficiency, Quality Retention and Rural Adaptability.</p> <p>By M. A. Abu - <i>The National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI).</i></p> <p>Poster presentation 2: Sustainable Cassava Production in Nigeria: Field Innovations and Institutional Synergy for Climate Resilience.</p> <p>By Mazza Mary-Ann - <i>National Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike, Nigeria.</i></p>	<p>Paper 1: Sensory Profile and Consumer Preferences of Agbeli made from Cassava Varieties Biofortified with Provitamin A.</p> <p>By Noël AKISSOE - <i>University of University of Abomey-Calavi, Bénin, Benin Republic.</i></p> <p>Poster presentation 1: Monitoring the Food Safety of Cassava Processing Methods in Rural Communities in DRC Congo,</p> <p>By Mbala Mavinga Blaise – <i>University of Kinshasa DRC</i></p> <p>Poster presentation 2: Proximate and Functional Properties of Fortified Cassava Flour (Garin Danwake) and Cassava Starch.</p> <p>By Zahrau Bamalli Nouruddeen, <i>Aliko Dangote University of Science and Technology, Wudil, Kano, Nigeria</i></p>
02:10 - 3:40pm	<p>Country Experience and Review (20 min)</p> <p>Chair: Emeritus Prof. Umezuruike Linus Opara, Executive Director, UNESCO International Centre for Biotechnology (UNESCO ICB), Nsukka, Nigeria</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country Experience with Cassava Production in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) by Prof. Marie Claire Yandju D. L <i>Deputy Rector, University of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.</i> ▪ Country Experience with Cassava in global Market, China Via Green Agriculture West Africa (Chinese Embassy)
3:40 - 4:00pm	Closing Remarks by Prof. Ibrahim Hussaini Doko, <i>Former Director- General Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC), Abuja, Nigeria and Continental Co- Chair, PAOSMI.</i>
	Closure of Day 1

DAY 2: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY	
8:00 - 9:00am	Arrival and Registration	
9:00 – 9: 30am	RECAP OF DAY 1 BY Prof. Yemisi Jeff Agboola	
9:30 – 9:10am	ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MODERATOR	
9:10 – 9:30am	SESSION C on TECHNOLOGY AND SMART SYSTEM INTEGRATION AND SUSTAINABILITY <i>Presentations of Papers (20 Min Each)</i>	SESSION D on GLOBAL CASSAVA MARKET DYNAMICS <i>Presentations of Papers (20 Min Each)</i>
	<p>Paper 1: The Role of Computer Aided Engineering in Realizing Efficient Agricultural Equipment for an Improved Cassava Value chain in Sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>By Adedeji Aremu, <i>Coventry University, UK.</i></p> <p>Poster presentation 1: From Technology to Business: Scaling Rural Transformation Through Integrated Cassava Agro processing in Nigeria.</p> <p>By Emmanuel Okogbenin - <i>African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF).</i></p> <p>Poster presentation 2: Technological Interventions for Post-Harvest Loss Reduction in Fresh Cassava in Nigeria</p> <p>By Peter Azikiwe Onwualu – <i>African University of Science and technology, (AUST).</i></p>	<p>Paper 1: Harnessing the Green Gold: Strategic Pathways for Benue State to Emerge as a Global Hub for Processed Cassava Exports</p> <p>By Dorcas Nguemo Kundam, - <i>University of Mkar</i></p> <p>Poster presentation: Drivers of Cassava Commercialization in South-East Nigeria and Implications for Food Security, Poverty Alleviation, and Inclusive Growth.</p> <p>By Okoye, B.C, <i>National Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike, Nigeria</i></p>

9:30 – 10:30pm	Business to Business Matchmaking / Exhibition Tour	
10:30 – 11:00am	Tea / Health Break	
11:00 – 11:40am	SESSION E on CASSAVA CULTIVATION IMPACTS AND STAKEHOLDERS' INCLUSION <i>Presentations of Papers (20 Min Each)</i>	SESSION F on CASSAVA INDUSTRY FINANCING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT <i>Presentations of Papers (20 Min Each)</i>
	<p>Paper 1: Comparative Analysis of the Impact of Adoption of Improved Cassava Technologies on the Livelihood of Women Farmers in Akwaibom and Anambra States, Nigeria.</p> <p>By Pearl Amadi, <i>National Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike, Nigeria.</i></p> <p>Poster presentation: Gender Analysis of Adoption Level of Improved Cassava Production Technologies in Abia State, Nigeria</p> <p>By Nwokocha Ivy Nwamaka - <i>National Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike, Nigeria.</i></p>	<p>Paper : De-Risking the "White Gold": Innovative Financing Models to Attract Private Capital for Cassava Industrialization</p> <p>By Babatunde Ajayi - <i>United Bank for Africa, (UBA).</i></p>
11:40 – 12:20pm	Country Experience and Review (20 min each) Chair: Dr. Ojo Michael Country Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Abuja, Nigeria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country Experience with Cassava Production in Ghana. ▪ Country Experience with Cassava Production in Equatorial Guinea. ▪ Country Experience with Cassava Products and Value Addition in Indonesia / Philippine. 	
12:20 - 1:20am	PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION G on POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR GROWTH OF THE CASSAVA INDUSTRY <i>Presentations of Papers (20 Min Each)</i>	
<p>Paper 1: Driving African Cassava Development through R&D Commercialization and Industry Linkages - Prof. Ibrahim Katampe, Central State University (USA)</p> <p>Paper 2: High Quality Cassava Flour (HQCF), Policy and Legislation- Dr. Jummai Tutuwa Director-General, Federal Institute of Industrial Research (FIRO)</p>		

	<p>Paper 3: Developing value-added products with focus on high-quality cassava flour (HQCF), industrial starch, sweeteners, ethanol, and animal feed to reduce post-harvest losses</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF) 2. Dr Tony Bello - Chairman, Shine Bridge Global (SBG) 3. Nigeria Cassava Industrialization Group (NCIG) 4. African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC) 5. Strategy Implementation Task Office for Presidential Executive Order 5 (Non-oil and Gas Sector) 6. Senate Committee on Agricultural production services and rural development, Nigeria 7. University of Juba, South Sudan 8. Raw material and development council (RMRDC)
12:20 – 1:00pm	Lunch
1: 00 – 2:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION F on CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT <i>Presentations of Papers (20 Min Each)</i></p> <p>Paper 1: Harnessing Cassava as a raw material for accelerated African Industrialization- Opportunities and challenges by Prof. Ken Ife, Lead Consultant on Private Sector Development, ECOWAS Commission.</p> <p>Paper 2: Utilizing Modern Machinery in Cassava Farming to Boost Food Supply and Industrial Growth by Prof. Emmanuel Bobobee, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike, Nigeria. 2. University of Abuja. 3. Farmer Kola Adeniji, Niji Group. 4. Sasakawa Africa. 5. University of Kinshasa 6. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) 7. Pan African Manufacturers Association (PAMA) 8. Federal Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security (FMAFS).
2:00 - 2:40pm	<p>Country Experience and Review (20 min) Chair: Prof. Ibrahim Katampe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country Experience with Cassava Production in Sierra Leone ▪ Country Experience with Cassava Production in Benin Republic

2:40 - 3:40pm	Country Experience and Review (20 min) Chair: Prof. Chiedozie N. Egesi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country Experience with Cassava Production in Nigeria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning ❖ Enugu State ❖ Benue State ❖ Kogi State ❖ Oyo State
3:40 – 4:40pm	Business to Business March-Making / Exhibition Tour / Meeting of PAOSMI and Collaborating Organizations
4:40 – 5:00pm	Closing Remarks by Dr. Celestine Okanya, Chairman AFRAC
	Closure of Day 2

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00 - 9:00am	Arrival and Registration
9:00 - 9:20am	RECAP OF DAY 1 AND 2 BY Mr Emmanuel Evbodaghe
9:20 – 9:30am	ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MODERATOR
9:30 – 10:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country Experience with Cassava Production in Nigeria ▪ Federal Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security (FMAFS). ▪ Kano State ▪ Abia State ▪ Cross Rivers State
10:00 - 10:30am	Tea / Health Break
10:30 – 10:50am	Country Experience and Review (20 min) Chair: Prof. Yemisi Jeff Agboola <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience with the South African National Food and Nutrition Program by Prof. Thokosane Simelane. ▪ Question –and-Answer Session
10:50 – 11:30pm	Business to Business March-Making / Exhibition Tour
11:30 – 2:30pm	Town Hall Workshop: Advancing the Cassava Value Chain for Export Agriculture and Food Security in Africa. Introduction of the Town Hall Meeting by The Moderator (15 Min) Chair: Prof. Azikiwe Peter Onwualu, <i>President, African University of Science and Technology (AUST), Abuja, Nigeria</i> Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigerian Bill on 10% mandatory inclusion in bread production, Nigeria Senate • Financing, Investment and Market Access by African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) and United Bank for Africa • Access to land for Cassava Cultivation By Hon. Patrick Nwabueze Ubru. Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-industrialization Enugu State, Nigeria • Standardization Process as it concerns Cassava Value Addition and Trainings/certification By African Organization for Standardization (ARSO) & Standard Organization of Nigeria

- Climate & Environmental Issues
- Nutritional Issues, **Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)**

- Townhall Guests

- The Executive Secretary, National Agricultural Development Fund
- Ugandan Parliament – Her excellency Dr. Agnes A. Atim
- Federal Ministry of Science and Technology
- Federal Ministry of Industry Trade and Investment
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- **Etsu Nupe**
- **Hakimin Kurudu**
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2:30 – 3:30pm	Lunch
3:30 -3:45pm	Development and Presentation of the Conference Communique
3:45 – 4:00pm	Closure of Regular Sessions and Announcement by the Moderator
7:00 – 9:00pm	Dinner / Awards
9:00pm	Closure

