

**THE
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How to make African smallholders more efficient: farming, food and finance?

How to invest in food security in post conflict regions and fragile states?

How to provide careers for young men and women in the agro-food sector?

The new generation in Africa is better educated than ever before. The African youth faces large opportunities and challenges for promoting development. Feeding Africa is a most urgent challenge. Food production in Africa is mainly in hands of smallholders and rural households. These producers are crucial for economic development and food security in urban and rural areas. Access to land, finance, knowledge, inputs and markets are critical for improving farmers' yields and income. Dutch companies, government and NGOs have been working with African partners on these issues for decades. Join the discussion on June 22nd.

Prominent speakers and guests confirmed:

- Mr José Graziano da Silva, DG FAO
- Mr Berry Marttin, Rabobank Nederland, Member of the Executive Board.
- Ms Sharon Dijksma, Dutch State Secretary of Agriculture
- Dr Akinwuma Adesina, former Minister of Agriculture Nigeria
- Mr Ishmael Sunga, The Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)
- Ms Reina Buijs, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr Henri van Eeghen, Cordaid
- Mrs Irene Visser, The Netherlands-African Business Council (NABC)

Afternoon talk show

“Makkinga meets..... “ hosted by Andrew Makkinga and Prof dr Ruerd Ruben (Wageningen UR), meeting with experts from industry, government and NGOs, such as: Professor Bekele Shiferaw (Ethiopia), Dr Steve Wiggins (UK), Kees Verbeek (NI), Roberto Kenyi Legge (South Sudan), Cynthia Makena (Kenya), Rabha Bandas (South Sudan), Dr Lia van Wesenbeeck (NL), Heleen Bos (NL), Edie Mukiibi (Uganda) and Gerishom Boiyo (Kenya).

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