

The Africa Solidarity Trust Fund

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Sheikh Zayed Centre, FAO HQ

12:30-14:00

Launched in 2013, the Africa Solidarity Trust Fund (ASTF) is a unique financing mechanism that pools resources from African countries to support critical national and regional initiatives on food and agriculture. It is one of the most successful stories of Africa's partnership with FAO. Its main goal is to assist countries to eradicate hunger and malnutrition, eliminate rural poverty and manage natural resources in a sustainable manner. The ASTF enables an effective synchrony between the priority challenges currently faced by African agriculture and food systems, and the development solutions deployed to address them. So far, it has supported 18 projects in 41 sub-Saharan countries. The new phase of the ASTF seeks to expand its reach in terms of both volume of resources and scale of impact through an expanded partnership.

Agenda

Time	Title	Speaker
11:30	Refreshments (Atrium)	
Part I – Highlighting the scope and nature of the current partnership		
12:30	Welcome remarks	Mr José Graziano da Silva <i>Director-General of FAO</i>
		H.E. Yaya Adisa Olaitan Olaniran <i>Chair of African Group</i>
12:50	ASTF in a nutshell - video introduction	
Part II – The role of the ASTF in supporting African countries achieve the Sustainable Development Goals		
12:55	African Countries' Interventions	Mr Carlos Alberto Amaral <i>Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola to FAO and Chair of the ASTF Steering Committee</i>
		Her Excellency Ambassador Elizabeth Paula Napeyok <i>Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to FAO</i>
		Mr Mateo Nsogo Nguere Micue <i>Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to FAO and member of the ASTF Steering Committee</i>
13:10	Partners' Interventions	H.E. Ambassador Niu Dun <i>Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to FAO</i>
		H.E. Ambassador Jan Tombinski <i>Permanent Representative of the EU to the UN Agencies in Rome</i>
13:20	Panel discussion: How to scale up the ASTF	
13:50	Wrap up and next steps	Mr Daniel Gustafson <i>Deputy Director-General (Programmes) of FAO</i>

Event Moderator: Mr Bukar Tijani, Assistant Director-General (AG-ADG) of FAO