









Speaker Profiles – Africa Regional Exchange 18-20, Kenya

Session/Role	Photo	Bio	Role/speech modality
Coordinators		Marco Boscolo, Forestry Officer, FAO	Session coordinator
		Phosiso Sola, Scientist, CIFOR ICRAF	Session coordinator
Opening session		<p>Alfred Gichu, Chief Conservator of Forests, Kenya Forest Service/ Joshua K. Cheboiwo, Director KEFRI TBC</p> <p>Alfred Gichu has more than 29 years experience in Forest Conservation and Management, National REDD+ coordination, Climate Change Response Programme. He is currently the Chief Conservator of Forests at the Kenya Forest Service under the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya. Alfred has played a major role ensuring that climate change issues are well articulated and incorporated in forest management, mitigation and the adaptation policy strategies.</p> <p>Subject: Welcome and moderator's remarks</p>	Moderator
		<p>Peter Minang, Director for Africa and Leader (Greening Tree Crop Landscapes), CIFOR-ICRAF</p> <p>Peter Minang has over 20 years' experience in the areas of ecosystem services, community forestry, conservation and REDD+, and has published widely on these issues. He also advises several African countries and institutions on land use and climate change-related issues. His current research interests include the nexus between adaptation and mitigation to climate change; and the interface between environmental services and development, and multifunctional landscapes. Minang also serves as the Global Coordinator, ASB Partnership for the Tropical Forest Margins, and as the Landscapes Flagship Leader, CRP on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry. He is very passionate about driving transformative change among communities in Africa.</p> <p>Subject: Overview of relevant programmes</p>	

	<p>Carla Mucavi, FAO Representative, Kenya</p> <p>Carla Mucavi is the FAO Representative to Kenya. Prior to this appointment, Ms Mucavi worked as Director of FAO Liaison Office in New York from 2015, where she represented the Organisation at the United Nations General Assembly, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), as well as related Committees, functional Commissions, and Subsidiary Bodies, ensuring that FAO mandate and strategic priorities remain at the centre of the Global Agenda for attaining the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. Ms Mucavi has also served in different functions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique between 1989 and 2015 as Chief of Cabinet of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. She also served at the Embassy of Mozambique in Ethiopia. Between 2007 and 2015 she was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mozambique to Italy, Greece and Malta, and Permanent Representative to FAO, WFP, and IFAD.</p> <p>Subject: Overview of relevant programmes</p>	<p>Keynote</p>
	<p>Ewald Rametsteiner, Deputy Director Forestry Division, FAO and Officer-in-Charge of the Forest and Farm Facility</p> <p>Ewald Rametsteiner is a forester from Austria who has been working as the Deputy Director, Forestry Division, NFO, since 1 April 2019. He worked as Programme Coordinator (Global Delivery) of FAO’s Strategic Programme “Sustainable Agriculture” (SP2) from 2015 until 2019. Before joining the SP2 Management Team he was the leader of the Forest Governance Team of the Forestry Department. Prior to FAO he worked at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and the European Forest Institute. He was member of Secretariats of intergovernmental bodies and policy advisor on sustainability issues for a range of international organizations and governmental bodies. He holds a PhD in Forest Policy and Economics from the University of Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria</p> <p>Subject: Introduction to the global FFF programme and the link to access to finance for forest and farm producers</p>	<p>Keynote</p>
	<p>Soipan Tuyu, Cabinet Secretary, MECCF</p> <p>Honorable Soipan Tuyu is the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry – Kenya. She has served as a two term member of parliament for Narok County (ten years). While in the National Assembly, she served as 1st Chairperson of Speaker’s Panel (alternate Speaker) and has also served as a specially elected senator in the 4th Senate of Kenya. Hon. Soipan is an exceptionally motivated legal professional and an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya of 18 years standing. More her background is available online: https://www.environment.go.ke/cabinet-secretary/</p> <p>Subject: Official Opening speech</p>	<p>Keynote</p>

		<p>Ephantus Kimotho Kimani, Principal Secretary-Forestry Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya (MECCF)</p> <p>Mr. Ephantus Kimotho Kimani is among the newest Principal Secretaries and has been entrusted to be the PS in charge of the State Department of Forestry.</p> <p>Subject: Official Opening speech</p>	Keynote
Session I: Innovative and Value Chain Finance		<p>Marco Boscolo, Forestry Officer, FAO</p>	Moderator
		<p>Petri Lehtonen, Private sector investments expert, FAO</p> <p>Subject: Innovative and inclusive models to finance sustainable forest value chains</p>	Keynote speaker
		<p>Paul Ohaga, Senior Director, New Forests</p> <p>Subject: Innovative and inclusive models to finance sustainable forest value chains</p>	Panelist
		<p>Samuel Kabiru, Manager, World Resources Institute (WRI)</p> <p>Samuel Kabiru is a daring young person from Kenya who believes in creating social impact in communities around the world. He is the current Land Accelerator Africa, Manager. He works to foster entrepreneurship and innovation in support of landscape restoration enterprises in Africa. Samuel has in the past over 8 years been working with enterprises in Agribusiness, renewable energy and restoration businesses. Prior to joining WRI, Samuel worked with Hivos East Africa and AgriProFocus international, building strong coalitions and collaborations around inclusive, circular and climate resilient agribusiness He is a specialist in SMEs empowerment in the fields of agribusiness development, business development services, project planning and management, secure livelihoods, gender and climate change issues and sustainable development. Samuel holds a bachelor’s degree in commerce (Finance option) from Kenya College of Accountancy University, Certified Public Accountant (CPA-Kenya) and is an alumnus of Kenya Institute of Management (Diploma in Business Management). Samuel is currently living in Nairobi, Kenya.</p> <p>Subject: Scaling Restoration through capacity building and Access to Investments - Land Accelerator Africa Case</p>	Panelist

	<p>Jumaane Tafawa, Jumaane Tafawa, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Africa Eats (Virtual)</p> <p>Jumaane Tafawa is a more than 20 year expert on corporate growth, having started and grown multiple multi-hundred-million-dollar African companies and also helped expand Fortune 1000 companies across the African Continent. He is the Co-Founder of Africa Eats, a diversified group of fast-growing agriculture and food-related business that are solving the food challenges across the continent. Jumaane is also the Co-Founder & Managing Partner of Heritage Connection a coaching advisory and knowledge-sharing firm that builds the legacies of the most successful African-based family businesses across the continent to thrive for the next 200 years (8-10 generations). Jumaane has raised over \$500m in capital for SMEs, and large African companies, as well as funds, focused on Sub-Saharan Africa. He is a Non-Executive Director of a dozen companies across the world including Griffin Energy, Oil and Gas Solutions, and VNW Logistics.</p> <p>Subject: Financing SMEs that deliver restoration with smallholders – The Africa Eats model:</p>	<p>Co-Panelist</p>
	<p>Luni Libes, Co-Founder, Realize Impact (Virtual)</p> <p>Luni Libes teaches entrepreneurs through the Fledge accelerators, grow graduates through Africa Eats, teach investors at theAngelAccelerator.com, and make it easy for philanthropists to be impact investors with Realize Impact. He also publishes, blogs, podcasts, and shares his thoughts on lunarmobiscuit.com.</p> <p>Subject: Financing SMEs that deliver restoration with smallholders – The Africa Eats model:</p>	<p>Co-Panelist</p>
	<p>Evans Sampene Mensah, Project manager, Tropenbos Ghana</p> <p>Evans Sampene Mensah works as a social forester with a diverse background in sustainable forest management and has over a decade of experience in practice. His expertise is in the area of innovative climate action finance, multi-stakeholder engagement, natural resources conflict management, environmental safeguards, and climate change. Currently, Evans works as Project Manager with Tropenbos Ghana on the Mobilizing More for Climate (MoMo4C) programme. This programme is being implemented in the Western North Region of Ghana, predominantly a cocoa-growing area in the Sefwi-Wiawso, Juabeso, and Bia landscapes. In the MoMo4C programme, Evans works to develop “Innovative Finance for Climate Action Using a Landscape Approach”</p> <p>Subject: Collaborative Mechanism to Attract Finance in Ghana (The Case of the Cocoa Landscape)</p>	<p>Panelist</p>



Edward Onsongo, Intervention Manager – Private Sector Investments, Gatsby Africa Foundation

Mr. Edward Onsongo works as an Intervention Manager - Private Sector Investments in Gatsby Africa, leading the investment facilitation mechanism intervention in the Commercial Forestry Programme. He has more than 8 years of experience in data modeling and strategy development, focused on investment opportunity identification and assessments. Prior to joining Gatsby Africa, Edward was a management consultant to the private sector in East Africa working with Open Capital on a range of project types, including renewable energy, forestry, and technology applications in agriculture.

Subject: Facilitating investments in value addition in Uganda

Panelist



Jane Ndeti, Forester, Kenya Forest Service

Jane N. Ndeti has a Master of Philosophy degree in Environmental Studies (Environmental Biological Sciences) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry both from Moi University, Kenya. She has worked with communities specifically dealing with capacity building in forestry and livelihood improvement issues for over twenty-five (25) years. Jane is also an International Master Trainer in RurallInvest and Farmer Field School methodologies, for which she has been a Lead Trainer in trainings in RurallInvest and FFS methodologies in Kenya and outside the Country. Jane is currently works with the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) Headquarters in Nairobi where she plays dual role as the Manager for Forest Investment Facility (FIF) and Head of the Tree Nurseries division. As the manager, Jane oversees all the operations of the facility where she has led the planning, promotion, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all the activities related to providing credit/loans to farmers, establishment of farm forestry and livelihood enterprises and loan repayments. As the head of the Tree Nurseries division, Jane coordinates the production and reporting of seedlings in all the tree nurseries managed by the KFS for adequate and quality tree seedlings for planting in the gazetted and outside gazetted forests. She also provides platforms for linkages with the private stakeholders involved in seedlings production in the whole country.

Subject: Kenya Forest Investment Facility

Panelist

Peter Minang, Director for Africa, CIFOR-ICRAF



Subject: De-risking and enhancing tree-based enterprise through performance-based finance: Framework and application in Cameroon


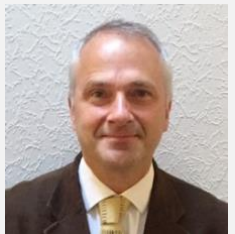
Panelist

Elijah Mboko, National Technical Assistant – Business Development Specialist, FAO Kenya




Subject: The Restoration Factory




Panelist


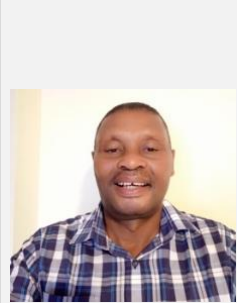
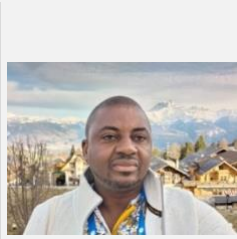
	<p>Ian Isherwood and Tigere Muzenda, Regional Business Investment Officer, Dutch Fund for Climate & Development</p> <p>Subject: A new fund being implemented by Worldwide Fund for Nature Netherlands (WWF- NL) and Dutch Entrepreneurial Development Bank (FMO)</p>	Co-Panelist
	<p>Tigere Muzenda, Regional Business Investment Officer, Dutch Fund for Climate & Development</p> <p>Tigere Muzenda is Zimbabwean national based in Kenya where is works as a Regional Investment Officer and Project Manager (Sub-Sahara Africa) for the Dutch Fund for Climate and Development (The DFCD). He has masters’ degrees in economics, business administration and development finance. Tigere is passionate about addressing climate change adaptation through his expertise in investment banking and climate finance, climate resilient agriculture; Climate finance (mitigation, adaptation); Nature based solutions; - all for Agriculture, Forestry, Agro-forestry, Agribusiness, Energy for productive use, Water Sanitation & Health (WaSH). He has 28 years of experience in business development across many sectors, deal processing comprising due diligence, project appraisal, financial modeling, portfolio management, South-South, North-South investment promotion including value chain development. Prior to joining DFCD in 2019, Tigere worked seven years as an Investment Officer at the International Finance Corporation (“IFC”), the private sector arm of the World Bank, focusing on Manufacturing, Agri-business, Health & Education and Property in East Africa. Between 2007 and 2011, he worked as a Senior Investment Officer in the Project Finance Department of the regional DFI, PTA Bank (now called Trade & Development Bank, TDB) where he executed high profile projects from Ethiopia to Zambia, to Mauritius, Seychelles among others in Eastern and Southern Africa. Tigere has also held senior positions in corporate and merchant banking with several banks in Zimbabwe prior to coming to Kenya in 2007.</p> <p>Subject: A new fund being implemented by Worldwide Fund for Nature Netherlands (WWF- NL) and Dutch Entrepreneurial Development Bank (FMO)</p>	
	<p>Andrew Wardell, Principal scientist, CIFOR-ICRAF</p> <p>Dr. David Andrew Wardell is a Principal Scientist at the Center for International Forestry Research with over 40 years of experience working on natural resource management, capacity development, finance and conservation issues in more than 20 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and S.E. Asia. He has a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental History from the University of Copenhagen, and has published 3 books, 90 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and 70 technical publications. He is co-editor of a Cambridge University Press book CITES as a Tool for Sustainable Development to be published in 2023</p> <p>Subject: Green Finance for Sustainable Landscapes (GF4SL) – Land Finance Hub to link SMEs to finance:</p>	Panelist




		<p>Marco Boscolo, Forestry Officer, FAO (See above for bio) Subject: A new e-learning course on how to develop bankable business plans:</p>	Panelist
		<p>Joram Kagombe, Deputy Director (Socio Economic Policy and Governance), KEFRI Subject: The commercial forest investment centre and key research done on forest financing in Kenya:</p>	
		<p>Federico Biadene, Senior East Africa Programme Associate, Partnership for Forests Federico (Fede) brings 6 years of professional experience in the forest and land use sector. Throughout his time with P4F East Africa, he has been leading the expansion of our portfolio into Uganda and Madagascar, as well as designing and managing partnerships across Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia. He possesses extensive experience working on our coffee, cocoa, timber and NTFP portfolio. He also leads our carbon/PES and biodiversity work in the region. He's lived and travelled across both East Africa and Latin America extensively. Fede is also a big time animal lover, and a keen amateur boxer! Subject: Improving smallholder farmers' access to credit by leveraging climate technology to reduce the transactions costs by financial institutions – The Climate Smart Lending Platform (CSLP)</p>	Panelist
<p>Session II: Climate and Nature-Based Finance (Part 1 & 2)</p>		<p>Stephen Muchiri, Executive Director, Eastern Africa Farmers' Federation Duncan Macqueen, Director of Forests, International Institute for environment and Development (IIED) Duncan Macqueen is Director of Forests at the International Institute for environment and Development (IIED) leading a work programme on Forests and Prosperity – that also involves co-managing the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF). He has worked at IIED for 22 years delivering impacts in collaborative programmes at the forest-farm interface across 30-plus countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean including: (i) the genetic improvement of agroforestry trees for regenerative land use systems; (ii) networks and multi-donor facilities in support of forest and farm producer organisations; (iii) training tools and programmes for locally controlled forest business start-ups, risk self-assessment processes, business incubation and climate resilience; (iv) market labelling options - including for fair trade forest products; (v) organizational empowerment processes; (vi) policy advocacy; and (vii) knowledge and learning products for a range of audiences. Before working for IIED he was Deputy Director of the DFID Forestry Research Programme, following work in the Brazilian Amazon as a timber species seed specialist for Embrapa Amazonia Oriental, and earlier as a researcher on agroforestry species at Oxford University but working throughout Central America.</p>	<p>Moderator keynote speaker</p>




	<p>Subject: Overview on climate fund getting money to the ground</p>	
	<p>Imelda Agondanou, Network of Farmers and Producers' Organizations in West Africa (ROPPA)</p> <p>Imelda Agondanou is a program officer at the Network of Farmers' and Producers' Organizations of West Africa (ROPPA). She works on advocacy, gender and economics services development. She is agro-économist and expert in gender and rural development. She dedicated her entire career to promote women's rights and to advocate for a sustainable and inclusive development in Africa.</p> <p>Subject: Challenges and opportunities in international climate finance - Experiences in Western Africa</p>	<p>Panellist</p>
	<p>Stephen Muchiri, Executive Director, Eastern Africa Farmers' Federation (EAFF)</p> <p>Philip Kiriro has an MSc in Ruminant Husbandry and Animal Breeding; postgraduate courses in agricultural policy, biochemical genetics advocacy and participatory development. Livestock farmer (dairy) in the Rift Valley province of Kenya. In 1973-75, he served as a Livestock Specialist in ministry of land and settlement; Kenyan Government. In 1976-2002, he served as a Lecturer, Egerton University Chairman, Livestock Committee, Agricultural Society of Kenya and Council Member, Agricultural Society of Kenya. He also served as Chairman, Kenya National Farmers Union (KNFU) and the vice president IFAP. He is a Founding Member, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation and the Former Immediate Regional President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF). During his tenure as President EAFF he served as a committee Member in COMESA, EAC, IGAD and a member of the CAADP Pillar II Experts Reference group on Market Access. He currently serves as an EAFF Board member and the Chairman EAFF Limited. Mr. Kiriro Has participated in and presented papers at various regional and international forums representing producers.</p> <p>Subject: Getting money where it matters: Experiences and challenges from the East African Farmers' Federation</p>	<p>Panellist</p>

	<p>Dinara Akhmetova, Environmental and Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank Group</p> <p>Dinara Akhmetova is Natural Resources Management Specialist at the World Bank Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy Global Practice, with over 20 years of experience working on issues related to sustainable landscapes, natural resources management and climate change. She has broad international experience (Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Mali, Kazakhstan, among others). Currently she is a project manager for the Dedicated Grant Mechanism Global Project (CIF) and Nature Based Solutions for Least Developed Counties project (funded by the LDCF GEF). She enjoys listening and playing classical piano, spending time with her kids, camping and hiking, and learning about world cultures and history.</p> <p>Subject: International Funding instruments - Experience of Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM)</p>	<p>Panellist</p>
	<p>Caroline van Tilborg, Senior Carbon Investment Manager, Climate Asset Management</p> <p>Caroline has over 20 years of experience in designing, implementing and managing carbon credit, natural capital and (agro-) forestry projects worldwide. In 2002, Caroline joined the World Banks' Prototype Carbon Fund to design a new asset class in carbon credits under the Kyoto Protocol and Marrakesh Accords. From there, she went on to head carbon procurement in Rabobank International and submitted the first carbon project to the CDM executive board for approval Caroline continued to work in the international climate and impact market both as funder and developer and has deep understanding of the associated complexities of structuring projects with multiple benefits. Caroline has a strong track record in execution</p> <p>Subject: Investments in carbon financing: Investor's perspective</p>	<p>Panellist, Virtual</p>
	<p>Viridiana Alcantara-Shivapatham, Manager of Agriculture Innovation, VERRA,</p> <p>Viridiana Alcantara-Shivapatham supports review and development of VCS agricultural methodologies, and provides technical guidance on GHG accounting in agriculture, in particular soil carbon MRV. Viridiana has previously supported the "4 per 1000" Initiative functioning as Desk Officer at the Federal Office for Agriculture and Food in Germany. She worked at FAO supporting the Global Soil Partnership. Viridiana worked at Thuenen Institute for Climate-Smart Agriculture studying subsoil carbon dynamics. Viridiana holds a Ph.D. in soil science and a Diploma (the German equivalent of Master of Science) in Geo-ecology.</p> <p>Subject: Role and importance of standards for voluntary carbon markets</p>	<p>Panellist, Virtual</p>

		<p>Anne Omambia, Deputy Director Programmes and Partnerships, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA Kenya)</p> <p>Anne Omambia has 17 years in experience in Environmental management in various capacities from the grassroots to national level of which 13 years have been involved in depth research and working experience in the climate change fields with expertise in climate change mitigation, carbon markets, international climate change negotiations and policy formulation. Anne holds a Doctorate of Engineering in Environmental Engineering from the University of Geosciences in Wuhan, China.</p> <p>Subject: Opportunities for carbon markets in Africa: the role of governments</p>	Panellist
		<p>Elizabeth Mwiyeria, VI Agroforestry, Country Manager - Kenya, Vi Agroforestry</p> <p>Elizabeth Mwiyeria is a senior program management and leadership executive with 18+ years of progressive experience on Program/project management and a gender equality, women and youth empowerment enthusiast. She seeks to provide technical expertise for the realization of an equitable, just and dynamic global community.</p> <p>Subject: Success and challenges from a carbon project</p>	
		<p>Rose Nasambu Wabwile Western Kenya, FFPO, Vi Agroforestry KACP farmer</p> <p>Rose Nasambu Wabwile is a 48-year-old farmer from Bumula, Bungoma county. She is a member of Hekima Women group, an affiliate of Kimaeti Farmers Association, farmer organization partnering with Vi Agroforestry in the implementation of the Kenya Agricultural Carbon Project. Besides being a wife and a mother, she is a progressive and model farmer and a leader. On her 1 acre plot of land, Rose has adopted different sustainable agriculture practices among them that have helped to improve on the farm soil health and fertility, manage pest resulting to increased crop yields.</p> <p>Subject: How smallholder farmers/communities are engaging and benefiting from carbon investments and carbon markets?:</p>	
<p>Session III: FFPOs Internal Finance</p>		<p>Isabela Núñez del Prado Nieto, Researcher (forest finance), IIED</p> <p>Subject: Isabela Núñez del Prado Nieto, Researcher (forest finance), IIED</p>	Stage setter

	<p>Sifa Chiyoge, Regional Director and Chief Executive Officer, International Cooperative Alliance]</p> <p>Chiyoge B. Sifa holds a Ph.D. Strategic Management and has had over 30 years of work experience cutting across service industry, humanitarian services, academia, agriculture, and cooperatives development across Africa. Dr. Sifa is the former EU-Africa Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) Representative on the European Commission Policy Forum on Development (PFD) and former Co-operatives representative to the European Economic and Social Committee – Africa Caribbean and Pacific- European Commission (EESC- ACP-EU) follow up committee of the (European Commission) EC, and the current Regional Director of International Co-operative Alliance-Africa.</p> <p>Subject: Keynote speech – Cooperatives mobilizing internal funds to grow sustainable internal finance mechanisms</p>	<p>Keynote speaker</p>
	<p>Maina Gakuru, Regional Programme Coordinator, WeEffect.</p> <p>Maina Gakuru, Program Coordinator, Sustainable Rural Development (SRD) has been working with We Effect for 34 years building the capacity of farmer based cooperatives in Kenya , Uganda and Tanzania. As a passionate cooperators, Maina has been strengthening the capacity of smallholder farmers to access financial services for food production as well as strengthening the capacity of financial institutions to deliver products that address specific parts of the food value chains. He promotes savings and loaning associations as a tool that enables financially marginalized communities have an avenue for saving and accessing affordable loans on flexible terms and basic insurance. Maina has contributed greatly in strengthening partner organizations most being farmer based cooperatives.</p> <p>Subject: Kenya case – We Effect initiatives in supporting internal finance mobilization:</p>	<p>Panellis</p>
	<p>Mark Kebo Akparibo, Secretary, Ghana Federation of Forest and Farm Producers (GhaFFaP)</p> <p>Mark Kebo Akparibo is the Founder and Executive Secretary of Tele-Bere and the Secretary to the National Steering Committee of the Ghana Federation of Forest and Farm Producers – GhaFFaP. Mark has over a decade’s experience working in promoting Non-Timber Forest Product (NTFP) and agricultural value chains as a catalyst for pro poor wealth creation and decent work. He is particularly interested in how multi—stakeholder processes and synergy building can become a driver for profitable forest and farm businesses through the provision of appropriate business incubation services for forest and farm producer organisations</p> <p>Subject: Ghana case – Jwa Ngwaane Credit Union (KANBAOCU)</p>	<p>Panellist</p>

	<p>Lozindaba Dauya, Relationship Manager, Zambia National Commercial Bank PLC</p> <p>Lozindaba Dauya is an Agronomist and Banker and have been a Relationship Manager in the Agriculture Banking Unit at Zanaco since 2008. Her role is to grow and retain a portfolio of high value commercial relationships by performing a proactive, value adding financial partnership role, ensuring that close personal attention is given to provide a full range of customized financial solutions and services tailored to meet the growth needs of customers. Lozindaba aim to becoming more accomplished in the provision of Agri Lending, so as to make it more accessible to different players in the value chain. She prioritizes networking and learning opportunities to help improve the SME Agriculture farmer grow all round for an improved overall lifestyle.</p> <p>Subject: Zambia case – MASOPO saving schemes and mobile money booths:</p>	<p>Panellist</p>
	<p>Tombozi Chalke, National Coordinator, Zambia National Forestry Commodities Association (ZNFCFA)</p> <p>Tombozi Chalke is an Environmental Educator, currently coordinating ZNFCFA’s programmes in Zambia. Her role is to promote ecological and sustainable management of forests and farm forestry commodities and farmlands in Zambia by the association’s membership for the benefit of future generations. Tombozi is an advocate of change in human behavior that will benefit every member of local communities, locally and globally, both present and future. She has a great interest in sharing ideas and innovations on environmental sustainability, in particular, forest management.</p> <p>Subject: Zambia case – MASOPO saving schemes and mobile money booths</p>	
	<p>Smita Bhatnagar, Senior Coordinator, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)</p> <p>Smita Bhatnagar is posted as Senior Coordinator with the Self-Employed Women’s Association (SEWA) - an organization and a movement - comprising 2.1 million informal sector members across 18 States of India. Smita works on programs related to - digital financial inclusion, agriculture, micro-enterprise development, capacity building of grassroots members etc. – which involves networking with partners like FAO; IFAD; World Bank; the US Department of State; and academic, private and government organizations. Smita holds - an experience of 33 years; a Doctoral Degree along with an MBA and certifications from IIM, Yale School of Management, Coady, British Council and ICFA.</p> <p>Subject: 3. Internal finance for diversification – mobilizing internal credit systems, SEWA Bank, India</p>	<p>Speaker, virtual</p>

<p>Session IV: Business Roundtable</p>		<p>Philip Koskei Kisoyan, FFF National Facility for Kenya, FAO Kenya Philip Kisoyan currently works for FAO in Kenya as the Natural Resource Management team leader and the National Forest and Farm Facility Programme Facilitator. Philip holds an Msc degree Land Ecology from ITC, the Netherlands and certificate in Sustainable Environment Management from UC Berkeley, USA. He is specialist in landscape ecology, Community Based Natural Resource Management and has been a consultant for a number of Global Environment Facility (GEF) projects. He is registered EIA Lead Expert and a member of Environment Institute of Kenya and other professional organizations. Before joining FAO, Philip worked as a Lecturer at the Faculty of Environment and Natural Resource Management in Egerton University, Njoro Kenya.</p>	<p>Facilitator</p>
		<p>Joshua Kiplongi Cheboiwo, Chief Research Officer, KEFRI Joshua Kiplongi Cheboiwo holds a BSc from (MU, Kenya), MSc (ANU, Australia) and a D.Phil from (MU, Kenya). He has over 35 years of experience in forestry research, specializing in forest policy, legislation, economics, marketing and trade in natural resource products. He is also a part time lecturer, external examiner and consultant on Forest Law, Governance and Trade, PPPs and forest-based enterprises. Dr. Cheboiwo is currently the Chief Research Officer of the KEFRI who he also holds the positions of director and secretary to the institutes Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Panellist</p>
<p>Session V: Working Groups (WGs)</p>		<p>Sophie Grouwels, Forestry Officer, Forest and Farm Facility, FAO Sophie Grouwels has a Master Degree in Political and Social Sciences from Leuven University (KUL). She started working for the European Union in Brussels focusing on programs for the least developed regions in Europe. Hereafter, she decided to widen her horizons and left to rural El Salvador, Central America, where she worked 9 years in different positions – in areas of rural development, conflict resolution, economic empowerment and gender mainstreaming. In 1997, Sophie started to work for FAO, first based in Venezuela supporting a regional program in preparation of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, covering the 8 Amazon countries. In 2000, she transferred to the Community Forestry team in the Forestry Department at FAO HQ in Rome, where she worked globally on community-based forest enterprise development and co-founded Forest Connect – an international alliance for supporting locally controlled organizations and their businesses. Since 2012, Sophie has been part of the management team of the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF), a multi-donor trust fund partnership (FAO, IUCN, IIED and AgriCord) programme, aiming at strengthening smallholder Forest and Farm Producer Organizations (FFPOs) at (sub)national, regional and global level as main agents of change in delivering climate-resilient landscapes and improved livelihoods – f currently active in 10 countries in 3 continents.</p>	<p>Keynote</p>

		Subject: Summary of next steps for the WG	
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