

Program

IITA 50th Anniversary • 24 July 2017

Conference Center, IITA, Ibadan, Nigeria



Chair: H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of Nigeria and Honorary International Ambassador of IITA

0800 **Arrivals and registration** (with traditional drumming and dancing)

0900 Nigerian national anthem

0905 **Opening / Welcome:** Dr Kwesi Atta-Krah, Chair, IITA50 Organizing Committee

0915 **IITA video presentation**

0925 **Welcome Address:** Dr Bruce Coulman, Chair, IITA Board of Trustees
 Dr Nteranya Sanginga, Director General, IITA

0945 **Brief Anniversary Messages and Greetings**

- **Joint Video Message** from Rockefeller and Ford Foundations

- **HRH Oba Saliu Adetunji**, Olubadan of Ibadan

- **H.E. General Yakubu Gowon**, Former President of Nigeria

- **H.E. Chief Audu Innocent Ogbeh**, Hon. Minister, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

- **H.E. Dr Akinwumi A. Adesina**, President, African Development Bank

- **H.E. Prof Yemi Osinbajo**, Vice President and Acting President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

1030 **Group Photo / Cutting of Anniversary Cake / Coffee Break**

1100 **Brief Anniversary Messages and Greetings, cont'd** (3 min.)

- **Sen. Abdullahi Adamu**, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture

- **Alhaji Aliko Dangote**, CEO, Dangote Foundation

- **Mr Tony Elumelu**, CEO, Tony Elumelu Foundation

- **Dr Jimmy Smith**, Director General, ILRI - on behalf of CGIAR

- **Dr Audu Grema**, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Abuja

- **Dr Yemi Akinbamijo**, FARA Executive Director

- **Mrs Ayoka Lawani**, IITA Alumni/Spouse Representative

1130 **Short musical interlude: IITA is 50!**

1140 - **H.E. Dr Deo-Guide Rurema**, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Burundi

- **H.E. Dr Kanayo Nwanze**, Former President, IFAD

- **H.E. Matata Ponyo Mapon**, Former Prime Minister, DR Congo

- **H.E. Isiaka Abiola Ajimobi**, Oyo State Governor

1200 **Introduction of Guest of Honor:** Dr Kenton Dashiell, Deputy Director General, Partnerships for Delivery

Chairman's Address: H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo

1230 **Special Appreciation in recognition of support to IITA**

- H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo

- H.E. General Yakubu Gowon

- H.E. Dr Akinwumi A. Adesina

1240 **Closing Remarks:** Chair, H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo

Visit to exhibition booths

Book launching

1300 **Lunch Break**

1430 - 1530: **Strategic Consultation:** Exploring avenues for mobilizing resources towards IITA of the future (an IITA-specific event - By invitation only)

NOTE: Other guests, participants, and staff move to the AgriServe Building, venue for the Commissioning of the Akinwumi A. Adesina Agripreneurs Building (shuttle available from I-House for invited guests)



Commissioning of the Akinwumi A. Adesina Agripreneurs Building

Chair: H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo

Guest of Honor: H.E. Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina, President, AfDB

1530 - **Welcome and Introduction:** Dr Kwesi Atta-Krah

1535 - **Youth Agripreneur Presentation:** Ms Abisola Adedigba

1545 - **Introduction of Guest of Honor:** Mr Godwin Atser

- **Presentation of bouquet of flowers**

1550 - **Commissioning and inspection of Building** (ribbon cutting)

1600 - **Address by Guest of Honor** - Dr Akinwumi Adesina, President, AfDB

1620 - **Appreciation for Special Guests:** Youth Agripreneurs

1625 - **Chairman's Remarks** H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo

1630 - **Interlude:** Traditional drumming and dancing - University of Ibadan Cultural Troupe

1645 - **Laying of foundation brick** for Tissue Culture Laboratory: Dr Akinwumi Adesina, Chief Audu Innocent Ogbah, and Dr Nteranya Sanginga

1700 - **Testimonies and Debate:** Agripreneurs

1815 - **Closing Remarks** by Guest of Honor – Dr Akinwumi Adesina

1830 - **Vote of Thanks:** Agripreneur

The Akinwumi A. Adesina Agripreneurs Building

Dr Adesina has staunchly promoted the cause of the African youth through mentoring, incubation, and other ways, especially strongly supporting the IITA Youth Agripreneurs (IYA) over the years.

Through his initiative 'Jobs for Youth in Africa', the African Development Bank—in collaboration with IITA—would be scaling out the IYA model of youth engagement in agribusiness to create over 8 million agribusiness jobs within 5 years for youth under a program called Empowering Novel Agribusiness-Led Employment for Youth in African Agriculture (ENABLE Youth).

Over \$1 billion would be used to support agribusiness enterprises and jobs for young women and men who have embraced agriculture as a

business and as an income-generating avenue for unemployed young people.

In appreciation of his continuous support and deep commitment to the cause of the youth, the IITA Board of Trustees, Management and Staff, and the IITA Agripreneurs are preserving Dr Adesina's legacy by naming the Youth Training Center at IITA Headquarters after him.

Using the building, the youth will train other African youth and together, they will unlock employment opportunities and "enable" the youth across the continent to drive Africa's development through agriculture.