

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 Nteranya Sanginga, Director General, IITA

0940 **Brief Anniversary Messages and Greetings** (3 min.)

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

- **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

1020 **Group Photo / Cutting of Cake / Coffee Break**

1100 **Brief Anniversary Messages and Greetings**, cont'd

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

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

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

- **Dr Périn Saint Ange**, Associate Vice President, IFAD

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

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

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

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

- **H.E. Mr Sadanobu Kusaoke**, Japanese Ambassador to Nigeria

Short musical interlude: IITA is 50!

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

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

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

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

1140 **Introduction of Guest of Honor:** Dr Kenton Dashiell, Deputy Director General

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

1210 **Response/ Appreciation of Guest Speaker:** Agripreneur

1215 **Parallel Events:**

- Invited dignitaries go on Visit to selected sites (by invitation)

- Launching of Anniversary Book(s), and Opening of Photo exhibition

1300 **Lunch Break**

1430 - 1530: **High Level / Ministerial Consultation**
(by invitation only)
Other guests to move by bus to the venue of the
Commissioning of the Akinwumi Adesina Agripreneurs
Building (Business Incubation Platform)



Commissioning of the Akin Adesina Agripreneurs Building

Chair: H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo

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

1530 - 1800

- **Welcome and Introduction**
- **Youth Agripreneur Presentations**
- **Introduction of Guest of Honor and Presentation of bouquet of flowers**
- **Address by Guest of Honor - Dr Akinwumi Adesina, President, AfDB**

- **Commissioning and inspection of Building**
- **Sod-cutting/Laying of foundation block:**
AfDB Tissue Culture Laboratory
- **Appreciation of Guest of Honor:** Agripreneur
- **Closing Remarks - Dr Akinwumi Adesina**
- **Closing Remarks - Chief Olusegun Obasanjo**
- **Vote of Thanks - Agripreneur**
- 1800 **Cocktail Reception (with live band)**

The Akin 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.