



Confederation of Indian Industry

## India - Africa Agriculture & Food Processing Summit 2021 “Promoting Sustainable Partnerships”

**14 – 15 September 2021, CII Digital Platform**

### **Draft Outline Programme**

#### **Day 1: Tuesday, 14 September**

**1400 - 1500 hrs                      Inaugural Session**

**1530 – 1645 hr                      Session I: Farm Mechanisation and Irrigation Solutions**

As per estimates, agriculture and agribusiness in Africa will grow to be a USD1 trillion industry in Africa by 2030. Usage of tractors, equipment and Implements coupled with innovative irrigation solutions will accelerate the farm production, reduce human intervention and allow Indian industry to share Adaptable, Affordable and Appropriate solutions suitable for African farming.

This session will explore potential areas of cooperation to promote mechanisation of agriculture in Africa, showcase successful partnership models and share experiences.

**1700 - 1815 hr                      Session II: Boosting Farm Productivity**

Africa has 60 % of the arable land but the continent produces only 10 % of the global output, much is due limited farm level productivity. With improved inputs, technical know-how, adequate training and skill-sets Africa could produce 2 to 3 times more cereals and grains than it currently produces, which would add 20 % more cereals and grains to the current worldwide 2.6 billion tons of output. The session will discuss challenges, opportunities of collaboration and successful case studies to improve farm level productivity.

#### **Day 2: Wednesday, 15 September**

**1400 – 1515 hr                      Session III: Food processing and logistics solutions**

Africa’s US\$ 313 billion food and beverage market is projected to reach US\$ 1 trillion by 2030 To meet the growing demand, it is critical to invest in strengthening market linkages and food processing industry. India can bring in technical know-how and latest solutions in food processing technologies, packaging and logistics solutions, cold chains which can reduce wastage of agriculture produce and increase farm level income.

Given this background, the panel discussion will focus on identifying scope of investment in value addition, opportunities for technology transfer and share best practices.

**1600 – 1715 hrs                      Session IV: Ecosystem to promote cooperation in Agri-business**

To promote cooperation between the regions it is important to create efficient linkages across the commodity value chain, offering end-to-end solutions to customers, growing sourcing base while adhering to quality and food safety standards. Besides this, its equally important to focus on basic infrastructure, contract farming, financing and strong trade policies to facilitate trade and investments.

The session will explore strategies to create a conducive environment to strengthen partnership-based approach between the two Regions.

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