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Time	Agenda item
14.00-15.00	Arrival and registration
15.00-16.00	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Desire Mutize Sibanda, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Macro-Economic Planning and Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe</p> <p>Opening Address - H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA: Message on behalf of Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under Secretary General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) • Ms. Carla Mucavi, Director of the FAO Liaison Office in New York: Message on behalf of Dr. José Graziano da Silva, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations • Mr. Paul Maseli, Director and Representative of UNIDO to the UN and other International Organizations: Message on behalf of Mr. LI Yong, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization • Mr. Lamin Manneh, Director (designate) of the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa (UNDP RSCA): Message on behalf of the Regional Director/Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa <p>Keynote Address: Hon. Dr. Obert M. Mpofu, Minister of Macro-Economic Planning and Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe</p>
16.00-17.30	<p>Plenary panel: Setting the stage</p> <p>Chair: H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. David Phiri, Coordinator, FAO Sub Regional Office for Southern Africa</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bart Minten, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI - Global food systems of the future: challenges and opportunities in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals • Dr. Bill Polidoro, President and CEO, ACDI/VOCA – New approach to public investment in agriculture and agro-industries development for sustainable and resilient food systems <p>Interactive plenary discussion</p>
17:30	Wrap up
17:30-18:30	Welcome reception

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Time	Agenda item
9.00-10.30	<p data-bbox="402 405 1432 470"><i>Plenary Panel I: Interlinkages between SDG 9 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i></p> <p data-bbox="402 491 1432 667">This session will highlight relevant challenges and opportunities related to agriculture and agro-industries development as a driver to achieving SDG9 (build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation) and realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in developing countries and countries in special situations.</p> <p data-bbox="402 688 1432 720">Chair: H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC</p> <p data-bbox="402 741 1432 806">Moderator: Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA</p> <p data-bbox="402 827 1432 858">Panelists:</p> <ul data-bbox="402 879 1432 1352" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="402 879 1432 945">• Dr. Amarakoon Bandara, Senior Economic Adviser, UNDP Zimbabwe – Achieving 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development <li data-bbox="402 966 1432 1102">• Mrs. Spiwe Nyamatore-Deputy Director, Enterprise Development Department-Zimbabwe’s Ministry of Industry and Commerce-A country perspective on agribusiness, agro-industries development and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development <li data-bbox="402 1123 1432 1230">• Dr. Augustin Wambo, Head of CAADP Programme Implementation and Coordination Division, NEPAD - Setting the Agriculture Transformation Component of the SDGs in Motion: Perspectives from CAADP <li data-bbox="402 1251 1432 1352">• Mr. Gerardo Pataconi, Acting Director, Department of Agri-Business Development, UNIDO - Agribusiness: value addition, job creation and global priorities to implement SDG9 <p data-bbox="402 1373 1432 1402">Interactive plenary discussion</p>
	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45-12.30	<p data-bbox="402 1476 1432 1541"><i>Plenary Panel II: New approaches and ideas on agriculture and agro-industry development for sustainable food systems</i></p> <p data-bbox="402 1562 1432 1772">Today’s challenges related to climate-change and inclusiveness urge us to go beyond traditional agriculture and agroindustry development approaches that often emphasized short-term economic impact over longer-term social and environmental impacts. More holistic approaches and integrated solutions implemented by a widening group of stakeholders are required. This session will highlight lessons learned and innovative new approaches from around the globe.</p> <p data-bbox="402 1793 1432 1824">Chair: H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC</p> <p data-bbox="402 1845 1432 1875">Moderator: Mr Jerome Afeikhena, FAO</p>

	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mark Fynn-CAADP Advisor - Rural Economy & Agriculture Department - African Union - Africa's experience • Dr. Oluyede Ajayi, Senior Programme Coordinator, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) – Innovative approaches to promote finance and inclusive access to climate resilient and sustainable food systems • Ms. Malala Rabenoro-Rakotomalala, SOAFIARY EURL, Madagascar -- Promoting the involvement of small holder farmers in the development of agribusiness • Mr. Eric Jallas, President ITK – Using innovative IT applications <p>Interactive plenary discussion</p>
12.30-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.30	<p>First breakout session</p> <p>Participants break into groups to discuss a particular issue and brainstorm on actionable proposals to address the issue.</p> <p>Group 1 – What steps are needed to build the momentum for a transformative agro-industrialization in developing countries? Where should efforts be focused?</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Neil Pierre, Chief, ECOSOC Policy Coordination Branch, DESA</p> <p>Group 2 – What role can be played by public-private partnerships for inclusive agro-industry development? What issues can they address most effectively?</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Amarakoon Bandara, Senior Economist, UNDP</p> <p>Group 3 - How can public sectors develop more demand-oriented and systemic approaches for facilitating innovation in food systems development through agro-industry and inclusive value chain development?</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. David Neven, Senior Economist, FAO</p>
15.30-15.45	Coffee break
15.45-17.15	<p>Plenary panel III: Leveraging public and private funding for an inclusive agriculture and agro-industry development</p> <p>A central challenge in agriculture and agro-industry development is securing the funding it requires. Public funding is limited while banks and private investors often either don't see the market potential in these sectors or find them too risky or unrewarding. Especially smaller actors (smallholder farmers, agribusiness SMEs) and specific population groups (youth, women) find access to finance and risk mitigation tools extremely challenging. This session will examine the current status and new trends related to access to finance and risk mitigation for inclusive agriculture and</p>

	<p>agro-industries development.</p> <p>Chair: H.E Ms. Marie Chatardova, Vice President of ECOSOC</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Gerald Masila - Executive Director- Eastern Africa Grains Council</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mark Rostal, Finance Expert, DAI – Value Chain Finance Experiences • Ms. Maria Kiwana Kiwanuka, Senior Presidential Advisor, Former Finance Minister of Uganda • Mr. Massimo Pera, Agricultural Finance Expert, FAO – Innovative tools and methodologies to overcome barriers in agribusiness financing • Ms. Esther Muiruri, General Manager, Marketing-Agri Business - Equity Bank, Kenya – Investment challenges: a perspective from the financial sector <p>Interactive plenary discussion</p>
17.15-17.45	<p><i>Reporting back from the break-out groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator Breakout Group 1: Mr. Neil Pierre • Moderator Breakout Group 2: Dr. Amarakoon Bandara • Moderator Breakout Group 3: Dr. David Neven
17.45	<i>Wrap up</i>

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Time	Agenda item
9.00-10.30	<p><i>Plenary panel IV: Innovative public sector approaches to agro-industry-driven sustainable food systems development</i></p> <p>The daunting challenges facing agriculture and agro-industries development in developing countries require strong political commitment and leadership of the public sector to create an enabling environment. This session aims to address how the public sector can develop more demand-oriented, systemic and innovative approaches to its critical role in designing and monitor policies and mechanisms for inclusive and sustainable agriculture and agro-industries development.</p> <p>Chair: H.E Ms. Marie Chatardova, Vice President of ECOSOC</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Edward Lorenz, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Julius Ecuru, The Bioresources Innovations Network - experiences with technological, institutional, and social innovations to foster inclusive value-chain development

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Capacity Development Division, UNECA - infrastructure and regional integration to benefit agro-industry and agro-enterprises • Mr. Johann Zueblin, Member of the Board of Directors, PRIME Agri Ltd- The PRIME Agribusiness; a Rural Commercialization Program for Small Holder Prosperity-a private-sector-led system approach for a sustainable rural economic development • Ms. Jodi Smith, CEO, Ranadi Plantation Partnership and Director, The Earth Care Agency <p>Interactive plenary discussion</p>
10.30-10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45-12.15	<p><i>Second breakout session</i></p> <p>Participants break into three groups to discuss a particular issue and brainstorm on actionable proposals to address the issue.</p> <p>Group 1 – What are the key opportunities for public sector/donor organizations to support more inclusive access to finance/risk mitigation in agro-industry development?</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Beatrice Pacunega Manano, Chief, Policy Analysis and Monitoring Branch, OSAA</p> <p>Group 2 – How can the business enabling environment be strengthened to facilitate a more inclusive agroindustry-based food systems development?</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Frank Hartwich, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO</p> <p>Group 3 – What are the challenges and opportunities in applying territorial approaches to inclusive agro-industry development (food parks, corridors, incubator platforms)?</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Rukia Shamte, Former Executive Secretary, Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency of Tanzania</p>
12.15-13.45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13.45-14.15	<p><i>Reporting back from the break-out groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator Breakout Group 1: Ms. Beatrice Pacunega Manano • Moderator Breakout Group 2: Mr. Frank Hartwich • Moderator Breakout Group 3: Ms. Rukia Shamte

14.15-15:45	<p><i>Special Plenary Panel: Programme frameworks for agribusiness and agro-industry development and ways forward</i></p> <p>The special plenary session will focus on broad frameworks under which many of the issues on agriculture and agro-industry development that were discussed earlier can be brought together. These vary from conceptual frameworks such as FAO's sustainable food value chain framework over applied programmes such as the UNIDO-led Accelerated Agribusiness and Agro-Industries Development Initiative (3ADI) to collaborative network programmes, such as the African Agribusiness Incubator Network or the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. The session will focus on ways and means forward on programme frameworks for inclusive agribusiness and agro-industry development in developing countries and countries in special situations.</p> <p>Chair: H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (TBC)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. David Neven, Senior Economist, FAO - Developing agribusiness and agro-industries through sustainable food value chain development • Ms. Mary Njeri, Director of Youth and Women engagement in agribusiness trade and investment-African Agribusiness Incubator Network - New approach to promoting agricultural innovation and improving agribusiness opportunities • Mr. Frank Hartwich, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO – New trends in agro-industrialization and perspectives beyond 3ADI <p>Interactive plenary discussion</p>
15.45-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00-16.30	<p><i>Review of conclusions of Global Expert Meeting and recommendations for ECOSOC special meeting in New York</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Carla Mucavi, Director, FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations <p>Mr. Paul Maseli, Director and Representative of UNIDO to the UN and other International Organizations</p>
16.30-16.45	<i>Closing Remarks</i> - H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC