



INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR

**Strengthening the Resilience of Farming Systems: Land,
Digital Transformation and Access to Finance – Making Small
Holder Farmers the Back Bones**

11 May 2022

9:00am-10:30am (EST)

Zoom

Led by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,
United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the African Union



9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Opening Segment

- Welcoming Remarks, **Ms. Cristina Duarte**, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa
 - Opening Remarks, **Mr. QU Dongyu**, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 - **Setting the Stage, Ms. Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
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9:15 AM - 9:40 AM

Panel Discussion

- **Honourable Josephine Lagu Yanga**, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, South Sudan
 - **Dr. Simplicie Nouala Fonkou**, Head of Agriculture and Food Security Division, Agriculture and Rural Development, AUC-DARBE
 - **Ms. Beatrice Gakuba**, Executive Director, Africa Women Agribusiness Network (AWAN AFRIKA)
 - **Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo**, Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
 - **Dr. Abdoulaye Mohamadou**, Executive Secretary Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)
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9:40 AM - 10:10 AM

Interactive Discussion with the Panelists

10:10 AM - 10:20 AM

Questions from the audience

10:20 AM - 10:25 AM

Moderator thanks the audience and sums up the discussion

10:25 AM - 10:30 AM

Closing Remarks

- **Ms. Maria Helena M.Q. Semedo**, Deputy Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

MODERATOR: Ms. Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations