

Monday, June 12, 2023

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8:30 AM	Welcome Remarks and Introduction – Anita Campion (Connexus Corporation) Teele Auditorium		
9:00 AM	Keynote: Aceli Africa's Market Incentives to Catalyze Agri-SME Lending – Brian Milder and Andrew Ahiaku (Aceli Africa) Teele Auditorium		
10:00 AM	Coffee & Networking Lobby		
10:15 AM	Reducing risks associated with rural and agricultural investments	Using subsidies and blending commercial capital to achieve development impacts	Integrating underserved populations into commercial markets
	The Art of the Pivot: Investing in Chaotic Times – Kseniya Sydorkina, Sami Khairallah, Jebiwot Sumbeiywo and Jean-Michel Voisard (Chemonics International) Teele Auditorium	Crossfire: A Debate Between SME Investment and Direct Smallholder Development – Tim Strong and Simona Haiduc (Opportunity International), Max Mattern (CGAP), and Andrew Ahiaku (Aceli Africa) Room 216 B/C	Making Markets Work for the Marginalized: Lessons from Uganda and DRC – Beatrice Okware, Marcel Nibasumba, and Alexandra Blumenstock (Mercy Corps) Room 216 A
11:45 AM	Lunch Rapid Fire Presentations: Chemonics' Colombia Inclusion Study (Chemonics International) & Accelerating early-stage agri-business growth and investment-readiness through local technical assistance (Tetra Tech) Lobby Teele Auditorium		
1:00 PM	The Important Role Agtechs Play in Reducing Risk of Agricultural Investments – Paul Newall and Christine McClung (ACDI/VOCA), Valentina Echeverry and Geoffrey Chalmers (AV Ventures) Room 216 A	Reducing Risk through Blended Finance, Partnerships and Digital Technologies – Vera Ebhohon (Sterling Bank), Adetoro Akindede (Thrive Agric) and Esther Aina (Connexus Corporation) Teele Auditorium	Women-Inclusive Return on Investment (WI-ROI): An Evidence Based Tool from Feed the Future – Erin Markel and Annet Namunane (MarketShare Associates) and Kristin O'Planick (USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security) Room 216 B/C
2:30 PM	Coffee & Networking Lobby		
2:45 PM	Bundling Micro-insurance Products across Africa – Rahel Diro and Yohana Tesfamariam Tekeste (TetraTech), and Ousmane Thiongane (Union des Institutions Mutualistes Communautaires d'Epargne et de Crédit [U-IMCEC]) Room 216 B/C	Community Climate Finance in Egypt – Walid Sallam, Ayman Shelaby, Nicole Goldin, and Andrew Keck (Abt Associates) and Soheir A. Sayed (Center of Egyptian Family Development Foundation) Room 216 A	How Digitized Value Chains Contribute to Financial Inclusion of Smallholder Farmers – Panos Loukos and Lisa Chassin (GSMA) Teele Auditorium
4:15 PM	Coffee & Networking Lobby		
4:30 PM	Speed Networking – Abigail Pioch (Connexus Corporation) Teele Auditorium		
5:30 PM	Day 1 Wrap-Up – Rashmi Ekka (Connexus Corporation) Teele Auditorium		

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8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Welcome Remarks – Todd Crosby (Connexus Corporation) Teele Auditorium		
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Plenary: Investing in Resilience: How Climate Finance Can Drive Change – Randy Kurtz, Mark Castellino, and Tim Strong (Opportunity International), Joana Veltri (IFAD), Nadia Scharen-Guivel (DFC), and Abishkar Shrestha (Visa) Teele Auditorium		
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Coffee & Networking Lobby		
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Reducing risks associated with rural and agricultural investments	Using subsidies and blending commercial capital to achieve development impacts	Integrating underserved populations into commercial markets
	Capacity Building Techniques to Reduce Risk – Anita Campion, John Berry and Abigail Pioch (Connexus Corporation) Room 216 A	A Portfolio Approach to Blended Finance – Judy Odongo and Irene Mue (RTI International) Room 216 B/C	Building Agri-Food Market Systems by De-Risking Investments for Women – Lindsay Wallace (MEDA) and Leonor Gutierrez (Root Capital) Teele Auditorium
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch & Networking Lobby		
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Facilitating digital Resilience Finance for Agribusinesses – Marise Blom (SCOPEInsight) and Hannes Gräf (YAPU Solutions) Room 216 B/C	Technical Assistance Catalyzes Inclusive Agricultural Investment – Kindra Halvorson and Melanie Machingawuta (Technoserve), Judith Munyurwa (Zebu Investment Partners), Andrew Shaw (FMO) and Sarah Marchand (BII) Teele Auditorium	Credit Unions Serving the Underserved in Crisis Response – Angelina Tracy, Ewa Sierzynska and Herpin Jateng (WOCCU) Room 216 A
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Coffee & Networking Lobby		
2:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Lessons Learnt in Developing Crop Insurance at Scale Across Africa – Rose Goslinga (Pula Advisors) Room 216 B/C	Creating Shared Value through Blended Equity Investment – Beth Collins and Marilyn Chottah (Catholic Relief Services), Gary Vaughan-Smith (SilverStreet Capital), Georgina Mbawala (Caritas Songea) and Frank Kileo (ZamSeed) Teele Auditorium	Investments in Latin American Agribusiness: Lessons Learned from the Isidro Fund – Sarah Forcino and Daniel McQuillan (Catholic Relief Services), and Teddy Ruiz (Cacao Verapaz) Room 216 A
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Coffee & Networking Lobby		
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Plenary: The Role of Green Finance in International Development – Anne Spahr (USAID Climate Finance for Development Accelerator, implemented by Chemonics International), Chris Adamo (Danone North America), Sashi Jayatileke (USAID's Center for Energy, Environment, and Infrastructure) Teele Auditorium		
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Closing Remarks – John Berry, Senior Project Director, Connexus Corporation Teele Auditorium		