



*Official COP27 Side-Event Hosted by the BKMC, FAO, CGIAR and Fairtrade International*

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## **Official COP27 Side Event:**

### **Accelerating Climate Adaptation in Agriculture – A Youth Perspective**

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*14 November 2022 | 15:00-16:30 (UTC+2)*

*Location: BlueZone, Room 1, Akhenaten @ Sharm el-Sheikh International Convention Center*

#### **Speaker Briefing**

#### **Background**

Hosted jointly by the Ban Ki-moon for Global Citizens (BKMC), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), CGIAR, and Fairtrade International, high-level representatives from the Global North and South will be brought together with young grassroots representatives from the world of smallholder farming in Africa. This multistakeholder dialogue seeks to bring together the different perspectives on agricultural adaptation to climate change to discuss approaches to instil resilience led by the youth in smallholder agricultural communities on the frontline of climate change.

Smallholder farmers provide up to [80% of food](#) for their communities in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, outlining their importance to the food security of their countries. Alongside this, they are also facing ever changing climatic conditions, requiring investments in technology associated with climate smart technology to adapt to the new reality. With record-breaking droughts seen in the Horn of Africa this year just to name one example, the prevalence of this topic has never been greater in helping prevent hunger across the African continent and beyond. The global community does not only need to tackle the immediate impacts but take a proactive stance in scaling up adaptation technologies and investing in further innovations.

The BKMC's Youth Agri Champions Demand Paper will be presented at the side-event, forming the basis of discussions. This was produced over a course of several BKMC-hosted workshops by 11 young smallholder farmers and agripreneurs from Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda and Zambia. This demand paper focuses on their needs in order to support agricultural adaptation to climate change in their communities. Founded on these on-the-ground demands, financial, capacity-related and training aspects will be addressed with respect to driving uptake and progress on climate adaptation measures. It is becoming ever more crucial to integrate the youth perspective in order to allow resources to be best mobilised to tackle the climate challenges faced in the field of smallholder agriculture.

#### **Objective**

The aim is to create allow for exchange to enable stakeholders to constructively consider the demands of young agricultural stakeholders. It is foreseen that discussions will also take place on climate change's direct impacts on young agricultural actors and accelerating climate adaptation to support young smallholder agriculture farmers in continuing their work and provide for their communities in face of the global climate crisis. The event shall reach a broad audience including COP27 delegates, international organisations and civil society.

#### **Time, Date Target Audience**

The 1.5 hr side-event takes place on 14th November 2022 between 15:00-16:30 (UTC+2) in Sharm el-Sheikh. The event will be broadcasted live via the official UNFCCC channel & Youtube from the Sharm el-Sheikh International Convention Center.



## Agenda [preliminary – speakers to be confirmed]

Time [CET]	Segment	Speakers	Format
15:00 (3 min)	Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katrin Harvey, BKMC COO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-Person</li> </ul>
15:03 (5 min)	HL welcoming remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SG Ban Ki-moon, Former Secretary General of the UN and BKMC Co-Chair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Video</li> </ul>
15:08 (12 min)	Opening Statements [3min pP]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister Collins Nzovu, Zambia (tbc)</li> <li>Minister Mariam Almheiri, UAE (tbc)</li> <li>Maria Helena Semedo, FAO Deputy Director-General</li> <li>Azeez Salawu OR Richard Kachungu, BKMC 2022 Agri-Youth Champion (tbc)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-person</li> <li>Video</li> <li>In-person</li> <li>In-person</li> </ul>
15:20 (60 min)	Panel Discussion <i>[Tentative discussion flow &amp; guiding questions please find below]</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator: Sophie Aujean, Fairtrade International Director of Global Advocacy (Guided discussion between panellists)</li> <li>Minister Svenja Schulze, Germany (tbc)</li> <li>Minister Collins Nzovu, Zambia (tbc)</li> <li>Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist FAO (tbc)</li> <li>Deborah Osei-Mensah, Fairtrade Africa Youth Convention West Africa</li> <li>Azeez Salawu, Community Action for Food Security and BKMC 2022 Youth Agri Champion</li> <li>Richard Kachungu, Young Emerging Farmers Initiative and BKMC 2022 Youth Agri Champion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-Person</li> </ul>
16:20 (5 min)	Wrap-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katrin Harvey, BKMC COO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-Person</li> </ul>
16:25 (5 min)	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Claudia Sadoff, CGIAR Executive Managing Director</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-Person</li> </ul>
16:30	End of Event		