

Invitation

FINAS 2026 Summit Agroecology Session invites governments, investors, development partners, innovators, scientists, grassroots organizations, and food systems actors to participate in this transformative side event and accompanying Agroecology Pavilion. This ushers in Africa to its advancement toward investment-ready, regenerative, and territorially anchored food systems transformation.

Why participate in this session...

Africa's food systems are increasingly confronted by interconnected crises of climate vulnerability, soil degradation, biodiversity loss, nutrition insecurity, and fragmented financing systems. While agroecology has emerged globally as a credible pathway for restoring ecological integrity and strengthening resilient food systems, financing systems capable of supporting agroecological transitions at scale remain weak, fragmented, and poorly coordinated.

The FINAS 2026 session on **Transformational Agroecology Financing: Scaling Territorial Food Systems into Continental Investment Architectures**, seeks to reposition agroecology from a peripheral sustainability discussion into a central pillar of Africa's food systems financial architecture. Anchored on the emerging Global Agroecology Lighthouse in Murang'a County, Kenya, the session will demonstrate how policy, nutrition-anchored demand systems, digital infrastructure, science, traceability, governance, and blended finance can be aligned into coherent, investment-ready territorial systems capable of scaling from local implementation into continental investment pathways.

This session therefore explores how Africa can move from fragmented agroecology projects to coordinated financing systems that transform territorial food systems into investable economic opportunities.

Session Title: Transformational Agroecology Financing: Scaling Territorial Food Systems into Continental Investment Architectures

Segment	Presentation	Presenter(s)	Organization	Time
i	Opening Reflections	Betty Kibaara	Rockefeller Foundation	5 mins
ii	ABF Matching Grant Facility: Practical Lessons for Financing Investable Agroecological Systems	Dr. Bernard Agbo; Hudson Aluvanze	GIZ Ghana / Agribusiness Facility for Africa (ABF), AUDA-NEPAD	20 mins
iii	Regenerative School Meals: From Theory to Action	Rosinah Mbenya	PELUM Kenya	10 mins
iv	FarmerChat: Scaling AI-Driven Agricultural Advice for Smallholder Farmers	Alex Mwaura	Digital Green	10 mins
v	Coordinating Capital and De-risking Agroecological Transitions: Global Perspectives	Francis Shivonje	Biovision Foundation	15 mins
vi	Launch of the Global Agroecology Forum Compact	H.E. Dr. Irungu Kang'ata, Governor	Murang'a County Government	10 mins
vii	Discussion / Q&A	Moderator-led	Rockefeller Foundation	15 mins

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viii	Closing Reflections	Jared Ochieng	FSD Kenya	5 mins

Exhibition

An accompanying **Agroecology Pavilion** will provide a practical demonstration platform showcasing institutions, innovations, and territorial systems advancing regenerative food systems transformation aligned with the 13 Agroecology Principles and GODAN's 6Ps of People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, Partnerships, and Participation.

The Pavilion demonstrations will include:

Territorial Systems, Governance and Investment Readiness

Murang'a County Government together with GODAN will showcase TRUST-governed Digital Public Infrastructure, traceability systems, FoodFarmacies, FarmHubs, and investment readiness pathways linking agroecology, territorial coordination, and blended finance systems.

Demand-Led Regenerative Food Systems

Rockefeller Foundation with its implementation partners PELUM and KOAN will demonstrate regenerative school meals, nutrition-linked procurement systems, and demand-driven financing pathways supporting agroecological production systems.

Science, Policy and Ecological Transition Systems

Biovision Foundation will make a case for: Making Finance Coordination and Derisking Work for Agroecology.

Digital and AI-Enabled Agroecology Systems

Digital Green and Ycenter Shambah Solutions Limited (Ycenter SSL) will demonstrate AI-enabled extension systems, digital soil intelligence technologies, and scalable regenerative advisory systems supporting agroecological transformation.

Grassroots Agroecology Partnerships

BIBA Kenya will showcase its agroecology agenda across six Kenyan counties, focusing on food sovereignty, phasing out Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs), preserving indigenous seeds, and integrating climate resilience into national and county-level policies.

Collectively, the session and pavilion will demonstrate how agroecology is evolving from fragmented sustainability projects into coordinated, investable transformation systems capable of shaping Africa's future food systems architecture.