SAHEL CHANGEMAKERS CONFERENCE 2026

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ALIGNING For IMPACT

Building Collaborative Architecture for
Food and Health Systems Transformation

Brochure

5TH November



Background

Nigeria's agriculture sector is the backbone of livelihoods for most of the country's 200 million people, yet it sits within a paradox: it is one of the most invested-in and, at the same time, one of the most under-coordinated spaces in Nigeria's development landscape. The binding constraint is not a shortage of programmes or funding, but a broken coordination architecture – the absence of coherent interaction between government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, development partners, and private sector actors operating across the same value chains.

The scale of the challenge underscores the point. The Malabo Montpellier Panel estimates that Africa needs $77 billion annually to achieve food systems transformation, a figure that only makes sense if actors work together rather than in parallel. What is missing is an agreed architecture: shared frameworks, coordinated mandates, aligned data systems, and governance structures that hold actors accountable across institutional boundaries.

The 2026 Sahel Food Systems Changemakers Conference, themed Aligning for Impact: Building Collaborative Architecture for Food Systems Transformation, builds directly on the 2025 theme, Designing for Legacy, by asking the follow-on question: what collective infrastructure is required to sustain that legacy? The answer rests on two interconnected imperatives – institutions that are empowered to lead, and a shared roadmap that aligns stakeholders around measurable progress. Drawing on four years of convening Nigeria's most senior food systems actors, the 2026 edition moves from diagnosing the problem to designing the solution: the governance frameworks, digital coordination tools, and structured partnerships that make lasting transformation possible.

Discussions are anchored in two pillars. Enabling Institutions to Own the Agenda uses the Food Systems Dashboard to map where coordination breaks down, cement accountability, and produce a shared framework with clear entry points for partners and coordinated investment. Harnessing Data for Sector-Wide Coordination asks how Nigeria's national tools – the Dashboard, the NiMet MapRoom, and a growing layer of private farmer-level data – can be connected, institutionalised, and permanently governed rather than left siloed and underutilised.



Objectives

The 2026 conference is designed to produce tangible outputs. By its close, participants will have:

Reviewed and validated Nigeria's national digital coordination tools – including the Food Systems Dashboard, the NiMet Map Room, and sector-level data platforms – producing a stakeholder-endorsed strengthening agenda and a shared action log for follow-through.

Agreed on a set of institutional empowerment priorities – specific policy, financing, and accountability actions to be championed in the twelve months following the conference.

Produced a widely distributed Conference Report that synthesises evidence, commitments, and the pathway forward, serving as a reference document for sector planning and donor programming.

Strengthened the networks and relationships that make sustained coordination possible across government, development finance, private sector, and civil society.

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Conference Agenda

Time	Session
09:00 - 09:30	Arrival, Registration, Tea and Exhibition
09:30 - 10:00	**Media Dialogue:** Building Nigeria's Food System Architecture: The Role of Media in Driving Accountability, Evidence and Public Action **Ntiedo Ekott** — Project Officer, Agric, *CJID - Moderator* **Abdulkareem Mojeed** — Senior Reporter, *Premium Times* **Israel Boboye** — Senior Project Officer Monitoring and Evaluation, *CJID* **Perpetua Ngozi Okafor** — Portfolio Manager, *Environmental and Social Safeguards*
10:00 - 10:10	National Anthem and Introductions – MC
10:10 - 10:15	**Welcome Address** — **Temitope Adegoroye**, Managing Partner, *Sahel Consulting*
10:15 - 10:25	**Goodwill Messeges** — **Dr Karin Jansen**, Head of Development Cooperation, *German Embassy*; **Dr Markus Wagner**, Country Director, *German Development Cooperation*
10:25 - 10:35	**Executive Chair's Address** — Coordinating Across Sectors: Food, Health and Nutrition as One Agenda — **Ndidi Nwuneli**, Executive Board Chair, *Sahel Consulting*
10:35 - 10:50	**Ministerial Address** — **Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu**, Minister of Budget and Economic Planning
10:50 - 11:15	**Regional Panel** — Aligned for Impact: The Architecture of Collective Action **Aisha Hadejia** — Partner, *Sahel Consulting Moderator* **Carla Denizard** — Regional Leader, *World Vision West Africa* **Patrick Tognisso** — Founder, *Gevity* **Dr Shachi Gurumayum** — Director, *AgriMayum GmbH* **Clinton White** — CEO, *Consular Global Solutions*
11:15 - 11:35	**Group Photographs and Exhibition Tour**

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11:35 - 11:55	**Evidence Session** Nigeria's Coordination Tools Today **Miracle Owolawi** Policy and Advocacy Associate *Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)*
11:55 - 12:35	**Panel Session** Aligned for Impact: The Architecture of Collective Action **Temi Adegoroye** Managing Partner *Sahel Consulting* *Moderator* **Joyce Akpata** Head of Policy and Advocacy *Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)* **Mr. Uko Ekott** Country Representative, *Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)* **Maxwell Olitsa** Country Project Manager, *Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)*
12:35 - 14:15	**Breakout Sessions** A. From Projects to Platforms: Resourcing and Accountability for Collective Action – GIZ B. The Food Systems Dashboard Audit: Building a Connected National Data Backbone – GAIN and NiMet (tentative) C. Accountability from Below: Community Voice in the Coordination Architecture – CAFOD
14:15 - 14:30	Return to Plenary and Finalisation of Breakout Outputs
14:30 - 15:15	**Commitment Plenary** What We Agreed, Who Will Do It, and By When - Commitments captured live in the SCC 2026 Commitments Register. *Moderator* **Master of Ceremonies** *Speakers* **Breakout Session Representatives**
15:15 - 15:30	**Closing Remarks and Next Steps** **Meyakno Ekong** Consultant *Sahel Consulting*
15:30	**Lunch, Networking and Departure**