



Supporting the development of Uganda's 2nd *National Strategy for Private Sector Development (2020/21 - 2024/25)* through economic research

Session: Agriculture & Agro-industrialization

21st of October 2020; 2.30 pm – 4.15 pm

Zoom link: <https://rb.gy/jkftol>

Time	Session/title	Speakers
2.30 – 2.35 pm	Opening remarks by the chair	Moses Kaggwa (Director Economic Affairs, MoFPED)
2.35 – 3.35 pm: Presentations		
2.35 – 2.50 pm	<i>Agro-industrialisation in Uganda: Current status, future prospects and possible solutions to pressing challenges</i>	Martin Fowler (USAID) and Jakob Rauschendorfer (IGC Uganda)
2.50 – 2.55 pm	Response: Private sector	John Magnay (Independent entrepreneur in agriculture)
2.55 – 3.10 pm	<i>Building agricultural market linkages</i>	Lauren Falcao Bergquist (University of Michigan)
3.10 – 3.15 pm	Response: Government of Uganda	Ms. Justine Ayebare (Senior economist, MoFPED)
3.15 – 3.30 pm	<i>Uganda's coffee sector: raising quality for exports and growth</i>	Ameet Morjaria (Northwestern University)
3.30 – 3.35 pm	Response: Private sector	Joseph Nkandu (Executive Director, NUCAFE)
3.35 – 4.15: Discussion and summary of recommendations		
3.35 – 4.00 pm	Q&A and discussion	Moderated by the chair
4.00 – 4.10 pm	Summary of recommendations	Dr. John Bosco Oryema (Private Sector Development Unit, MoFPED)
4.10 – 4.15 pm	Closing remarks by the chair	Moses Kaggwa (Director Economic Affairs, MoFPED)

Abstracts of presentations

Martin Fowler & Jakob Rauschendorfer: *Agro-industrialisation in Uganda: Current status, future prospects and possible solutions to pressing challenges.*

Abstract: *This presentation provides a review of agro-industrialisation in Uganda, with a focus on assessing key components of national plans to harness it for inclusive growth. The analysis suggests that plans for agro-industrialisation in Uganda are at risk of being undermined by lack of policy coordination, an ineffective enabling environment, significant underutilisation of agro-processing units and a lack of agricultural statistics which hamper government and private sector planning in the sector.*

Lauren Falcao Bergquist: *Building agricultural market linkages.*

Abstract: *This presentation will discuss recent evidence on how to improve agricultural performance in Uganda leveraging insights from a large-scale research project concerned with studying the potential for mobile-phone based market platforms in overcoming search constraints in Ugandan agricultural markets. The study suggests that wider availability of price information could have an impact on trader's profits and farmer's revenues.*

Ameet Morjaria: *Uganda's coffee sector: raising quality for exports and growth.*

Abstract: *Uganda's coffee sector appears to have been relatively resilient to the COVID-19 crisis to date: Coffee export quantities and values have remained consistently higher than in previous years. This presentation will look beyond COVID-19 and consider ways through which Uganda can raise the quality of her coffee exports to boost export success and growth. This will also include a discussion of the National Coffee Bill, 2018.*