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DAY 1 – Tuesday, 6 th March	
7:30-8:15	Early-bird Breakfast Meeting <i>Invitation only to the most exclusive session of the event</i>
8:00	Registration & Exhibition Opens <i>Start your day in the event hotel with tea, coffee and pastries</i>
9:00	Welcome <i>Christos Apostolou, Event and Programme Director, AIDF</i>
9:05	Opening Keynote Address
9:15	Morning Discussion: Thinking big: Scaling up smart farms <i>Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) is predominantly rain-fed, and erratic weather patterns and extreme weather events, exacerbated by the changing climate, adds to the challenges faced by smallholder farmers in producing enough food to feed the ever growing population of the region. While the farming communities are responding to these challenges, there is an intensive need for scaling-up adoption of appropriate interventions that can help increase crop yields and resilience to climate change.</i>
10:05	Innovation Spotlight
10:10	Presentation: Research and capacity building in climate smart agriculture
10:40	Discussion: Sharing Innovation: The long road to enriching farmer's livelihoods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserving soil and water through agroforestry • Sharing better climate information • Introducing intercrop innovation • Other novel approaches • Challenges faced – is local engagement the answer? • How to ensure sustainability of innovation
11:30	Morning Break
12:00	Minority report: Inadequate empowerment of women and youth <i>Women contribute significantly to food production in Africa, yet remain marginalized and lack access to factors of production. Gender stereotypes on such issues as land and water rights, education, access to technologies, labour, capital, support services and credit, are some of the stumbling blocks to women's effective participation in the agricultural sector. Overlooking women means Africa is losing out on a great income and livelihood creating opportunity.</i>
12.40	Innovation Spotlight
12.45	Networking Lunch <i>Meet your peers and new contacts relevant to your work by choosing a themed lunch table. This will not be a moderated session, but rather an opportunity meeting like-minded participants and enjoy an interesting conversation over lunch.</i>
14.00	Innovative finance: Lack of adequate investment <i>Increasing climate adaptation and resilience of agriculture requires investments in infrastructure at different scales, from regional to national to river basin and farm level. In order to adopt climate-smart agricultural practices, smallholder farmers need access to sufficient and adequate finance and skills to rightly use finance.</i> <i>This session looks at how tailored financial products and services in combination with competence building can support smallholder farmers and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to invest in CSA practices and businesses.</i>
14:50	Innovation Spotlight

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14:55	A view from above: Inadequate coordinated, supportive and enabling policy frameworks <i>Implementing CSA requires the development of supportive policies and frameworks, as well as coordination across programs and institutions responsible for agriculture, climate change, food security, land use, water management and energy generation to avoid inconsistencies and promote harmonization of efforts. Existing policy frameworks, whose formulation were not informed by the need or demand for CSA, have presented compatibility challenges</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on a local level - Working on a national and regional level - Challenges faced and how to overcome them
15:40	Refreshment Break
16:10	The One with the Water: Water Smart Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Management for Commercial Climate-Smart Agriculture • Improving Water Productivity for Climate Smart Agriculture
16:55	Panel: Global Climate-Smart Agriculture: A comparative view <i>In this panel several countries are sharing new experiences on how to produce food in ways that help farmers cope with the impacts of climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in agriculture.</i>
17:45	Closing Keynote
18:00 - 19:30	Network Drinks Reception

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 7 th March	
7:30- 8:15	Early-bird Breakfast Meeting <i>Invitation only to the most exclusive session of the event</i>
8:00	Registration & Exhibition Opens <i>Start your day in the event hotel with tea, coffee and pastries</i>
9:00	Welcome <i>Christos Apostolou, Event and Programme Director, AIDF</i>
9:10	Opening Keynote Address
9:25	Morning Discussion: Combined powers: Why partnerships are become more and more important in climate smart agriculture <i>Partnership is a critical step to achieve a systematic change in how to address the challenge of providing food security and improving livelihoods in the face of climate change. Through working together, Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) can be moved to the next level. The partners need to identify common goals and foster new working partnerships that can deliver systemic change on the ground, advance research and adapt new practices and technologies.</i>
10:25	Innovation Spotlight
10:30	Morning Break
11:10	Why reliable climate and weather data is key to Africa's agricultural transformation <i>Timely and appropriate climate and weather information plays a critical role in development, helping to better manage climate risks and maximise opportunities. This is particularly the case for Africa's agriculture.</i>
11:55	Innovation Spotlight

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12:00	<p>The power of agricultural intelligence and big data <i>Intelligence could be used to help farmers make informed decisions about their farming practices. Using the data collected to give farm level insights and to benefit rural economies</i></p>
12:35	Innovation Spotlight
12.40	<p>Agriculture, Africa's Quiet Revolution: Insurance and Ensurance <i>Insurance services reduce vulnerability in case of shock by providing quick access to liquidity and increasing initiatives to invest in agriculture. However, farmers need to double up their efforts in ensuring quality for better insurance payouts. Nevertheless, the environmental shocks are very unpredictable, making insurance premiums exorbitantly high. Meanwhile, if governments step up to provide long-term solutions such as investments in data (weather, yield), risk financing arrangements and enabling legal environment, there is room for insurance growth.</i></p>
13.15	<p>Networking Lunch <i>Meet your peers and new contacts relevant to your work by choosing a themed lunch table. This will not be a moderated session, but rather an opportunity meeting like-minded participants and enjoy an interesting conversation over lunch.</i></p>
14:30	Innovator of the Year Award
14:45	<p>Changing the face of farming: Moving on from Precision Agriculture to Decision Agriculture <i>The real potential in intelligent devices is in how it decentralizes scale to make efficient farming practices and higher productivity available for a farmer of smaller scale. Drones are replacing larger airplanes for crop dusting and satellites for imaging and Robots as a Service using machine learning and AI are replacing larger tractors. This era will be a game changer.</i></p>
15:30	<p>Closing Keynote <i>What exactly is CSA? Is it merely no till, drip irrigation and water saving or is there more?</i></p>
15:45	End of Summit