



United Nations Economic Commission for Africa



African Continental Free Trade Area and fiscal
space for jobs and economic diversification

Fifty-first session of the Commission

Agriculture Powering Africa's Economic Transformation¹

CR5, UNCC, Addis Ababa

13 May 2018

Provisional Seminar Programme

10:50am – 11:00am: Arrival and Registration of Participants

11:00am – 11:10am: Opening Session Statements

- *Welcome Remarks by ECA Executive Secretary*
- *Opening Remarks by ACET President*

11:10am – 11:30am: A presentation of the Agricultural Transformation Report

11:30am – 12:00 noon: High-Level Panel Discussion

- *H.E. Shifaraw Shigute, Minister of Agriculture & Livestock, Ethiopia: Country policy perspective (tbc)*
- *H.E. Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, AU: Continental perspectives*
- *Mr. David Phiri, Sub-Regional Coordinator for Eastern Africa and Representative to the AU and the ECA: Regional dimension and reality on ground*
- *Mr. Khalid Bomba, Chief Executive Officer, Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency: How to achieve transformation on ground?*
- *Mr. Faycal Benameur, Senior Vice President East Africa, OCP Group: Observations from the field*
- *Ms. Rahel Beyene, Managing Director, EthioGreen Production & Industry PLC, Ethiopia: Can agro-processing and export accelerate agricultural transformation? Evidence from Ethiopia*

12:00 noon – 12:25pm:

Plenary discussion (Q&A)

12:25pm – 12:30pm: Way Forward and Conclusion

- *Closing Remarks by ACET President*
- *Final Remarks by ECA Executive Secretary*

¹ The African Center for Economic Transformation's second African Transformation Report.