



AGRF 2016 – CLOSING BRIEF REPORT

Day 5 - Friday, September 9

13:00pm- 13:30pm

Plenary 4

Closing Ceremony

SESSION BRIEF

Context: As AGRF 2016 draws to a close, the focus of all must be to take up the mantle and accept the charge - to do what one can in his/ her capacity and within his/ her institution to work to move Africa's agricultural transformation process forward. Where possible, AGRF seeks to create a platform for collaboration and accountability toward this end and will continue to highlight and promote good practice, assist in the scaling up of successful models, support research, technology and product development, and innovation and to help mobilize and showcase resources for agricultural development on the continent – particularly driven by today's smallholder family farmers.

Session Objectives: The session object was to bring AGRF 2016 to a close with a recap of highlights of the week, presentation of the Communique of the Forum with acknowledgement and thank-you s extended to all stakeholders, partners, sponsors and delegates for making AGRF 2016 a success'

Key Issues/ Questions:

- What are the key takeaways from AGRF 2016?
- How can we individually and collectively work to help deliver the Malabo Commitments and to bring about agricultural transformation in Africa – toward achievement of the continent's Green Revolution?

Outcome Desired:

- Share communique with stakeholders
- Thank all who helped make AGRF a success
- Secure a collective pledge by all to help work toward Africa's agriculture transformation

Organizers: AGRF Secretariat



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Name	Picture	Discussion
Mr. Boaz Keizire, Head of Policy & Advocacy, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa Role: Setting the Stage		Mr. Boaz Keizire of AGRA opened the final session of AGRF 2016, the Closing Ceremony by advising that the Conference Communique would be disseminated electronically on the conference website. He announced the fact that AGRF 2017 would be held in Cote d'Ivoire and then he called on the final two speakers of the event, Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA and Hon. Willy Bett, Cabinet Secretary, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA Role: Closing Address		Dr. Kalibata began her closing remarks by again thanking the Presidents of Kenya and Rwanda for attending, and then thanking the partners, the speakers and other organizers of the event, and all of the AGRF attendees. “Thank you very much for coming to the AGRF, thank you very much for the discussions” She concluded.
Hon. Willy Bett – Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Role: Closing Address		Hon. Bett also gave a short closing speech, thanking all of the delegates for participating in AGRF as Kenya was pleased to host the event. He then ended his remarks by saying that: “There is no other moment but this moment to seize the moment, let us agree that an agricultural transformation becomes part our agenda and let us be held accountable for the commitments we have made. And let us move forward with an understanding of how we intend to seize the moment, we should stop talking and let us just go and do it!”