



## **Can Africa rise to the challenge of feeding itself in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?** *Experts from the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa weigh in*

Plagued by conflict, political upheaval, and extreme weather, Africa continues to be the region with the highest prevalence of food insecurity. As Africa's population is estimated to hit 2 billion by 2050, the need for an agricultural transformation becomes even more pressing. With over one-quarter of the population currently experiencing food insecurity, how does the region create a sustainable agricultural revolution in Africa's food system?

***Please join the Center on Food Security and the Environment for a lively discussion examining the challenges, strategies, and possible solutions to Africa's food security plight. We welcome moderator Ertharin Cousin, previous World Food Programme director with 25 years of experience on hunger, food, and resilience strategies, specifically in areas of conflict. The panel, comprised of board members from the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, will explore how Africa can catalyze and sustain an agricultural transformation necessary to nourish a growing population and relieve hunger.***

**Nov. 29 from 3:30 - 5 p.m., Bechtel Conference Center, Encina Hall with reception to follow**

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### **Moderator**

**Ertharin Cousin**, Payne Distinguished Lecturer at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and Visiting Fellow at the Center on Food Security and the Environment, former US Ambassador to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome.

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### **Panel**

**Agnes Kalibata**, President of AGRA and Former Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources of Rwanda.

**Kanayo F. Nwanze**, Immediate past president of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), winner of the Africa Food Prize in 2016, AGRA board member.

**Rajiv Shah**, Rockefeller Foundation President, former Administer of USAID (2010-15) where he led bipartisan reform and expansion of US efforts combating global food insecurity launching Feed the Future Initiative, previous work at the Gates Foundation launched AGRA.

**Usha Barwale Zehr**, Director and Chief Technology Officer at one of India's largest and most successful multinational seed companies, Maharashtra, AGRA board member.

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