



FOOD SOLDIERS

PROMOTING INCLUSIVE AGRIBUSINESS WITH 2SCALE
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FOOD SOLDIERS: Promoting Inclusive Agribusiness with 2SCALE

Access to quality, nutritious food is essential for human well-being, and smallholder farmers in Africa play a crucial role in achieving global food security. Recognised by the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development and other international bodies, these farmers are vital for ensuring a stable global food supply, enhancing local food systems, and improving household nutrition.

For the past decade, [2SCALE](#), an incubator programme managing a portfolio of public-private partnerships (PPPs) in the agri-food sectors, has focused on promoting food security across the African continent. It supports private partners—companies and farmer groups—in producing, transforming, and delivering quality food products to local, national, and regional markets, including those at the Base of the Pyramid. 2SCALE and its partners are eager to share their journey, including both successes and challenges, with the hope of inspiring you to join them as a Food Soldier.

RSVP

Join us on the 10th of October 2024, at Filmhuis Den Haag/The Hague for 'Food Soldiers: Promoting Inclusive Agribusiness with 2SCALE', featuring the premiere of the documentary 'Food Soldiers' and a platform for dialogue on advancing food security in Africa. Express your interest in joining us in person ([limited availability, and registration does not guarantee admission](#)) or online by [registering today](#). Be a part of fostering partnerships for sustainable development and securing a stable food supply for all.



ABOUT THE DOCUMENTARY - FOOD SOLDIERS

The Symposium will premiere the documentary 'Food Soldiers,' which follows Nigerian photojournalist and filmmaker Benson on a journey to uncover the causes and solutions to his country's growing food insecurity crisis. Food insecurity in Nigeria has risen by 133% in recent years, prompting critical questions: What are the underlying issues, and what can be done to address them?

Benson's investigation leads him to 2SCALE, a grassroots-focused initiative that empowers communities through agribusiness. The documentary captures Benson's encounters with key figures in the 2SCALE network and the broader food supply chain, highlighting the essential roles of public-private partnerships and the empowerment of smallholder farmers and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in achieving food security.

As Benson explores these dynamics, he identifies the various actors—smallholder farmers, SMEs, and supporting entities—as frontline "food soldiers" in the quest for food security. His journey extends beyond Nigeria, touching on efforts in neighbouring countries like Benin and Mali, showcasing the global importance of partnerships and community empowerment in fostering sustainable solutions.

PROGRAMME

TIME	PROGRAMME ELEMENT	SPEAKERS
12:00-13:00	WALK-IN & REGISTRATION	
13:00-13:05	Introduction to the Programme	Ms. Augustina Austin <i>Moderator</i>
13:05-13:15	Word of Welcome	Ms. Marina Diboma Program Director 2SCALE
		Mr. Henk Van Duijin President and CEO IFDC
13:15-13:25	Keynote Address: Collaborative Approach Towards Food Security	Ms. Wampie Libon Director of IGG Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
13:25-13:30	Introduction to the Documentary 'Food Soldiers'	Ms. Alessia Barbiero Lead Creative MAKMEDE Media
13:30-14:00	Documentary Screening 'Food Soldiers'	
14:05-14:10	Closure of the Symposium Opening	Ms. Augustina Austin <i>Moderator</i>
14:10-14:25	COFFEE BREAK	
14:30-15:15	Fireside Chat: Navigating Challenges and Building Resilience in Inclusive Business Models for Sustainable Food Systems	Ms. Annemieke Beekmans Director of Technical Expertise SNV <i>Moderator</i>
		Ms. Rahel Heruy Gizaw Manager Damascene
		Mr. Savadogo Wendwaogo Claude Arsene CEO BIOPROTECT
		Mr. Solomon Wanjohi Maina CEO KDPL
		Ms. Sonja Timmer Lead Region Africa Rabo Foundation
15:15-15:25	Spotlight Story: Driving Social Impact and Sustainable Growth	Dr. Ruth Gacheri Kinoti Social Entrepreneur Shallem

TIME	PROGRAMME ELEMENT	SPEAKERS
15:25-16:10	Fireside Chat: Collaborative Approach Towards Food Security	<p>Mr. Emile Schmitz Managing Director Bopinc <i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Mr. Hugo Verkuilj Senior Policy Advisor Food and Nutrition Security Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands</p> <p>Ms. Edith Akosah Wheatland CEO Rockland Farms</p> <p>Mr. Ibrahim Palaz Coalition Builder / Team Lead Partnerships & Coalitions Netherlands Food Partnerships (NFP)</p> <p>Ms. Mariëtte Gross Executive Director iCRA</p> <p>Mr. Merlijn van Waas Head of Sustainable Development CARE Nederland</p>
16:10-16:20	Spotlight Story: Investing in Youth in Agriculture	Mr. John Olayiwola Adekunle Head Dairy Development FrieslandCampina
16:20-16:30	Launch of 2SCALE's Interactive Magazine	<p>Ms. Marina Diboma Program Director 2SCALE</p> <p>Dr. Oumou Camara Vice President - Programs and Projects IFDC</p> <p>Mr. Hugo Verkuilj Senior Policy Advisor Food and Nutrition Security Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands</p>
16:30-16:40	Closing Words	Dr. Oumou Camara Vice President - Programs and Projects IFDC
16:40-16:45	Symposium Closure	Ms. Augustina Austin <i>Moderator</i>
16:45-18:30	NETWORKING RECEPTION	