



CANADA - AFRICA AGRIBUSINESS SUMMIT

Saskatoon | July 15 -16, 2026

HOSTED BY

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SUMMIT THEME:

BUILDING A TRADE-DRIVEN FUTURE FOR CANADA AND AFRICA

LOCATION: SASKATOON, CANADA

VENUE: SASKATCHEWAN HALL - WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUM



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Voazok's Canada–Africa Agribusiness Summit (VCAAS) 2026 is a premier international platform advancing Canada–Africa collaboration through trade, investment, innovation, and private-sector partnerships in agriculture and agribusiness. As Canada and Africa seek to expand economic cooperation beyond traditional models of engagement, the summit provides a strategic forum for building mutually beneficial ventures, strengthening market connections, and accelerating sustainable agricultural development.

Hosted by Voazok AgriTours, the summit brings together government leaders, agribusiness executives, investors, researchers, financial institutions, and entrepreneurs to explore opportunities across the agricultural value chain. Through keynote presentations, panel discussions, business networking, investment dialogues, and technical exchanges, delegates will examine opportunities in agricultural technology, value-added processing, climate-smart agriculture, research collaboration, financing, market access, and international trade.

More than a conference, VCAAS serves as a catalyst for partnerships that promote investment, technology transfer, innovation, and the growth of resilient and competitive agricultural systems across Canada and Africa.



CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS



Dr. Mary M. Buhr
Chairperson

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Voazok's Canada-Africa Agribusiness Summit (VCAAS) 2026. The VCAAS was established to strengthen trade, investment, innovation, and strategic partnerships between Canada and Africa's agribusiness sectors. At a time when agriculture is central to food security, economic growth, and sustainable development, collaboration across borders has never been more important. This summit provides a valuable platform for governments, businesses, researchers, investors, and development partners to exchange ideas, build relationships, and explore opportunities that will shape the future of agriculture on both continents.

Over the next two days, we are honoured to welcome government representatives from Saskatchewan and across Africa, together with Canadian and African industry leaders, researchers, entrepreneurs, financial institutions, and development organizations. Your participation reflects our shared commitment to advancing agricultural innovation, expanding trade, and creating sustainable partnerships that deliver lasting impact.

This year's summit is proudly hosted and sponsored by Voazok AgriTours, whose vision and leadership have made this gathering possible. I also extend my sincere appreciation to the Canada-Africa Agribusiness Summit Organizing Committee, our supporting partners, distinguished speakers, government delegations, and volunteers for their dedication and commitment in bringing this event to life.

As you engage in the sessions, discussions, and networking opportunities ahead, I encourage you to share your experiences, explore new ideas, build partnerships and grow relationships that extend well beyond this summit. Together, we have an opportunity to strengthen agricultural value chains, promote innovation, expand investment, and create meaningful opportunities for farmers, agribusinesses, and communities across Canada and Africa.

May this summit serve not only as a forum for dialogue but as a catalyst for lasting partnerships that advance agricultural innovation, strengthen food systems, and create shared prosperity for generations to come.

Thank you for joining us, and I wish you a productive and rewarding summit.

Welcome to the Voazok's Canada-Africa Agribusiness Summit (VCAAS) 2026.

Warm regards,
Dr. Mary M. Buhr
Chairperson
Voazok's Canada-Africa Agribusiness Summit 2026



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MESSAGE FROM VOAZOK



Mr. Derrick Owusu-Kodua
Founder & Chief Executive Officer

On behalf of Voazok, the Organizing Committee, and our valued supporting partners, I am delighted to welcome you to the Voazok's Canada–Africa Agribusiness Summit (VCAAS) 2026.

This summit was established to strengthen agricultural partnerships between Canada and Africa by creating opportunities for collaboration in innovation, trade, investment, research, and knowledge exchange. We are honoured to bring together government leaders, agribusinesses, researchers, investors, entrepreneurs, and development partners who share a common vision of advancing sustainable agriculture and food systems.

As the founder and principal organizer of this summit, Voazok is proud to host this important gathering in Saskatchewan, Canada. Saskatchewan is recognized globally as a powerhouse of agriculture, innovation, and agri-food expertise. With vast agricultural resources, world-class research institutions, advanced farming systems, and a strong ecosystem of producers, entrepreneurs, and technology companies, the province provides an ideal environment for advancing agricultural innovation and international collaboration.

Together with our Organizing Committee and supporting partners, we have created a platform where ideas can be exchanged, partnerships can be formed, and practical solutions can be explored to address the opportunities and challenges facing agriculture across our regions.

Beyond this summit, Voazok remains committed to connecting Canada, Africa and the world through international study tours, trade missions, leadership programmes, and strategic partnerships that promote innovation, investment, and sustainable agribusiness development. We hope the relationships established here will continue long after the summit and lead to meaningful collaborations that benefit our communities and industries.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our Organizing Committee, supporting partners, speakers, delegates, and volunteers for their dedication in making this summit possible. Thank you for being part of this important journey. We wish you a productive, inspiring, and rewarding summit experience.

Welcome to the Voazok's Canada–Africa Agribusiness Summit (VCAAS) 2026.

Warm regards,

Mr. Derrick Owusu-Kodua
Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Voazok



INTRODUCTION

Agriculture is a key driver of economic growth, food security, employment, and sustainable development. As global food systems face increasing challenges, stronger international partnerships are essential to improving productivity, expanding trade, and building resilient agricultural value chains.

Canada and Africa offer complementary strengths that create significant opportunities for collaboration. Canada's expertise in agricultural research, technology, mechanization, sustainable production, and food processing aligns with Africa's vast agricultural potential, growing markets, entrepreneurial talent, and investment opportunities.

VCAAS 2026 provides a platform for governments, businesses, investors, researchers, and entrepreneurs to connect, exchange knowledge, and develop strategic partnerships. The summit aims to transform opportunities into action by facilitating investment, expanding trade, fostering innovation, and strengthening agribusiness connections between Canada and Africa.

Organized by Voazok, the summit reflects a commitment to building a future-focused partnership based on collaboration, commercial opportunities, and shared prosperity. Through meaningful engagement and strategic connections, VCAAS seeks to create lasting value for stakeholders across both regions.



Day 1: July 15, 2026

Registration and Welcome

8:00 am– 8:45 am: Arrival of guests and registration at the front desk - breakfast

Opening Remarks and Keynote Address

8:45 am - 9:00 am:

Welcome addressed by Dr. Mary M. Buhr, Summit Chair



Dr. Mary M. Buhr
Summit Chair, Canada-Africa
Agribusiness Summit

9:00 am - 9:20 am:

Keynote speech on Canada & Africa agri-trade relationship, Mr. Derrick Owusu-Kodua, Summit Host & CEO of Voazok Group



Mr. Derrick Owusu-Kodua
Summit Host & CEO of
Voazok Group

Panel Discussions - Unlocking Canada-Africa Agribusiness Potential

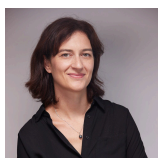
9:20 am - 10:00 am:

Strategies for building sustainable partnerships and fostering mutual growth between Canada and Africa

Panelist:



Mr. Clyde Graham
Former Executive Vice
President, Fertilizer
Canada



Ms. Elise Legault
Senior Director for Policy,
North America - the ONE
Campaign, Canada



Ms. Dara Adekunle,
Managing Partner & CEO,
Farmties Capital Limited,
Canada



Dr. Jonathan Akinwale, Independent
Researcher and Professional
Agrologist with Saskatchewan
Institute of Agrologists.

Moderator:



Ms. Tania Louis,
President, Canada Caribbean
Africa Business Network
(RACCA)

Day 1: July 15, 2026

Keynote Speakers - Canada-Africa Trade Opportunities

10:00 am - 10:50 am: Exportable Goods to Canada and Africa

- **Keynote Speaker 1:** Identifying exportable goods to Canada, market trends, and opportunities (**Virtual-Zoom**) by



Mr. Philip Abayori,
President of Ghana
Agricultural Chamber of
Commerce, Ghana

- **Keynote Speaker 2:** Identifying exportable goods to Africa, market trends, and investment opportunities in Saskatchewan by



Mr. Kevin Fruhstuk, Deputy Director –
Investment Attraction, Saskatchewan
Ministry of Trade & Export Dev.

Break and Networking

10:50 am - 11:20 am: Coffee Break & Networking

Roundtable Discussion: Beyond Aid - Agricultural Trade and Investment

11:20 am – 12:00 pm: Roundtable Discussion

Rethinking Canada–Africa Relations Beyond Aid to Building Mutually Beneficial and Profitable Trade and Investment

Canada-Africa Agribusiness Deal Room: Connecting Buyers & Sellers

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: Participate in B2B meetings and matchmaking to explore trade opportunities, forge partnerships, and drive business growth

Lunch Break and Networking

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Lunch Break & Networking



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Keynote Speakers: Agricultural Innovation (25 Minutes Each)

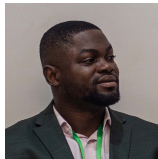
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm: Climate-resilient farming, precision agriculture, regenerative agriculture

Keynote Speaker 1: Regenerative Farming in Action: My Canadian Experience by



Mrs. Lesley Kelly,
Farmer and Sask Wheat
Director)

Keynote Speaker 2: Regenerative Farming in Action: My African Experience by



Mr. Godfred Amponsah,
CEO of Karifi Farms, Ghana

Keynote Speaker 3: Bridging the Gap: How Canadian AgTech Innovations Can Transform African Agriculture - Exploring Opportunities for Technology Transfer and Adoption by



Corlena Patterson,
CEO, PruvIT
Technologies Inc.,
Canada

Panel Discussion: Trade Missions and Agritourism

3:15 pm - 4:00 pm: Exploring the role of trade missions, business consortia and agrotourism in promoting export and imports between Canada and Africa

Panelist:



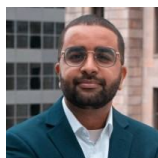
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President, Fertilizer
Canada;



**Mr. Derrick Owusu-
Kodua,** CEO of Voazok
Agritours, Canada;



Dr. Mary M. Buhr
Summit Chair, Canada-Africa
Agribusiness Summit



**Mr. Mohamed Lemine Ahmed El
Waghf,** Secretary General, Canada-
Africa Chamber of Business -
Mauritania



Mr. Ben Leyka,
CEO of African Agri Council
(AAC)



Moderator:

Mr. Keith Fournier, Farmer &
Executive Chair of Voazok Group

Day 1: July 15, 2026

Keynote Speaker: Advancing Mutually Beneficial and Profitable Public–Private Partnerships Through Investment and Innovation

4:00 pm - 4:20 pm: Keynote Speaker 1: Investment opportunities for Canadian agricultural companies by



Hon. Francis Owusu Antwi,
Regional Minister,
Bono East Region, Ghana

Closing Remarks, Group Photo & Informal Reception

4:20 pm - 4:40 pm: Closing remarks for Day 1

- Closing Remarks by special guests of honor by **Honorable Francis Owusu Antwi**, Regional Minister, Ghana

- 4:45-5:30: Announcement-Awards & Group Photo



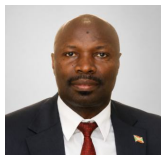
Day 2: July 16, 2026

Registration & Breakfast

8:00 am - 8:30 am: Attendee check-in and breakfast reception

Opening Remarks & Welcome

8:30 am - 9:00 am: Opening remarks by

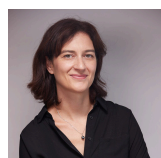


Amb. Evariste Ngendankengera,
Diplomatic Counsellor – Permanent
Mission of Burundi to the United Nations

Keynote Speaker: Trade, Policy, and Market Insights

9:00 am - 9:30 am: Global Market Trends and Trade Dynamics

Keynote Speaker: Discussion on the role of government in fostering trade practices that support Africa's development by



Ms. Elise Legault
Senior Director for Policy,
North America - the ONE
Campaign, Canada

Panel Discussion: Market Entry Strategies

9:30 am - 10:15 am: Cross-Cultural Partnerships - Strategies for Successful Collaborations

- Navigating cultural differences, building successful collaborations, and partnering with local businesses
- Establishing a presence in Africa and Canada and partnering with local businesses

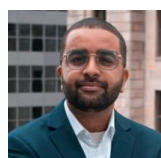
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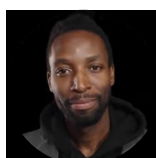
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Ghana



Mr. Mohamed Lemine Ahmed El Waghf, Secretary General, Canada-Africa Chamber of Business - Mauritania



Mr. Jean-Philippe Vézina,
Founder - AfroFood
International Alliance™,
Canada



Moderator:
Mr. Clyde Graham, Former
Executive Vice President,
Fertilizer Canada;

Day 2: July 16, 2026

Break and Networking

10:15 am - 10:45 am: Coffee break and networking opportunities

Keynote Speakers: Investment & Partnership Opportunities in Canada and Africa

10:45 am - 11:10 am: Building Resilient Livestock Ecosystems

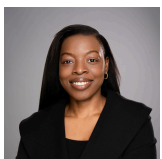
Keynote Speaker 1: How Canada's Cattle Associations Collaborate, Mobilize Funding, and Create Value Across the Beef Industry by



Mrs. Janice Tranberg,
President and CEO,
Canada/Alberta Cattle
Feeders' Association

11:10 am - 11:35 am: Unlocking Africa's Agri-Value Chain: Investment Opportunities and Growth Potential

Keynote Speaker 2: Discussion on investment opportunities, partnerships, and growth potential in Africa's agricultural sector (30 minutes)



Ms. Dara Adekunle,
Managing Partner & CEO,
Farmties Capital Limited,
Canada

Networking Lunch Break

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm: Lunch break and networking

Panel Discussion: Exploring Profitable Ventures for Canadian Companies in Africa

1:15 pm - 2:00 pm: Empowering Smallholder Farmers in Africa: Addressing Challenges, Expanding Market Access, and Strengthening Agribusiness Partnerships for Sustainable Growth

Panelist:



Corlena Patterson,
CEO, PruvIT
Technologies Inc.,
Canada



Mr. Nicholas Ben Abossey Nikoi,
Head of Agromarketing Sales &
Services, Agricultural
Development Bank of Ghana



Adeyinka Onikan,
Head of Specialty
Services, Farm Radio
International



Moderator:

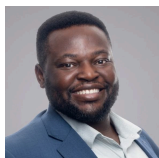
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Day 2: July 16, 2026

Keynote Speakers: Role of Financial Institutions in Promoting Trade

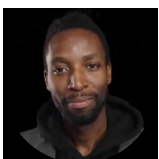
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Keynote Speaker 1: Supporting Canadian Businesses in Expanding to Foreign Markets by



Mr. Willy Fogang,
Regional Director - Mid-Market
Business for Export Development
Canada (EDC) (Virtual-Zoom)

Keynote Speaker 2: De-risking investments in ag projects in Africa by



Mr. Jean-Philippe Vézina,
Founder - AfroFood
International Alliance™,
Canada

Breakout Session: Next Steps in Promoting Canada-Africa Trade -

Moderated by Dr. Mary Buhr, Summit Chair, Canada-Africa Agribusiness Summit



Moderator:

Dr. Mary M. Buhr
Summit Chair, Canada-Africa
Agribusiness Summit

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm: Strategies that can be implemented to further enhance trade cooperation between Canada and Africa.

Choose one of the following sessions:

Group 1- "What are the most promising agribusiness sectors for Canada-Africa trade cooperation, and how can we leverage our respective strengths to drive growth?"

Group 2- "How can trade agreements and policies be optimized to facilitate increased trade between Canada and Africa?"

Group 3- "What role can technology and digitalization play in enhancing Canada-Africa trade, and what initiatives can be implemented to support digital trade infrastructure?"

Group 4- "How can we foster sustainable and inclusive trade practices between Canada and Africa, ensuring benefits for local communities and the environment?"

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm: Presentation of proposed ideas on promoting Canada-Africa trade (sticker notes)

Closing Remarks, Group Photo, and Networking Reception

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm: Closing remarks from summit chair and hosts

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm: Group photo with all delegates

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm: Farewell and Networking Reception

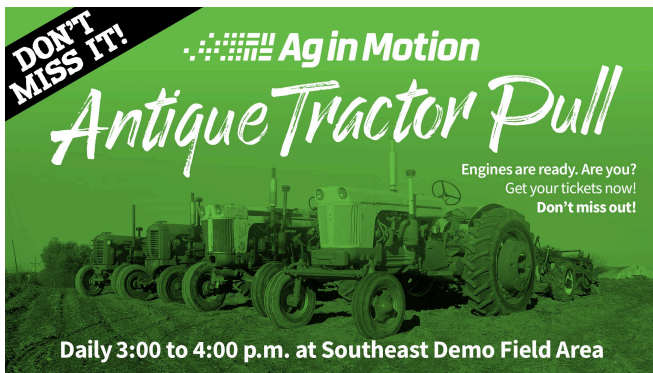
VOAZOK POST-SUMMIT AGRITOUR

July 21-23, 2026



Ag-In-Motion Event - Langham, Saskatchewan:

Departing 8:00 am (free entry pass from Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnerships (STEP) and the use of STEP's Lounge) - Optional



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Voazok extends its sincere appreciation to our supporting partners whose collaboration, expertise, and commitment have contributed to the success of the VCAAS 2026. Their support reflects a shared vision of strengthening Canada–Africa partnerships through trade, investment, innovation, and sustainable agricultural development. We are grateful to all organizations, institutions, and industry partners whose contributions help create a platform for meaningful dialogue, strategic connections, and new opportunities across the agribusiness value chain. Together, we are advancing a trade-driven future that promotes collaboration, economic growth, and shared prosperity between Canada and Africa.

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