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## Future of agriculture and food under climate change in Africa

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### **MO IBRAHIM**

The lost opportunity Of the past decade is deeply concerning. Africa has a huge challenge ahead. Young citizens of Africa need hope, prospects and opportunities.







## **African mega-trends**



Thomas Jayne at MSU

Land degradation results in USD 68 billion in annual losses in SSA, USD 300-400 billion is needed for restoration (Montpellier Panel, 2014)

### Africa's annual food import bill \$35 billion \$110 billion by 2025 (Africa Development Bank)

250 million more mouths to feed by 2030 (Department of Economic and Social Affairs. World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision)

72% of global farmers have less than 1 hectare but the medium scale farmer (20-100ha) is rapidly rising

### **Changing diets**

- Staples diversifying
- Increased consumption of fruits, vegetables and animal-based products
- More "fast foods" (Staatz, J. and F. Hollinger (2016), OECD Publishing, Paris)





## **Climate change impacts on crops and livestock**





Projected changes in maize and bean production by 2050s under RCP 8.5 (Ramirez-Villegas & Thornton, 2015)



Projected areas of pigs under heat stress in Uganda 2040-2069 period under RCP 8.5 (Mutua et al. in review)



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## **Climate finance – the 'unbankable' smallholder?**



Agricultural risks make investing too expensive and thereby inaccessible to farmers

### **Risks in Agriculture**

Risks in agriculture are high, diverse and increasing with climate change





### **De-risking Agriculture**

Can de-risking agriculture help unlock finance for African agriculture?

African agriculture accounts for about **70% of employment** and more than **40% of the GDP** but less than **3% of bank lending** 



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## Partnerships are vital to deliver impact at scale

UN agencies, international financial institutions, national research organizations, governments, civil society organizations and private sector

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## **Drought-resilient and bio-fortified bean varieties**

### Lever 6

#### Crops for nutrition and health

Putting nutrition and health at the heart of crop improvement to address the triple burden of malnutrition







### East & Southern Africa

- Area that becomes unsuitable
- Areas that remain viable but with lower suitability

Areas that maintain similar suitability

Areas that increase in suitability

New areas that become viable







Lever 2

landscapes

livelihoods

Multifunctional

Fostering innovation for

environmental health and

productive landscapes to improve



**Biodiversity for food and** 

diversity available and safeguarding

Making agricultural and tree

it for the diverse needs of food

Lever 4

agriculture

system actors

## Farming systems and landscape resilience



Crop-livestock integration – livestock as buffer in times of crop failure



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Integration of perennials into landscapes







### Lever 3

#### Climate action

Mainstreaming climate action in the food system to reduce risks

## **Digital Atlas of Agricultural Adaptation: data guiding investments**







## Efficient value chains through data



## **Food for thought**

- Climate adaptation is not only about changing a technology/variety, but about complex diversification and systems transformation
- Trade-off resilience and productivity?
- Digital agriculture is an emerging opportunity (two-way), especially for upcoming youth
- Healthy diets are key in Africa's rural-urban transition
- How can leapfrogging towards sustainable intensification be supported, avoiding pitfalls of the industrial model?
- Farm size is a central question to whether Africa can feed itself
- De-risking agriculture is needed to unlock finance; blended finance and impact investors are needed







# Thank you!

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