

Africa Dialogue Series 2022

Guidelines for Lead Partner Entities

I. ADS 2022 Structure

With overall organization by the United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the African Union Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations (AUPOM), the Africa Dialogue Series 2022 (ADS 2022) will feature a variety of activities and events on various aspects of the theme, which is *Building Resilience in Nutrition on the African Continent: Accelerate the Human Capital, Social and Economic Development*.

Partner entities will lead the organization of activities each week, during the period from 3 to 20 May 2022, on a particular **Sub-theme**, as follows:

- 1. Building Resilient Socio-Agricultural Food Systems: The Key to Nutrition**
 - *Led by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)*

- 2. Strengthening the Resilience of Farming Systems: Land, Digital Transformation and Access to Finance – Making Small Holder Farmers the Back Bones**
 - *Led by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*

- 3. Social Protection, Resilience and Nutrition**
 - *Led by the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Labour Organization (ILO)*

- 4. Human Capital Development, Climate, Energy and Food Systems**
 - *Led by the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD), UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA)*

II. Format of Activities per Sub-theme

Each sub-theme will be allocated one week during ADS 2022. Lead partner entities will prepare activities related to their sub-theme, as follows:

Day of the Week	Activity
Monday	Screening of videos on the sub-theme through the OSAA ADS 2022 dedicated website
Tuesday	Screening of an interview (recorded prior to the date) on the OSAA ADS 2022 dedicated website with two of the speakers who will be participating in the live webinar on Wednesday

Wednesday	Holding of a live 90-minute webinar on the sub-theme subject matter, with three speakers and primacy given to African voices (i.e., voices from the continent)
Thursday	Organizing a “Youth Twitter Stage” on the sub-theme subject matter, to bring in the voices of African youth
Friday	Screening of a performance of African music on the ADS 2022 dedicated website (please note: this activity will be organized by OSAA)

III. Nature of Partner Activity Preparation and Collaboration with OSAA

The following items will help ensure smooth and fruitful preparation of ADS 2022:

1. Each lead partner entity should identify a focal point to liaise directly with OSAA on preparations, **by 22 March.**
2. As the above activities will be taking place under the umbrella of the African Dialogue Series 2022, **branding** should reflect the ADS identity and logo. In this connection, OSAA will provide visual branding elements that may be used in the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday activities.
3. Lead partner entities should prepare a **substantive concept note** on the sub-theme, taking into account their expertise on the subject matter. The concept note should be no longer than six pages. This document will feature the ADS 2022 logo, as well as that of the lead partner.
4. In preparing activities, lead partner entities should **leverage their networks** to involve contributions from experts working on the sub-theme, academia, civil society organizations, women and youth networks, and other UN system agencies, among others.
5. In keeping with the partnership with the African Union, lead partner entities should **engage African Union Commission** in the respective departments relevant to the sub-theme. We encourage to invite Commissioners, or their designees, to take part in activities, where applicable.