

Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit 2021 Official Sideevent

**Biofortified crops: A practical, scalable nutrition-sensitive solution
for smallholder farmers**

Organized by Harvest Plus & Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA)

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HarvestPlus, a global program focused on improving nutrition, health, and livelihoods in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), and Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA), an international NGO dedicated to supporting sustainable agricultural development in Africa, will co-host a symposium on promoting and scaling up the reach of biofortified staple crops on the occasion of the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit 2021.

HarvestPlus, which is part of the CGIAR, is a leader in the development and promotion of biofortified crops that are conventionally bred to be rich in essential micronutrients (specifically vitamin A, iron and zinc). SAA has been disseminating improved agricultural technologies to smallholder farmers in Africa since 1986 by enhancing national agricultural extension systems. In SAA's new five-year strategy formulated this year, "nutrition sensitive agriculture" became the third strategic pillar alongside regenerative agriculture and market-oriented agriculture.

In this symposium, the two organizations will share their respective experiences, challenges, lessons, and potential opportunities in empowering rural communities in LMICs to access and grow biofortified crops, and identify a way forward for scaling up. In addition, representatives of SAA and HarvestPlus will discuss their new partnership aimed at accelerating scale up of biofortification in Africa.

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Program	Speakers
1. Welcome and introductions	- Ruth Oniang'o , Chair, Sasakawa African Association (SAA) - Yohei Sasakawa , Chairperson, The Nippon Foundation
2. Keynote address	H.E. Olsegun Obasanjo , The former President of Nigeria Republic
3. Special remark	Esi Amoaful , Director of Nutrition, Ghana Health Service
4. 4. Sharing experiences	- Howarth "Howdy" Bouis , Founding Director, HarvestPlus; 2016 World Food Prize Laureate - Mel Oluoch , Regional Director, SAA
5. Panel discussion: Perspectives from panelists	Moderator: Peter Goldstein , Head of Strategic Communication, HarvestPlus - Shinjiro Amameishi , Deputy Director General, and Group Director for Agricultural and Rural Development 2 (Africa, Middle East and Europe), Economic Development Department, JICA
6. Q&A	- H.E. Martha Udom Emmanuel First Lady of Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria; Chairperson and Founder, Family Empowerment and Youth Reorientation Programme (FEYReP) - Sani Miko , Country Director, SAA-Nigeria - Anang Noegroho , Director of Food and Agriculture, Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS)
7. Concluding remarks	Arun Baral , CEO, HarvestPlus. Makoto Kitanaka , President, SAA