

AFRICAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

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TIME (WAT)	ACTIVITIES
5:00 pm – 5:05 pm (5 minutes)	WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS Damilola Olajubutu - Principal Coordinator, ARDN; Founder & Executive Director, Rural Nurture Initiative (RNI)
5:05 pm – 5:35 pm (30 minutes)	LEAD PRESENTATION Dr. Emmanuel O. Akogun - Director of Agriculture, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS), Federal Republic of Nigeria
5:35 pm – 5:50 pm (15 minutes 7.5 minutes each)	PANEL DISCUSSANT PRESENTATIONS <i>Each discussant offers a focused perspective on the theme before the open panel conversation begins</i> Discussant 1 - Ibrahim A. Ibisomi - Retired Executive Director & Chief Financial Officer, African Reinsurance Corporation, South Africa Discussant 2 - Spencer T. Korankye - Founder & Lead Consultant, Mpact Lane Consult, Ghana
5:50 pm – 6:30 pm (40 minutes)	PANEL CONVERSATION & AUDIENCE Q&A <i>Moderated panel for open conversation, audience questions, and cross-dialogue on the theme</i>
6:30 pm – 6:40 pm (10 minutes)	ABOUT ARDN & MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW Oluwatoyin Ojo - Senior Membership and Engagement Associate, ARDN <i>An overview of the African Rural Development Network, its vision, and how participants can get involved and become members.</i>
6:40 pm – 6:45 pm (5 minutes)	CLOSING REMARKS (5 minutes) Ayodeji Oladimeji - Deputy Executive Director, Rural Nurture Initiative (RNI)