

Program for GCSAYN First Annual Forum (GAF-I) 2026

Date: 11th & 12th August 2026

Venue: United States International University (USIU) Africa in Nairobi, Kenya.

DAY ONE – MONDAY, August 11th, 2026

09:00 – 09:45 | Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks:

- Divine Ntiokam – Executive Director, GCSAYN (Virtual)
- Prof. Rebecca Boger – Vice-President and Co-Founder NGGC, USA
- State House Kenya
- Objectives of the Forum & Official Opening

09:45 – 10:30 | High-Level Keynote Address

Theme: Youth Leadership in Transforming Climate-Smart Agrifood Systems

Speaker: TBA

10:30 – 11:00 | Health Break

11:00 – 13:00 | UNESCO Side Event (2 Hours)

Theme: Education, Digital Transformation and Youth Empowerment for Climate-Resilient Food Systems

Focus Areas:

- Digital literacy for climate-smart agriculture
- Youth inclusion in global knowledge systems
- Bridging education, innovation and green jobs
- Strengthening science-policy-youth interface

Format: Introductory remarks, technical presentations, youth interventions, moderated dialogue, key takeaways

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 | Session 1: Scaling Youth-Led Innovation for Climate-Resilient Food Systems

Panel Discussion Topics:

- Scaling youth-led agricultural innovations
- Access to finance and markets
- Nature-positive production systems
- Green employment pathways

15:30 – 16:30 | GCSAYN Cohort 1–5 Experience Sharing

Featuring 7 Sponsored Delegates

Each delegate will share:

- CSA innovation journey
- Impact at community level
- Digital tools used
- Policy and investment barriers
- Scaling recommendations

16:30 – 16:45 | Day One Wrap-Up & Reflections

DAY TWO – Tuesday, August 12, 2026

08:30 – 10:00 | Session 2: Harnessing Digital Tools for Inclusive CSA

Roundtable Discussion Topics:

- Mobile advisory services
- Digital market platforms
- Precision agriculture for smallholders
- AI and climate data services
- Youth digital entrepreneurship

10:00 – 11:30 | FAO Agro-Informatics Special Session

Presentation by Stuart Tippins

Topic: FAO Agro-Informatics and Digital Public Infrastructure for Agriculture

Special Focus: KIAMIS Project – Kenya (Kenya Integrated Agricultural Management Information System)

Key Components:

- National farmer digital registry systems
- Data governance and interoperability
- Real-time agricultural data for planning
- Strengthening extension systems through digital infrastructure
- Opportunities for youth innovation ecosystems

11:30 – 13:00 | Workshop: Building CSA Skills & Digital Capacity

Breakout Groups:

- Digital literacy & data access for youth
- Women in climate-smart agribusiness
- Youth access to land, finance & technology
- Scaling CSA through partnerships

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00 | Field Visit / Innovation Showcase

- Demonstration plots
- Youth-led enterprises
- Digital agriculture tools

15:00 – 15:30 | Lessons Learned & Way Forward

- Summary of Key Recommendations
- Youth Declaration (Draft Communiqué)
- Partnerships & Commitments

15:30 – 16:00 | Closing Ceremony

- Reflections from Sponsored Delegates Representative
- Partner Remarks
- Closing Address – GCSAYN Executive Director

DAY THREE – Wednesday, August 13, 2026

Departures