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A key area of continuing need in the transformation of tillage-based agriculture to Conservation Agriculture (CA) is the necessity to generate, organize, process, analyse and share knowledge and information regarding different CA farming systems that are adapted to the prevailing biophysical and socio-economic conditions. Reliable empirical and scientific evidence from knowledge and innovation systems are needed across the value chains and sectors related to management of CA systems to create awareness and understanding, formulate policies, provide institutional support and accelerate the spread of good quality CA systems.

This sub-theme presentation will focus on CA-related knowledge and innovation systems including farmer-based innovation systems, and on-farm systems research that are successfully supporting CA adoption and scaling, and the associated productivity, economic, environmental and social impacts. It will also elaborate CA-based knowledge sharing and communication approaches, including through social media, web-based interactive platforms, on-line learning and training resources, and farmer networks. The sub-theme will touch upon ways to meet knowledge and information needs of all CA stakeholders involved in promoting and supporting CA adoption and mainstreaming.

## **Promoting CA-based knowledge and innovation systems and information sharing and communication**

**Wednesday 16 December 2020**

**14:00-15:00 hrs (Rome Time – CET)**

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Saidi Mkomwa is Executive Director of the African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT), a pan-African not-for-profit organization promoting sustainable agriculture based on Conservation Agriculture principles and practices complemented with sustainable agricultural mechanization and is the current Chairperson of the Conservation Agriculture Regional Working Group for Southern Africa (CARWG).

Under his leadership, ACT has widened its international and continental stakeholder membership through the first and second Africa congresses on Conservation agriculture who's' declarations resolved to broaden and prioritize the scope of interventions to include Policy, political commitment and leadership support; Private sector engagement; Training, extension, research and innovation; and Knowledge support. The ACT network has thus partnered and contributed to the continental agenda specifically on the Malabo Declaration and the Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization for Africa.

Saidi is current technical secretary of the International Conservation Agriculture Advisory Panel for Africa (ICAAP-Africa) and editor of the continental network CA news alert. He has published extensively on smallholder mechanization, Conservation Agriculture and entrepreneurship. He has presided over regional development projects in West Africa, Eastern and Southern Africa with support of development partners including AGRA, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, COMESA, European Union, FAO, IFAD and NORAD. Saidi holds an MSc in Engineering from the University of Guelph, Canada, and a BSc (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Dar es salaam Tanzania.



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## Agenda

*Moderator – Prof. Dr. Emilio Gonzalez-Sanchez (ECAF, ETSIAM-University of Cordoba, Spain)*

1. Introduction to the webinar- Prof. Dr. Emilio Gonzalez-Sanchez (ECAF, ETSIAM-University of Cordoba, Spain)
2. Promoting CA-based knowledge and innovation systems and information sharing and communication - Mr. Saidi Mkomwa (Executive Director of the African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT)), Kenya
3. Questions and answers
4. Closing remarks – FAO/ECAF

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