

AFRICAN TEA TIME

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Kongamano Student Group in collaboration with the African Studies Center presents African Tea Time! An opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African Continent.

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Thursday, November 12th, 2020
4:00pm to 6:00pm (EST)

Virtual via Zoom
*Tea Time events will be recorded

Nigeria & Zambia

Theme: Food Security in Africa During and Post COVID-19

Nigeria

Presenters: Prof. Adewale Olusegun Obadina, Head of Department, Food Science and Technology, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria

The presentation will be focused on the situation of food security in Nigeria in the face of the pandemic and a projection of the impact of COVID on Nigeria's food systems going forward.

Zambia

Presenter: Dr. Brian P. Mulenga, Research Fellow, Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), Lusaka, Zambia

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide has continued to affect all sectors of the global economy as well as at country level. Food security has not been spared by the pandemic, with food supply chain interruptions being the main impact channels. Developing countries, like Zambia, which are mostly characterized by fragile and informal food systems, and highly depend on imports for agricultural inputs, were projected to be among the hardest hit with far-reaching effects on national food security. It is now over seven months since Zambia recorded its first COVID-19 case in March 2020, which triggered public and private sector responses to mitigate the effects of the pandemic on food security, among other developmental and welfare sub-sectors. This talk aims to provide insights in regard to the following three key food security questions: What measures were put in place and to what extent have these been effective in safeguarding food security? What is Zambia's food security status in the face of COVID-19? What is the country's food security outlook in the short- to medium-term in the face of COVID-19?

Facilitator: Dr. Tutilo Mudumba, Lecturer, Dept. of Zoology, Entomology and Fisheries Sciences, Makerere University, Uganda

