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## **Public Platform: Insurance as a means of managing climate variability and volatility**

Climate change and increased climate variability poses a large and growing threat to global food security and the livelihoods of farmers across sub-Saharan Africa. The expected effects of climate change, such as higher temperatures, more frequent extreme weather events, water shortages, land degradation, and the loss of biodiversity, could compromise food security in all of its dimensions. The effects of climate change are expected to intensify over time and to vary across countries and regions, disproportionately affecting smallholder and subsistence farmers who are less likely to have access to finance and insurance to manage risks and invest in adaptation and mitigation strategies.

This public platform explores the various forms of insurance available to manage the volatility associated with climate variability. It focuses particularly on insurance solutions for smallholder and subsistence farmers as well as funds with a regional or multi-national dimension to account for regional differences in the effects of climate change.

The public platform forms part of a broader research agenda of understanding food production in the region, supporting the entry of smallholder farmers into regional value chains, building resilience along agricultural value chains, and addressing competition issues arising from concentrated input and retail markets. It follows from an earlier public platform that explored regional value chains as a way of rethinking regional industrialisation in the context of climate change.

Join CCRED in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for a discussion on these pertinent issues.

**Convener:** CCRED

**Discussant:** IFAD

**VENUE:** CCRED SEMINAR ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> floor, 5 Sturdee Avenue, Rosebank, Johannesburg [Click here for map](#)

**TIME:** 16:00-18:00

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