

Scaling Week 2026

The three-day flow, and the breakout sessions for each day.

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
Tuesday 22 September <i>The art of the ask</i>	Wednesday 23 September <i>Rise</i>	Thursday 24 September <i>So what now?</i>
08:00 - 09:00 Doors open	08:00 - 09:00 Optional Morning Movement WELLBEING TENT	08:00 - 09:00 Optional Morning Movement WELLBEING TENT
09:00 - 09:50 Welcome ritual MAIN TENT	09:00 - 09:30 Day check-in MAIN TENT	09:00 - 09:30 Day check-in MAIN TENT
10:00 - 11:00 Opening remarks & how to Scaling Week MAIN TENT	09:30 - 11:00 Rise MAIN TENT	09:30 - 10:00 Speed Pitches
11:00 - 11:30 Morning coffee LIVING ROOM	11:00 - 11:30 Morning coffee LIVING ROOM	10:00 - 11:00 Open Space 5
11:30 - 12:30 The art of the ask MAIN TENT	11:30 - 12:00 Open Campus	11:00 - 11:30 Morning coffee LIVING ROOM
12:30 - 14:00 Lunch	12:00 - 12:30 Group photo!	11:30 - 12:30 Open Space 6
14:00 - 14:30 Intro to Open Space & emergent sessions	12:30 - 14:00 Lunch	12:30 - 14:00 Lunch
14:30 - 15:00 Speed Pitches	14:00 - 14:30 Speed Pitches	14:00 - 15:00 Who pays for scale now? MAIN TENT
15:00 - 16:00 Open Space 1	14:30 - 15:30 Open Space 3	15:00 - 15:30 Asks & Offers wrap up
16:00 - 16:30 Afternoon tea LIVING ROOM	15:30 - 16:00 Afternoon tea LIVING ROOM	15:30 - 16:00 Afternoon tea LIVING ROOM
16:30 - 17:30 Open Space 2	16:00 - 17:00 Open Space 4	16:00 - 16:30 Free time
17:30 - 18:00 Day check-out MAIN TENT	17:00 - 17:30 Day check-out MAIN TENT	16:30 - 17:30 Closing ceremony MAIN TENT
Afterwork networking, food and drinks • 19:30 - 22:00 EVENING	Masquerade Ball • 18:30 - 21:30 • Main Tent EVENING	Final evening networking • 19:30 - 21:30 EVENING
ROOMS	MAIN TENT BREAKOUT TENT VERCOE 1 VERCOE 2 NDAMA 720 (DAY 1)	

Tuesday 22 September

The art of the ask

Open Space 1

15:00 - 16:00

MAIN TENT	Scaling in action: Scaling practice and lessons from the CGIAR Scaling Fund, Enabel & WFP
BREAKOUT TENT	From forecast to funding: Five AI tools for the decisions scaling demands
VERCOE 1	Connected hubs, collective impact; How to align regional and global scaling efforts?
VERCOE 2	Scaling against the odds: Responsible scaling for lasting impact in fragile settings
NDAMA	Masterclass on scaling science: Building a Global South curriculum INVITE ONLY
720	From innovation to investment: Embedding CGIAR science in development finance for impact at scale SIDE QUEST
FLEXIBLE	Emerging session Proposed by you, during the week

Open Space 2

16:30 - 17:30

MAIN TENT	Public-private partnerships that turn research into markets!
BREAKOUT TENT	Connected intelligence for scale: Exploring FAO Agrifood Systems Technologies and Innovations Outlook (ATIO) and CGIAR's Demand Intelligence journey from signals to scaling decisions
VERCOE 1	From principle to practice: Equity, legitimacy and power in scaling
VERCOE 2	Scaling for Impact in fragile and conflict-affected states
NDAMA	Expand, embed, inspire: Epistemic justice and agency in responsible, inclusive scaling
FLEXIBLE	Emerging session Proposed by you, during the week

Wellbeing Tent

optional, drop in

15:00 - 15:30	Arrive in your body
16:00 - 16:30	Learn the teacup spiral
17:00 - 17:30	Connection games for authentic relating

Wednesday 23 September

Rise

Open Space 3

14:30 - 15:30

MAIN TENT	EU Global Gateway - following €300 billion of investment: Mapping agricultural innovation onto strategic corridors
BREAKOUT TENT	Investable, not invisible: The right partner, the right capital, the right stage
VERCOE 1	Beyond the push: Designing demand-driven pathways to scale
VERCOE 2	How do you know if scaling worked? Evaluating scaling efforts in research for development
NDAMA	Scaling takes a coalition. But what makes a coalition work and for whom?
FLEXIBLE	Emerging session Proposed by you, during the week

Open Space 4

16:00 - 17:00

MAIN TENT	Scaling for Impact solution tracks: Wins, fails and field truths
BREAKOUT TENT	Scaling finance for climate and nature: What stands in the way? What makes it possible?
VERCOE 1	Beyond what works: A practical framework for taking evidence-based interventions to scale
VERCOE 2	Who will scale tomorrow? Preparing the next generation of scaling champions
NDAMA	Strategic communications for scaling: Moving beyond awareness to adoption
FLEXIBLE	Emerging session Proposed by you, during the week

Wellbeing Tent

optional, drop in

08:15 - 08:45	Wake up and move
14:30 - 15:00	Breathwork: Reset and connect
16:00 - 16:50	Cold connection
17:30 - 18:00	Sharing circle: Come as you are

Thursday 24 September

So what now?

Open Space 5

10:00 - 11:00

MAIN TENT	Feet on the ground: Driving last-mile delivery through local champions
BREAKOUT TENT	Try before it's built: Shaping the scaling training repository
VERCOE 1	Scaling impact beyond numbers - lessons from practice
VERCOE 2	What travels: Scaling rice innovations across Asia and Africa
NDAMA	Future Impact Scalers space Students and post-graduates
FLEXIBLE	Emerging session Proposed by you, during the week

Open Space 6

11:30 - 12:30

MAIN TENT	From innovation to investment: Building a CGIAR-IFI pipeline for impact at scale
BREAKOUT TENT	Building Africa's first cross-border agri-tech scaling blueprint: Lessons from JCP1
VERCOE 1	From frameworks to farms: Making gender-responsive scaling work for smallholder women
VERCOE 2	Climbing the ladders, dodging the snakes: A game-based look at scaling in practice
NDAMA	Market-led scaling up through demand-led seed systems model across crops
NDAMA	Last mile agent optimization for CSA sales and distribution
FLEXIBLE	Emerging session Proposed by you, during the week

Wellbeing Tent

optional, drop in

08:15 - 08:45	Move, reflect and integrate
10:00 - 11:00	Resilience builder ILRI CAMPUS
11:00 - 11:30	Try the windmill: A tai chi reset