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This volume was the result of an IFPRI facilitated all-Africa sponsored conference on “Assuring Food and Nutrition Security in Africa by 2020: Prioritizing Actions, Strengthening Actors and Facilitating Partnerships.” The conference was held in Kampala, Uganda in April of 2004.

The idea of eradicating hunger in the world is the priority of most governments around the world. Developing nations in collaborations with developed nations of the world are examining possible ways of dealing with the problem of hunger. The empowerment of developing nations to sustain agricultural production and safe guard the environment is not being taken seriously around the world. This book is a compilation of the papers that were presented at the conference in Kampala to address matters such as raising agricultural productivity, technology for small scale farmers, food security, improving food and nutrition security, mitigating, preventing and ending conflicts in Africa, fostering economic growth markets and trade, building human capacity, nutrition and health, strengthening governance and, political will of people.

This is a book which attempt to deal with the root causes of food insecurity and seems to provide a holistic approach to remedying the problems. It puts the reader at the conference and at the center of the dialogue. It is a good read. It is recommended for researchers and libraries.

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