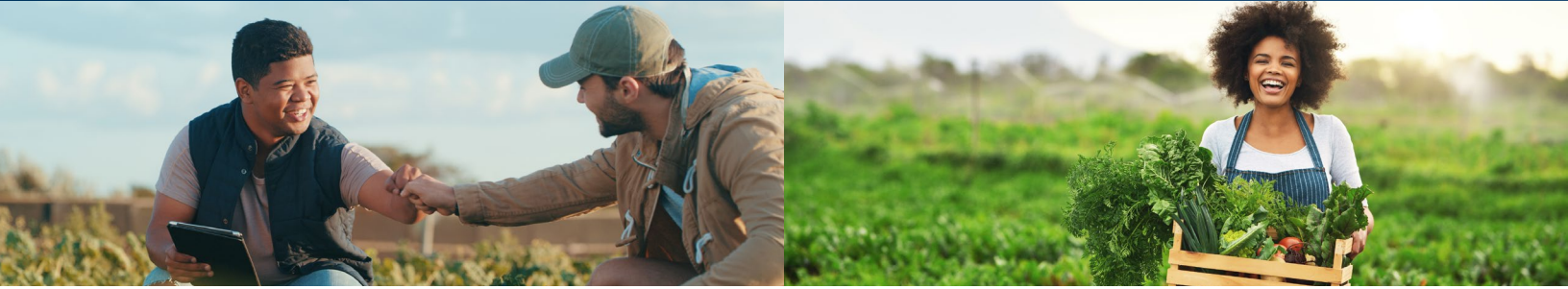




Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Forum



The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is excited to participate at the Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Forum organized by the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Topics will include economic opportunities in the agriculture industry; what employers are doing to attract talent; what opportunities are available for BIPOC Minnesota farmers and how can state agencies assist farmers, employers, and talent in the community.

WHEN:

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Time 3:00 – 4:30 PM



AGENDA:

- **3-3:05: Welcome and introduction**
Assistant Commissioner, Anisa Hajimumin, DEED
- **3:05-3:15: Emerging Farmers in Minnesota**
Assistant Commissioner, Patrice Bailey, MDA
- **3:15 – 3:45: Stories of Immigrant and Refugee Farmers in Minnesota**
Lillian Otieno, MDA (moderator)
 - » Moses Momanyi of Dawn2Dusk Farm and Kilimo MN
 - » Naima Dhore of Somali American Farmers Association (SAFA)
- **3:45 – 4:00: Resources**
DEED and MDA
- **4:00 – 4:25: Partnering for Support in COVID-19**
 - » Latino Economic Development Center
Aaron Blyth, Agricultural Program Manager
 - » Metropolitan Economic Development Association
Patrick Pariseau, Vice President of Lending & Consulting
- **4:25 – 4:30: Closing**

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