



Strengthening the role of African researchers in the Europe–Africa Research and Innovation Partnership on Food, Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)

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Speakers Biography



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Strengthening the role of African researchers in the Europe–Africa Research and Innovation Partnership on Food, Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)

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MODERATOR

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MODERATOR



Dr. Aldo Stroebel

Dr. Stroebel is the Executive Director Strategic Partnerships at the National Research Foundation of South Africa, and Visiting Fellow at the Institute for African Development at Cornell University, USA. He serves as South Africa's National Contact Point for the ERC to H2020, and on the board of the Water Research Commission of South Africa. He is a Foreign Fellow of the Ugandan National Academy of Science, and a founding member of the South Africa Young Academy of Science .

He obtained his PhD from University of the Free State and Cornell University, USA, Masters in International Agricultural Development from University of Ghent, Belgium, BSc- and Hons degrees from University of Pretoria, South Africa. He has been acknowledged as a leader in the internationalisation of Higher Education, and research and innovation management.



HOST



Dr. Florence M. Nakayiwa

Dr. Nakayiwa is the Deputy Executive Secretary - Planning Resources Mobilization and Management, she joined RUFORUM from Makerere University where she has been the Director of the Planning and Development Department.

She has over 20 years' experience in the higher education sector in Africa.

She brings vast experience in institutional development in higher education, policy engagement, development partners' collaboration and partnership development and networking to the RUFORUM Secretariat and its wider network at large.



GUEST SPEAKER/CO-HOST



Ms. Jennie van der Mheen

Ms. Jennie van der Mheen is the liaison officer for Africa on behalf of Wageningen University & Research (WUR) in the Netherlands. She facilitates collaboration with African partners, and develops new activities for WUR in the field of research, education and value creation in Africa. She lived and worked in several African countries for international organisations such as FAO, IFAD and the World Bank as well as for African NGOs. During that period, she has mainly worked in food security programs targeting African smallholder farmers.

She returned to the Netherlands where she was appointed program officer West Africa for an international NGO, working on fair and sustainable value chains. She obtained her MSc in International Development Studies from Wageningen University.

SPEAKER



Ms. Nienke Buisman

Ms. Buisman is the Head of Unit International Cooperation in the European Commission, Directorate-General Research & Innovation. She is in charge of developing and implementing the EU's research and innovation cooperation policy with Africa, Asia and the Middle East. She started her career in the European Commission in Directorate-General Transport and Energy as the assistant to the Resources Director. Before joining the European Commission, she has worked for UNICEF and the Assembly of French Chambers of Commerce in Brussels, Belgium.

She holds an MSc in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She also holds a double French-British MA in European Public Policy



SPEAKER



Dr. Philippe Petithuguenin

Dr. Petithuguenin is the Deputy Director of Research and Strategy at the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD) and Coordinator of the H2020 project LEAP4FNSSA. He has been working in the field of Agricultural Research for Development for over 30 years, including 20 years of posting in Africa and Latin America. He has worked for the European Commission for 3 years advising EC-DG RTD on activities of international cooperation, in Brussels and with international organizations like the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). He also assumed institutional tasks, representing INRA and CIRAD in Brazil for 5 years.

He is a member of various European (vice Président of SCAR ARCH) or international working groups, in particular the EU-Africa HLPD STI Working Group on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture.



SPEAKER



Dr. Irene Annor-Frempong

Dr. Annor-Frempong serves as an Advisor on Research and Innovation at 'The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa' (FARA). Prior to FARA, she worked at universities and research institutes including University of Cape Coast in Ghana, National University of Lesotho, University of Bristol in the UK, FAP Research Station, Rekenholtz- Zurich in Switzerland and at IVO, Zeist in the Netherlands. She serves on a number of Boards and Steering Committees of continent-wide and global initiatives. She served on the Technical Committee of the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) among others.

She obtained her PhD from the Veterinary School, University of Bristol, UK, MSc in Animal Production Science from Wageningen University and Research in the Netherlands, BSc. (Hons) in Agriculture and Diploma in Education, both from University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

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