

“Bold Actions For Food as a Force for Good” Pre-event in support of UN Food Systems Summit 2021

23 November & 24 November 2020



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24 November at 10:30 – 12:00 CET

Session Hosting Organization	<p>The Project LEAP4FNSSA provides support for European and African institutions to enhance their engagement in joint research and innovation (R&I) on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA): https://www.leap4fnssa.eu/</p> <p>RUFORUM is a consortium of 129 universities operating in 38 countries spanning the African continent. RUFORUM's mission is to strengthen the capacities of universities to foster innovations responsive to demands of small-holder farmers: www.ruforum.org:</p> <p>EFARD is an umbrella network of European research and non- research stakeholders from public and private European organisations and the European Commission. EFARD aims to strengthen the contribution of European Agricultural Research for Development (ARD). www.efard.eu</p>
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Session Name	Working together for resilient food systems: towards a Europe – Africa platform for research and innovation
Session description (max 200 words)	<p>The Covid-19 clearly shows the fragility of the food systems. It makes us aware of the interrelatedness of the different parts and scales of the systems. We expect that in the future, we will experience more shocks, such as natural disasters, conflicts, and diseases, with devastating consequences for vulnerable populations. The ambition of Action Track 5 is to ensure that food systems are able to deliver food security, nutrition and equitable livelihoods for all despite these crises. To find these solutions, all actors in food systems need to work together: from farmers to consumers, from policymakers to companies, researchers, social workers and school teachers.</p> <p>In this session, we will focus on how research and innovation work in cooperation with the different actors within the food system, bring about transformation towards more resilience.</p>
Session Goals	Aim of the session is to explore the perspectives of different stakeholders within food systems on resilience pathways and how new ways of collaboration in the field of R&I should look like.
Key questions to be addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What transformation is required to make value chains more resilient? • What is the role of R&I in contributing towards Action Track 5? • How does the research arena (research, research funding agencies, programs, international collaboration) need to change to be in a better position to strengthen food system resilience? • What could be the role of a sustainable bi-regional (Europe –Africa) R&I Platform in addressing food systems resilience, and what are the responses to shocks and challenges? • What mechanisms should be put in place to ensure that research outputs reach the intended users and are used to guide food systems, policy making and development?
Proposed Session Format 1h 30min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minutes – High Level Welcome and Introduction • 50 minutes - Panel discussions by 6 speakers structured in 2-3 sub-sessions, each around a specific question: • 30 minutes – Q&A, interaction
UN Food Systems Summit Action Track and Levers addressed¹	(5) building resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

¹ Action tracks are (1) ensuring access to safe and nutritious food for all, (2) shifting to sustainable consumption patterns, (3) boosting nature-positive production at scale, (4) advancing equitable livelihoods and (5) building resilience to

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<p>Proposed speakers</p>	<p>Facilitation: Ms. Prof Dr. Lindiwe Sibanda, Director: African Research Universities Alliance Centre of Excellence in Food Security & Co-Chair of the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture - 5 min for intro to the event</p> <p>Welcome: Mr. Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director of Agriculture, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia (tbc) 5 min opening on the role of food systems in times of crises, need for resilience, expectations for collaboration in Africa and with Europe</p> <p>Intro to Food Systems Resilience: Mr. Prof. Dr. Patrick Caron, vice-president of the University of Montpellier (MUSE) and a member of the Scientific Group advising on the preparation of the UN Secretary-General's Food Systems Summit 2021 10 min on food systems, role of the summit, challenges for resilience, link to cooperation</p> <p><u>Stakeholder panel with 6 members from Europe and Africa</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Jeanine Milly Cooper Minister of Agriculture – Liberia <i>She can talk about her country, challenges for food system resilient, what transformation is needed, role of policies, collaboration of stakeholders, role of Universities/ RUFORUM</i> Mr. Dr. Hans- Jörg Lutzeyer Research Programme Officer European Commission, DG, European Commission. <i>Can R&I increase resilience of food systems? Is more collaboration necessary? What benefits brings EU-AU R&I partnership on FNSSA and the platform for long-term collaboration? Do you see a role for EFARD bringing stakeholder groups together that want to contribute to more resilient food systems through Research and Innovation?</i> Ms. Caroline Jacquet Project Manager in CSO Bio Innovation Zimbabwe <i>What is the role of CSO of addressing food system resilience and what are success stories from Zimbabwe?</i> Mr. Anthony Mun-Gavin Vice president of food and refreshments Africa, UNILEVER. <i>Is UNILEVER part of an EU industry network organisation that focusses on R&I questions? Do you see scope for closer collaboration with other stakeholders in R&I to address food system resilience? and if so how could this be done?</i> Mr. Hakim Baliraine Chairperson of ESAFF, the Eastern and Southern Africa small-scale Farmers Forum <i>What is your perspective on the collaboration with R&I and private companies, how can working together in partnership increase the benefits for farmers. Best practise examples?</i> Mr. Samuel Rigu Founder and CEO Safi Organics, Kenya <i>What is the role of SME of addressing food system resilience and what are success stories from Kenya?</i> <p><i>Wrap Up and Way Forward – 5min</i> Mr. Dr. Philippe Petithuguenin, Research and Strategy Deputy Director, The French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD) and Coordinator of the LEAP4FNSSA Programme</p>
<p>Target audience</p>	<p>Private sector institutions (UNILEVER, DSM, Gain etc.), European and African consumer organizations, Farmers organizations, agri-dealers, Philanthropic foundations, European Commission (staff from DevCo, Agri, RTD), African and European universities, African and European research institutions, CGIAR, FNSSA Working Group, agri-business community, non-profit organizations, public agencies, Members of all stakeholder groups represented by EFARD.</p>

vulnerabilities, shocks and stress. Levers of change include governance, finance, data, culture, and innovation and a strong focus on women and youth