

Conference on Food and Nutrition Security in Africa, February 20-21, 2024

Venue: Queen Mary Undercroft, University of Greenwich, Old Royal Naval College, London SE10 9NN

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 20 February 2024

- 9.00-9.30 Registration, tea, coffee, pastries
9.30-9.40 Welcome remarks – The Rt Hon. The Lord Boateng, Chancellor of the University of Greenwich

Keynote speaker

- 9.40-10.30 Professor Sheryl Hendriks, Director of Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich

SESSION 1 Food systems and nutrition

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| 10.30-10.32 | Dr Christopher Turner | Welcome |
| 10.32-11.02 | Prof. Amos Laar | Making healthy food environment policies palatable in Africa: lessons from Ghana |
| 11.02-11.42 | Dr Christopher Turner | Capturing the moment: a snapshot review of contemporary food environment research featuring participatory photography methods |
| | Dr Aurelie Bechoff | Strengthening African Food Systems in the face of climate change and food insecurity (SAFOODS project) |
| | Dr Fiorella Picchioni | Political Economy Analysis of the Food Industry in Ghana (PEAFI project) |
| | Dr Louise Abayomi | Tools to assess the nutritional and safety status of foods |
| | Dr Paula Dominguez Salas | Nutrition Research Facility (NRF) |
| 11.42-12.02 | BREAK | |
| 12.02-12.34 | FaNSI PhD presentations:
Lizzie Saka | A food systems approach to understanding and supporting contributions of small pelagic fish to human diets and nutrition in Malawi |
| | Laura Utume | Development of 'safe for the gut' ready-to-use-therapeutic-food (RUTF) |
| | Lydia O'Meara | Remote diet data collection using Interactive Voice Recordings on mobile phones with hard-to-reach women in rural Northern Uganda |
| | Ebunolowa Awotunya | Investigating dietary drivers among slum dwellers in the urban food environment of Lagos State, Nigeria |
| 12.34-13.04 | Joyce Kinabo | Food systems and nutrition |
| 13.04-13.34 | Sophia Schuff | Designing thriving foodscapes |
| 13.34-13.35 | Dr Christopher Turner | Closing remarks |

13.30-14.30 LUNCH

SESSION 2 Food loss and waste reduction

14.30–14.40	Prof. Ben Bennett	Welcome
14.40–15.00	Prof. Brighton Mvumi	Food Loss and Waste in durable food systems in sub-saharan Africa: emerging trends, challenges and opportunities in the fight against hunger
15.00–15.20	Prof. Linus Opara	Building Africa’s capacity for postharvest loss and food waste reduction – the role of university-led research
15.20–15.30	Prof. Ben Bennett	Plenary
15.30–16.00	FLW related PhD Student presentations:	
	Himadri Pal	Food safety & food waste
	Shwe Phue San	Biological hazards found in products of animal origin in Cambodia from 2000 to 2022: a systematic review
	Asoo Yaji	Antifungal activity of volatile compounds associated with <i>Neonectria ditissima</i> infection in apples to control pathogens of postharvest decay
	Getachew Dinede	Improving food safety in butcher shops in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and assessing the impact of the interventions
	Daniel Mbogo	Understanding acrylamide risk in sweet potato
16.00–16.10	Prof. Delia Randolph	Plenary
16.10–16.30	BREAK	
16.30–17.00	Prof. Lateef Sanni Prof. Jane Ambuko	Panel Discussion
17.00–17.20	Dr Gideon Onumah	Plenary
17.20–17.30	Dr Parag Acharya Prof. Ben Bennett	Session summary and agreement for future action Closing remarks

Poster session

17.30-18.45 NRI Staff and PhD students will be present to discuss their posters relating to the themes covered in the conference.

Wednesday 21 February 2024

8.45–9.10 Registration (new attendees) Tea, coffee, pastries

Keynote speaker

9.10–10.00 Professor Marta G. Rivera-Ferre, Spanish National Research Council, Institute for the Management and Innovation of Knowledge, INGENIO (CSIC-UPV)

SESSION 3 Inclusive innovation for sustainable agricultural intensification

10.00–10.05	Prof. Jonne Rodenburg	Welcome
10.05–10.25	Prof. Anna Mdee	“Just add women and youth” – the political economy of addressing equity and social sustainability in sustainable agricultural intensification

10.25–10.45	Dr Leo Zulu	Empowering agriculture: nurturing social, gender, and youth equity in sustainable intensification in sub-saharan Africa
10.45–11.35	FaNSI staff & student presentations:	
	Dr Truly Rintanten Santika	Spatial landscape for understanding the dynamics and multi-aspects of sustainable agriculture
	Rachel Chase	Sustainable Agriculture Practices: enset and farmer-led drought tolerance trait selection in SW Ethiopia
	Dr Marcos Paradelo Perez	Soil health for sustainable agricultural intensification
11.35–11.45	Prof. Jonne Rodenburg	Plenary
11.45–12.05	BREAK	
12.05–12.30	Dr Zainab Oyetunda-Usman	Addressing barriers to digital credit for rural resilience
	Prof. Kolawole Abedayo	Context, inclusion and equity issues for African smallholder farmers in sustainable agricultural intensification systems
12.30–12.35	Prof. Jonne Rodenburg	Plenary
12.35–13.00	Prof. Jonne Rodenburg	Closing remarks

13.00–14.00 LUNCH

SESSION 4 Climate change

14.00–14.05	Prof. John Morton	Welcome
14.05–14.42	Dr Zinta Zommers	Linkages between climate change, food security and the need for humanitarian action
14.42–15.20	Dr Laxmi Pant	Alternative food movements as contested vehicles for climate justice
15.20–15.40	BREAK	
15.40–16.17	Md Mofakkarul Islam	Climate change and farmer-herder conflicts in Nigeria
16.17–16.55	Dr Uche Okpara	Thermal discomfort and conflict

Final remarks and close

17.00–17.30