

InnovAfrica Project Final Conference 12-13 October 2021

We will showcase the main results of InnovAfrica project, to improve food and nutrition security (FNS) in six case study countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, and Tanzania) in Africa by integrating sustainable agriculture intensification systems (SAIs) and innovative institutional approaches (IIAs) with novel extension and advisory services (EASs), and the key recommendations for policy and practice.

The event will provide opportunities to:

- o Share the approaches, findings and lessons learned for policy and practice, and interactive online session to explore sustainability impacts of SAIs, IIAs and EASs.
- Present the major outcomes/impacts (scientific/social/economic) of SAIs, IIAs and EASs on food security and sustainable agriculture in Africa.
- o Gain insights from farmers about their experiences of using project interventions; and network with key stakeholders working on EU-Africa research and innovation on FNSSA.

Project results will contribute to the implementation of the United Nation's SDGs 2, 13, 15, EU-Africa R&I partnership on FNSSA, and National Food security Strategic Plans.

The target audience of this conference are the national public authorities, the scientific community, valuechain actors, farmer organisations, the European Commission/EU, NGOs, and civil society organisations,

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## Conference Programme<sup>1</sup>

Date: 12 October 2021		Date: 13 October 2021	
09:15 - 09:25	Registration	Panel Discussion with MAP members: Chair: Daniel M'Mailutha, KENAFF, Kenya	
09:25 - 09:35	Welcome remarks, Dieter Schillinger, DDG R&D Biosciences, ILRI	09:15 - 10:00	Uptake/sustainability of project results/, George
09:35 - 09:45	Shifting focus of international agriculture research and development, Ragnar Pedersen, Director, NIBIO	N. 1	N. Muita (Kenya), Madalitso Machira (Malawi) and Lebohang Mokoena (South Africa)
09:45 - 10:05	EU research priorities on the EU-Africa R&I Partnership on FNSSA, Marta Iglesias – Policy officer at the European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural development office	EU-Africa co-operation on FNSSA (opportunities for networking, sharing experiences), Chair: Per Stålnacke, NIBIO, Norway	
10:05 - 10:15	Science-policy uptake in Kenya, Joseph Ngugi, Deputy Director of Livestock Production, MoALFC, Kenya	10:00 -10:15	EatSANE/LEAP4FNSSA project, Carolin Callenius, University of Hohenheim, Germany
10:15 - 10:25	InnovAfrica project overview, main achievements/impacts, Udaya Sekhar Nagothu, InnovAfrica coordinator	10:15 - 10:30	H2020 Healthy Food Africa project, Sell Mila Luke, Finland
10:25 - 10:35	Key messages from InnovAfrica project, Agnes Mwang'ombe, SEAB Member, InnovAfrica	10:30 -11:00	Coffee break
10:35 -10:45	Introduction to the parallel sessions, <i>Udaya</i> Sekhar Nagothu, InnovAfrica coordinator	11:00 - 11:15	H2020 FOODLAND project, Valentino Govigli, University of Bologna, Italy
10:45-11:10	Coffee break	11:15 - 11:30	H2020 EWA-BELT project, Giovanna Seddaiu, University of Sassari, Italy
Parallel Session 1: Sustainable agriculture intensification systems, Chair: Yemi Akinbamijo, SAB Member, InnovAfrica		Feedback from participating farmers, Chair: Jessica Ndubi, KALRO, Kenya	
11:10 - 11:25	Impacts of Brachiaria forage systems to FNS: Sita Ghimire, ILRI-BecA, Kenya	11:30 - 11:50	Farmers view on InnovAfrica, Margaret Musyoka & Samuel Kisyang'a (Kenya), Judith Kachali (Malawi), Lebenya Komako (South Africa)
11:25 - 11:40	Impacts of agroecological practices (crop diversification with legumes) to FNS, Isaiah Nyagumbo, CIMMYT, Zimbabwe	11.20 - 17.00	Project video clippings, Mwihaki Mundia, ILRI- BecA, Kenya
11:40 - 11:55	Seed delivery systems, regional perspectives Ola Westengen, NMBU, Norway		
11:55 - 12:10	Impacts of agri-food value chains mapping to FNS/agribusiness, <i>Giacomo Branca</i> , <i>UNITUS</i> , <i>Italy</i>	12:00 - 12:10	Project outreach/dissemination, Mehreteab Tesfai, NIBIO, Norway
Parallel Session 2: Innovative institutional approaches/Extension and advisory services, Chair: Raymond Kayumbe, SAB Member, InnovAfrica		12:10 - 12:20	Closing remark, Cathrine Ziyomo, InnovAfrica co- coordinator
11:10 - 11:25	Impacts of Multi Actor Platforms in science- stakeholder-policy linkage, Susan Msolla, SUA, Tanzania	INNOVAFRICA, <a href="www.innovafrica.eu">www.innovafrica.eu</a> , is a European Union H2020 funded research project aiming to increase smallholders' adaptability, agricultural productivity, profitability, and nutritional benefits, while reducing negative environmental impacts and enhancing sustainable agriculture in Africa.  VISIT THE INNOVAFRICA KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM: <a href="http://kp-innovafrica.africabiosciences.org/">http://kp-innovafrica.africabiosciences.org/</a>	
11:25 - 11:40	Impacts of Village Knowledge Center in knowledge exchange & adaptation, <i>Donald N., KALRO, Kenya</i>		
11:40 - 11:55	Impacts of Farmer-to-Farmer extension in knowledge exchange and adaptation, <i>Laifolo Dakishoni</i> , <i>SFHC</i> , <i>Malawi</i>		
11:55 - 12:10	Agricultural policy & institutional frameworks to FNS, <i>Ruth Haug, NMBU, Norway</i>		
12:10 - 12:25	Concluding remarks of Day 1, Esther Bloem, NIBIO, Norway		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  The time specified in the programme is Central European Summer Time (CEST)