

Session Brief

Forgotten Food Side Event: Theme: Mainstreaming Forgotten Food into Africa Food System: What are the Next Big Things?

Date: 7th June 2023, 16:00 -18:00 SAST

Format: Hybrid

Venue:

Zoom Link: <https://faraafrica.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvdO2qqTosEtIH3gRckM3mns4x-8yL5Nto>

Synopsis

Africa is facing multiple crises that are exacerbating food and nutrition security problems. Among others are land degradation, climate change, and social instability in many parts of the continent. Boosting the production and processing of the forgotten crops will provide an opportunity for the private sector to expand trade of these commodities, within the continent, thus creating jobs throughout the value chain. The diversification of production systems with these crops will improve the resilience of African agriculture and will improve the biodiversity in those systems. In 2022, FARA together with GFAR, and Bioversity-CIAT, through consultation with hundreds of stakeholders developed the continental manifesto and the action plan for integrating forgotten food into the food system. Following the good efforts, it is vital to begin to discuss the next big things to do and practical steps to advance the integration of forgotten food into Africa's food system. This discussion will generate the next actions.

Program

Sr	Time	Activity	Facilitator
A	1600 - 1605	Opening Thoughts Dr. Aggrey Agumya (FARA)	Alessandro Meschinelli (GFAR)
	1605 - 1700	Key Presentations - Dr. Carlos Fadda (Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT) - Prof. Wole Fatunbi (FARA) - Dr. Sukati Mphumuzi (FAO)	
B	1700 - 1750	High-level Panel Discussion: Theme: <i>What are the Next Big Things in mainstreaming forgotten food in Africa</i> Panelist - Evalyn Okoth (Farmer representative) - Carolyne Alango (Dascrop CEO) - Dominic Uchi (Youth Ambassador) - Nalishebo Meebelo	
C	1750 - 1800	Wrap-Up Key issues Way forward	

Speakers



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