



**Agroecological
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in Africa**



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- 08:00-09:00 **Registration**
- 09:00-09:15 **Opening & welcome**
- 09:15-09:30 **Scientific evidence for agroecological and organic transition in Africa**
Keynote speaker: Beate Huber (FiBL)
- 09:30-09:45 **Harnessing Agroecology Transitions in Africa to achieve Better Production, Better Nutrition, a Better Environment and a Better Life, leaving no one behind**
Keynote speaker: Abebe Haile-Gabriel (FAO)
- 09:45-10:00 **Policy perspectives on agroecological transition**
Keynote speaker: Marion Michaud (European Commission, DG International Partnerships)
- 10:15-11:15 **Climate resilient production systems: Agroecology for enhanced productivity, soil and livestock**
Keynote speaker: Giovanna Seddaiu (UNISS) and Harun Cicek (FiBL)
Panel discussion: Olfa Boussadia, Institute De L'olivier, Sfax (Tunisia); Mamadou Traorè, UNB (Burkina Faso); Yelemou Barthelemy, INERA (Burkina Faso); Hadja Sanon, INERA (Burkina Faso)
- 11:15-11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30-12:30 **Food security, Agrobiodiversity strategies and nutrition: Agrobiodiversity strategies for improved food diversity and nutrition**
Keynote speaker: Christine Chege (CIAT) and Quirico Migheli (UNISS)
Panel discussion: Celine Termote, Bioversity-CIAT (Kenya); Amritbir Riar, FiBL (Switzerland); Shem Kuyah, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Kenya); Mary Corbett, Self Help Africa (Ireland)

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- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch break**
- 13:30-14:30 **Inclusive growth and sustainable job creation: Comparative advantage of the economy of agroecology**
Keynote speaker: Jean Michel Sourisseau (CIRAD)
Panel discussion: Alice Turinawe, CAES, Makerere University (Uganda); Evelyne Compaore, INERA (Burkina Faso); Paul Wagstaff, Self Help Africa (Ireland)
- 14:30-15:00 **Coffee break**
- 15:00-16:00 **Agroecology transition and adoption: Transforming agri-food systems**
Keynote speaker: Emily Poppenborg (JLU) and Rik van den Bosch (ISRIC)
Panel discussion: Assane Beye, UCAD (Senegal); Samuel Mesele, IITA (Uganda); Jenny Calabrese, CIHEAM (Italy)
- 16:00-17:00 **Synthesis Session - EU-Africa agenda for agroecological R&I priorities: Research and development agenda – Evidence for achieving sustainable and resilient livelihoods**
Panel discussion: Beate Huber (FiBL), Guy Faure (European Commission, DG International Partnerships), Luis Vivas-Alegre (European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development), David Amudavi (Biovision Africa Trust), Oluwole Fatunbi (FARA)
- 17:30 **Event closes**

Event moderated by:
Mila Sell (LUKE) & Markus Arbenz (FiBL)

