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| 08:00-09:00 | Registration |
| 09:00-09:15 | Opening & welcome: Harun Cicek (FiBL) |
| 09:15-09:30 | Scientific evidence for agroecological and organic transition in Africa
<i>Keynote speaker:</i> 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
<i>Keynote speaker:</i> Abebe Haile-Gabriel (FAO) |
| 09:45-10:00 | Policy perspectives on agroecological transition
<i>Keynote speaker:</i> Marion Michaud (European Commission, DG International Partnerships) |
| 10:15-11:15 | Climate resilient production systems: Agroecology for enhanced productivity, soil and livestock
<i>Keynote speakers:</i> Giovanna Seddaiu (UNISS) and Harun Cicek (FiBL)
<i>Panel discussion:</i> 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
<i>Keynote speakers:</i> Christine Chege (CIAT) and Quirico Migheli (UNISS)
<i>Panel discussion:</i> Celine Termote, Bioversity-CIAT (Kenya); Amritbir Riari, (FiBL); Adam Standring, University of Lisbon |



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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); Anitra van der Kraan, Tradin Organic (Netherlands)
- 14:30-15:00 **Coffee break**
- 15:00-16:00 **Agroecology transition and adoption:
Transforming agri-food systems**
Keynote speakers: Emily Poppenborg (JLU) and Rik van den Bosch
(ISRIC)
Panel discussion: Assane Beye, UCAD (Senegal); Samuel Mesele, IITA
(Uganda); Shem Kuyah, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and
Technology (Kenya)
- 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);
Hans-Jörg Lutzeyer (DG Research and Innovation); David Amudavi
(Biovision Africa Trust), Oluwole Fatunbi (FARA)
- 17:30 **Event closes**
- Event moderated by:** Mila Sell (LUKE) and Markus Arbenz (FiBL)

