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Programme

Conference; Decolonization, Diaspora and the African Food Systems

2nd to 3rd July 2024

Africa Museum Tervuren, Belgium

**8.30 – 9.30** **Welcome & Registration**

**9.30 – 9.40** Welcome Remarks by Dr Maureen Duru & Dr Sarah O’Neill

**9.45 – 10.25** **Keynote** by Prof Adams Bodomo, Head of African Studies Department University of Vienna, Austria

**Theme:**  "Where is African Agency in the African Diaspora Food Systems?"

**10.30 – 11. 15** **Breakout session** “What do you understand by decolonizing the African food system?”: Followed by interactive discussions

**11.15 – 11.30 Coffee Break**

**11.35 – 12.40** **Precolonial and colonial African foodways**

* Birgit Ricquier - Early Foodways in Northeast Congo: Shots of History Distilled by means of Comparative Linguistics
* Iradukunda M Tema - La nutrition à l’africaine, le Sorgho aliment traditionnel burundais
* Karina Ramos - The relationship between food consumption and territoriality in Luanda's colonial urban space (1949-1973)
* Maud Devos - Stilled objects versus cultural histories. Reconnecting museum objects related to coffee and cassava to past and present Tetela vocabularies.

**12.45 – 13.30 Diaspora Foodways**

* Michael Abwami Innocent - Exploring The Influence Of African Diasporas On Food Practices: A Development Communication Perspective
* Jahlani Niaah, Nicole Plummer, Sonjah Stanley Niaah - Decolonizing the Palate: Rastafari's Evolution of Ital Nutrition
* Philip Umaru, Azubuike Erinugha - Exploring African Food in Contexts: Implications for Diasporic Communities
* Sarah O’Neill & Maureen Duru – Mapping the African Food legacy in Belgium: the Vyakulani Project
  + - 1. **Lunch – Chef Alagie, Banjul Kitchen**

**14.20 – 15.10 Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship**

* Sarah De Smet, Smaranda Boros, Charlene Zietsma, Karijn Bonne and Claire Maréchal - Women immigrant entrepreneurs in Belgium: Strategies to belong
* Kennedy Oyier Ngoko- Sustainable Smart Aquaculture: Decolonizing African food systems for Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship
* Suzanne Awung, Founder Suzy Farms Corp Cameroon
* Farai Gwelo – Corporate control and small holder farmer’s autonomy in the digitalization of smallholder agriculture in South Africa
* Eduardo **da Silva Oliveira**: Decolonising Sustainability: Implementing Divergent Pedagogies for African-Centred Business Sustainability Management Solutions

**15.15 – 15.45 Coffee break and nutritious food cooking demonstration**

* **Chef Alagie, Banjul Kitchen**
  1. **– 17.30 African Diaspora food in literature**

**A workshop with Prof Adams Bodomo and other African authors**

**DAY TWO**

**8.30 – 9.25 Welcome & Registration**

* 1. **– 10.45 Health and Nutrition -**
* Emiel de Meyer - Medicinal plant use among the Congolese (Democratic Republic of Congo) community in Belgium
* Laura Van Damme - Plant use and perceptions in the context of sexual health among people of Congolese descent in Belgium
* Helen Bour, Sandra Boatemaa Kushitor, Karina Benessaiah, Elena Bennett, Oonsie Reinette Biggs, Nyasha Magadzire - The Role Of Seeds In Transforming Food Systems In Coastal Areas In Ghana
* Food as medicine and heritage – Dr Stella Iwuagwu

**10.50- 11.20**  **Side activity**

* From Congo to Belgium: culinary journeys and stories

Du Congo à la Belgique : voyages culinaires et histoires

Césarine Sinatu Bolya

Valérie Maluma

- Pathy Kibungu

Mama Marie

**11.25 – 11.40 Coffee Break**

**11.45 – 13.00 Food Sovereignty and Climate change**

* Nicole Plummer, Marisa Wilson, Charmaine McKenzie, Inna Yaneva-Toraman, Thera Edwards, Patricia Northover, Sylvia Adjoa Mitchell, Anthony Richards, Kasikeiani Ronalda Pairman - Achieving Climate Justice Through a Decolonized Approach to Food Heritage
* Ndidi Nwaneri - ONUNAKA FARMS – 2021-2023
* Jutta Kleber - Relying on indigenous knowledge for sound agriculture, food and health systems - experiences from East-Africa

**13.05 – 13.45 Lunch - Chef Alagie, Banjul Kitchen Food Truck**

**13.50 – 14.40 Food Policy and Governance**

* Marthe Djuikom - Politiques de développement et mutations en milieu rural africain
* Aya Kasasa - Diaspora Desk, Organization of Africa, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACP)
* Guggi Laryea - International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

14.45 -**15. 50 Panel Discussion “what is the Future of African Food Systems”**

**moderated by Ms Paddy Siyanga**

* **Ms Bwalya Mwali – Founder-** Africa Tales, an initiative focusing on documenting and making Oral African history & traditions easily accessible and Networking for Africa, a platform for black professionals and Entrepreneurs.

### Sven Bullaert – founder Umu BV including UMU Homes & Pods; building sustainable and healing homes that focus on the environmental and personal impact

### and Herbie Chocolate; Belgian chocolate produced with traditional African and Asian herbs.

* Professor Adams Bodomo , Professor and Chair African studies University of Vienna Austria.
* (TBC 1)

**15.55 – 17. 20 Vote of thanks and networking**