

FoodAfrica Seminar on Global Food Security

Time: Tuesday 12 April 2016, 9:00–16:00

Venue: University of Helsinki main building, Fabianinkatu 33, Helsinki, Finland

Programme

9:00 Registration and coffee

9:30 **Welcome address**

Professor Jukka Kola, Rector, University of Helsinki

Finnish perspectives on food security

Dr. Jaana Husu-Kallio, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland

Finnish perspectives on African development

Mr. Kari Alanko, Deputy Director General, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Department for Africa and the Middle East

FoodAfrica research for development programme in a nutshell

Project Coordinator Mila Sell, Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)

CGIAR perspectives on the contributions of the FoodAfrica programme to food security in Africa

Dr. Joseph Jojo Baidu-Forson, Regional Representative, West and Central Africa, Bioversity International

Impacts of FoodAfrica from a capacity building perspective

Professor Michael Gatari, University of Nairobi

11:45 **Lunch and networking**

12:45 **How do FoodAfrica research results improve food security?**

Representatives of the FoodAfrica work packages

- Strengthening soil micronutrient research
- Sustainable dairy production
- Agricultural practices in changing climate
- Traditional foods for nutrition
- Reducing risk of mycotoxins
- Better market access through ICT
- Innovative extension approaches

New cooperation and business opportunities supporting local food security

Birgit Nevala, Business Partnership Coordinator, Finnpartnership

15:15 **Closing remarks**

Dr. Johanna Buchert, Executive Vice President, Research, Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)

15:30-16:30 **Networking & Cocktails**

Discussion on linkages for new business ideas and cooperation

FoodAfrica research for development programme provides capacity building, knowledge and tools for researchers, decision-makers and farmers to improve local food security in six west and east African countries. The programme started in 2012 and research has been done ever since in cooperation with Finnish, African and international research organisations.

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