

Food and Nutrition Security in Africa

FoodAfrica midterm seminar

Time: Monday 16 June, 2014, 8:30–17:00

Location: University of Helsinki, Main Building, Unioninkatu 34, Helsinki, Finland

Programme

Chairperson: *Prof. Erkki Kemppainen, Director General, MTT Agrifood Research Finland*

8:30–9:00 Registration

9:00–9:15 Opening Remarks

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

9:15–9:20 Rector's Welcome

Prof. Anna Mauranten, Vice-Rector, University of Helsinki, Finland

9:20–9:50 Reinforcing Business Approaches to Tertiary Agricultural Education in Africa

Dr. Aissétou Dramé Yayé, Executive Secretary, African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE), Kenya

9:50–10:20 Coffee & Poster Session by FoodAfrica PhD students

10:20–10:50 Agricultural Research for Food and Nutrition Security

Dr. Sirkka Immonen, CGIAR Independent Evaluation Arrangement, Italy

10:50–11:20 Excessive Volatility and its Effects. What to do?

Dr. Maximo Torero, Division Director MTI, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA

11:20–12:00 FoodAfrica – Tools and Solutions for Improved Food Security in West and East Africa

Prof. Hannu Korhonen, Director of FoodAfrica Programme, MTT Agrifood Research Finland

12:00–13:00 Lunch & Poster Session

FoodAfrica Results Session

Chairperson: *Mrs. Mila Sell, FoodAfrica Programme Coordinator, MTT Agrifood Research Finland*

13:00–14:45 Highlights from FoodAfrica Research Presented by the Researchers

- Strengthening Soil Management for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Production
- Increasing Sustainable Dairy Production through Livestock Breeding
- Adaptation of Smallholder Farming Practices in Changing Climate
- Improving Nutrition of Vulnerable Groups by Traditional Foods
- Reducing Risk of Mycotoxins in the Feed-dairy Chain
- Developing Better Market Access for Smallholders through ICT
- Application of Innovative Extension Approaches for Better Food Security

14:45–15:30 Panel Discussion on Food Security in Africa

Panelists: Development Policy Advisor Sanna-Liisa Taivalmaa, MFA, Director Juha Ruippo, MTK, Dr. Aissétou Dramé Yayé, ANAFE and Waliou Amoussa, FSA.

15:30–15:45 Closing Remarks

Mr. Kari Alanko, Deputy Director General, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

15:45–17:00 Poster Session & Networking