

Dear colleagues,

DG INTPA, FARA and DeSIRA-LIFT are pleased to invite you to the Africa-Europe Week taking place from 14 - 18 February 2022, where we will be holding a session on 'Reflections on a common research and innovation agenda for agroecological transitions of agri-food systems under AU/EU policy frameworks'.

The session we are organising will focus on the implications of new EU policy frameworks for Africa-Europe partnerships on the research and innovation (R&I) priorities for agroecological transitions of agri-food systems based on reflections of African stakeholders. The specific objectives of the side event are:

- To discuss the implications of the <u>EU Green Deal</u> including the <u>Farm-to-Fork strategy</u> and INTPA priorities for the AU/EU agenda on research and innovation (R&I) for agri-food systems.
- To provide input on R&I priorities and actions in African-European partnerships to support agroecological transitions under the sustainability / green agenda for agri-food systems in Africa.

The session will take place on Thursday 17th February 2022 at 9h00 CET.

Opening – Carla Montesi (DG INTPA)

Keynote I: Implications of the EU Policy Frameworks for R&I priorities for agri-food systems in Africa – Tadas Briedis (DG Health)

Keynote II: Reflections on R&I priorities for agroecological transitions under the AU/EU Policy Frameworks – Simplice Nouala Fonkou (African Union)

Brief intermezzo on agroecological transitions – Helena Posthumus (DeSIRA-LIFT)

Panel discussion: reflections on R&I priority areas, actions and partnerships to support agroecological transitions in Africa

- Yemi Akinbamijo (FARA)
- Abdou Tenkouano (CORAF)
- TBD (YPARD)
- Elisabeth Nsimadala (EAFF)
- Marcela Quintero (One CGIAR)

Commentary R&I priorities for FNSSA – Hans-Jörg Lutzeyer (DG RTD)

Closing – Simplice Nouala Fonkou (African Union)

We are looking forward to seeing you during the Africa – Europe Week. Please click here to register.

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Yours sincerely, Christophe Larose (DG INTPA)

