

# 2ND AFRICA FOOD ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH NETWORK (FERN2021) MEETING

**THEME: LEVERAGING FOOD ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH NETWORK (FERN) TO  
TRANSFORM AFRICA'S FOOD SYSTEMS**

**DATES: 3rd, 10th, and 17th November, 2021**

## FERN2021 PROGRAMME BROCHURE

### DAY 1

**3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Time: 12:00 – 16:00 GMT**

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Time	Activities	Speaker(s)
12:00 - 12:10	<b>Opening Session</b> Welcome address Overview of meeting format & objectives	Amos Laar Phyllis Ohene-Agyei
12:10 – 12:30	<b>Plenary 1:</b> Foodscapes are not just what you see	Damien Conaré (UNESCO Chair for World Food Systems)
12:30 – 12:50	<b>Plenary 2:</b> City-level innovations in improving Africa's food environments and food systems: Experiences of 3 African cities	Solophina Nekesa (ICLEI Africa)
12:50 – 13:10	<b>Plenary 3:</b> FS-TIP – Food System Transformative Integrated Policy: update on three African country pilots (Ghana, Malawi, and Rwanda)	Peiman Milani (Rockefeller Foundation)
13:10 – 13:30	<b>Plenary 4:</b> Role of FAO in transforming Africa's Food Environments	Mphumuzi Sukati (FAO Africa)
13:30 – 14:00	Q & A	
14:00 – 14:10	Short break	

14:10 – 14:30	<b>Plenary 5:</b> Understanding Lived Experience of Food Environments to Inform Policy: An Overview of Research Methods	Kimberly Neve (City University London)
14:30 – 14:50	<b>Plenary 6:</b> Food environments in Africa: Addressing Malnutrition using a Syndemics Approach - The Food-SAMSA Project.	Carmen Klinger & Peter Delobelle
14:50 – 15:10	<b>Plenary 7:</b> Plastic food environments: Concepts and evidence gaps in African contexts	Joe Yates (ANH Academy)
15:10 – 15:30	<b>Plenary 8:</b> Food Environment Research and Neglected Indigenous African Foods	Namukolo Covic (African Nutrition Society)
15:30 – 15:55	Q&A	
15:55 – 16:00	Summary of days activities & adjourn	Krystal Rampalli

**DAY 2****10<sup>th</sup> November****INFORMAS eSymposium Series 2021: Africa****Time:** 9:00-16:15 GMT (linked with FERN2021)

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Time Slot	Topic	Speaker(s)
Morning		
09:00 - 10:00	<b>Opening Plenary</b> Welcome - Overview/Symposium objectives  <b>Keynote 1.</b> Update from the UN Food Systems Summit and next steps: Monitoring for accountability, and shifting the balance of power through collective action	Amos Laar, Boyd Swinburn
		David Nabarro
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Module Updates</b>  Brief overviews of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Composition</li> <li>• Food Trade</li> <li>• Food Labelling</li> <li>• Food Retail</li> <li>• Diet Quality</li> <li>• Food Prices</li> </ul>	Kelly Garton
10:20-11:00	<b>Technical Discussions</b> 2 Concurrent Streams  With module update at the beginning of each discussion	Private sector (Business Impact Assessment on obesity and populations) – <i>Senegal</i>
		Food-EPI – <i>Uganda/Tanzania</i>
11:00 - 11:10	Break	
11:10 – 12:00	<b>Technical Discussions</b> 2 Concurrent Streams  With module update at the beginning of each discussion	Food Promotion - <i>Ghana</i>
		Food Provision - <i>Kenya</i>
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch break	

Afternoon			
12:45 – 13:30	<b>Keynote 2.</b> Monitoring food systems for the double-burden of malnutrition and sustainability		Stella Nordhagen
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Abstract Sessions</b> 5 Parallel Streams 1 Zoom Session, 5 Breakout Rooms	6 x15 min abstracts in concurrent sessions	Chairs: Kobby Mensah Kingsley Pereko Stefanie Vandervejeire Francis Zotor Dennis Laryea Joe Yates*
15:00 – 15:15	Break		
15:15 – 16:15	<b>Working Groups and Closing Remarks</b> Strategies and innovation in knowledge translation 1 Zoom Session, 3 Breakout Rooms <b>Closing Remarks in Main Plenary by Adama Diouf</b>	Dashboards and Harnessing Data	Gary Sacks/ Richmond Aryeetey
		Advocacy and Coalition-Building	Nzama Lawrence Mbalati
		Monitoring and Demanding Accountability	Boyd Swinburn/ Peter Delobelle

**DAY 3****17<sup>th</sup> November**

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**Time: 12:00 – 16:00 GMT**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>		<b>Speaker(s)</b>
12:00 – 12:05	<b>Opening Session</b> Welcome/ Overview of activities for the day		Akua Tandoh
12:05- 14:00	<b>Capacity building activities</b> Parallel stream	Different kinds of <b>food price</b> analysis and how they relate to each other:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INFORMAS Food Prices module</li> <li>• Food Prices for Nutrition Project</li> </ul>	Stefanie Vandevijvere*  William Masters
		<b>Food Labeling</b>  Adopting a fit-for-purpose Nutrient Profiling Model + Front of Pack labeling (S/A)  Food composition database (Senegal)	Prof Rina Swart and team  Adama Diouf
14:00 – 14:10	<b>Short Break</b>		
14:10 – 15:10	<b>Abstracts Session</b> 3 parallel streams	4 x15 min abstracts in concurrent sessions	Chairs: Phyllis Ohene-Agyei & Akua Tandoh & Krystal Rampalli &
15:10 – 15:50	<b>Next Steps:</b>  Preview of research priorities from FERN 2020  From dialogues to action – commitment statements and pathways to transformation		Moderator:  Prof Saa Dittoh  (Guided discussion)

	How the food environment can contribute to food systems transformation	
15:50 – 16:00	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; follow up announcements</b>	Amos Laar