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Rural Development Africa

SNRD AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023

CONFERENCE INFORMATION BOOKLET




Transform&Innovate: Future-proof food systems
09 - 13 October 2023 | Royal Horizon Baobab Hotel |
La Somone, Senegal



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WELCOME TO SNRD AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023

Dear participants,

We are excited to welcome you to the SNRD Africa Conference 2023 on the theme “Transform&Innovate: Future-proof Food Systems”!


The SNRD Africa Conference, usually held every two years, aims to provide a face-to-face platform for members to get to know each other, have a peer-to-peer exchange, engage in technical discussions, and promote cross-border learning.

This year's conference will serve as a unique platform to communicate and promote food transformation initiatives and best practices within the Sector Network, GIZ, and other external partner organizations. The conference aims to promote new ideas, future trends, and innovations (from within and outside GIZ). We want to highlight proven approaches, positive deviances and best practices that are ready to scale, while being able to transfer existing knowledge and projects to new levels.

The conference will provide diverse formats to create an engaging and interactive experience for you. We will meet in plenary sessions as well as parallel sessions, where we will interact with both GIZ internal and external speakers on conference thematic areas. Additionally, during the market place session, you will be able to learn about some transformative initiatives and best practices from various member projects.

Our Fieldtrips will showcase selected initiatives in Senegal which are working in the fields of food transformation, digitalization, Gender-Transformative Approaches, and rural development. The field trips will highlight project impacts, demonstrate success stories and introduce partners and beneficiaries on the ground. Participants will have the opportunity to meet relevant stakeholders, engage in discussions and learn from other projects' experiences.

On behalf of SNRD Africa's speakers and the Organizing Team, we say “Daal leen ak jamm” to Senegal. We hope that you have a very pleasant stay in Senegal for the Conference!





ABOUT SNRD AFRICA

Since 1995, the Sector Network for Rural Development (SNRD Africa) has enabled GIZ experts working in rural development and agriculture to enhance their knowledge, develop collaborations and share their experiences. Constantly looking for innovative practices, SNRD Africa initiates events, training, technical exchanges and other empowerment opportunities. The network brings together over 110 projects and more than 850 members. SNRD Africa has six active working groups that work on agribusiness, digitalization, gender, food security, policy processes, climate change, and natural resources. In addition, as part of its mandate to facilitate learning, collaborations and knowledge sharing, SNRD holds a biennial global conference.

The Working Groups of SNRD Africa:

- [Climate and Nature](#)
- [Digital Transformation](#)
- [Food and Nutrition Security](#)
- [Gender-Transformative Approaches \(GTA\)](#)
- [Inclusive Agribusiness](#)
- [Policies for Rural Development](#)

This year's conference topic & objectives

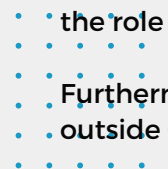
Rising food and fertilizer prices have put severe pressure on food security and sovereignty worldwide, pushing dozens of people into hunger and poverty.

Additionally, the advancing of climate change and biodiversity loss highlights the urgent need for sustainable rural development. Increasing extreme weather events like droughts and heavy rainfalls in all over African countries are destroying infrastructure and putting basic supplies and healthcare under high pressure.

The new coalition in the German government has brought the approach of a feminist foreign policy into focus. There is an awareness that sustainable change in the sense of the 17 SDGs is mainly possible by strengthening women's rights and sovereignty in all approaches and spheres in rural development. Gender Transformative Approaches is key here.

SNRD Africa aims to present rural development strategies highlight food transformation, food innovation, gender-transformative approaches and integrated solutions. We also want to highlight the protection and restoration of natural ecosystems, promotion of economic growth and social well-being, while looking at the role of policy strategies in food transformation.

Furthermore, the conference will foster collaboration, multilateralism and fruitful exchanges within and outside GIZ to build a future-proof food system.



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



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Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

SNRD AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023 PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

07 - 08 OCT || Pre-Conference Trainings

09 OCT || Working Group Meetings &
Opening Ceremony

10 - 11 OCT || Conference Plenary Sessions

12 OCT || Field Trips

13 OCT || Working Group Meetings &
Closing Session

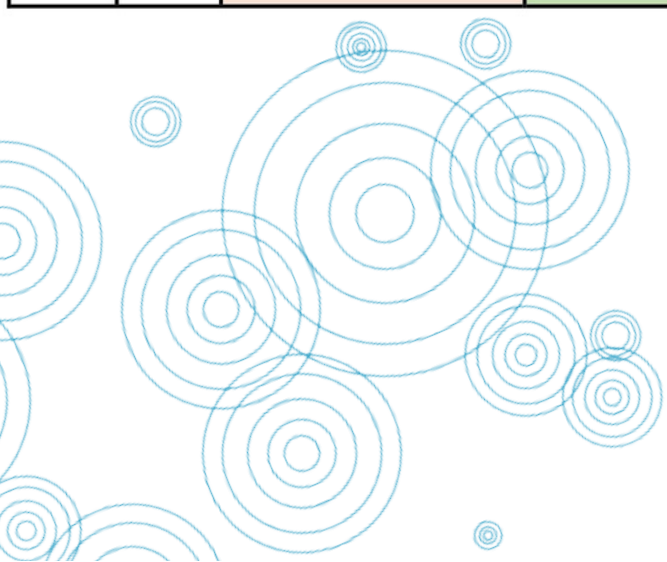


Pre-Conference Training

Pre-Conference Trainings will be available at no cost during the week-end before the Conference. All trainings will be available in English only, with no on-site interpretations.

This year, we are proposing 5 exciting and insightful trainings. See training schedule below:

Time		Room 1	Room 2		Room 1	Room 2
9:00 – 11:00	Saturday, 07 October 2023	Policy Advice for food systems transformation	Agroecology Training: “Towards sustainable food systems - Introducing agroecology”	Sunday, 08 October 2023	Crash course “Digital by Choice”: Interactive training session	Training Workshop: “Ecosystem services and transformation of Agri-Food systems: Introduction to concepts, methods and policy instruments.”
11:00 – 11:30		1 st Coffee Break			1 st Coffee Break	
11:30 – 13:00		Policy Advice for food systems transformation	Agroecology Training: “Towards sustainable food systems - Introducing agroecology”		Crash course “Digital by Choice”: Interactive training session	Training Workshop: “Ecosystem services and transformation of Agri-Food systems: Introduction to concepts, methods and policy instruments.”
13:00 – 14:30		Lunch Break			Lunch Break	
14:30 – 16:00		Policy Advice for food systems transformation	Agroecology Training: “Towards sustainable food systems - Introducing agroecology”		Master Class – Food Systems Transformation	Training Workshop: “Ecosystem services and transformation of Agri-Food systems: Introduction to concepts, methods and policy instruments.”
16:00 – 16:30		2 nd Coffee Break			2 nd Coffee Break	
16:30 – 17:30		Policy Advice for food systems transformation	Agroecology Training: “Towards sustainable food systems - Introducing agroecology”		Master Class – Food Systems Transformation	Training Workshop: “Ecosystem services and transformation of Agri-Food systems: Introduction to concepts, methods and policy instruments.”



Working Group Meetings

Specific Working Group Meetings will take place on Monday and Friday (09 & 13 October).
are specific to working group sessions and meetings. Only members of the working groups and their guests have access to these meetings and engagements.

Working Group	Room on 09th	Room on 13th
Climate & Nature	Mamadou Dia	Nelson Mandela 1
Digital Transformation	Kids Club	Nelson Mandela 2
Food & Nutrition Security	Cyber Nelson Mandela	Cyber Nelson Mandela
Gender-Transformative Approaches (GTA)	Nelson Mandela	Mamadou Dia
Inclusive Agribusiness	Leopold Sedar Senghor	Leopold Sedar Senghor
Policies for Rural Development	Cheikh Anta Diop	Cheikh Anta Diop

Main Conference Days

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

The official opening ceremony will take place on October 09th from 5:00PM (UTC +00). This will mark the high-level opening of the entire conference.

Distinguished guests from the BMZ, GIZ, German Embassy and other partner institutions would be joining the session to officially welcome us to Senegal.

Click [HERE](#) to join the MS TEAMS Session of the Opening Ceremony.

Opening Ceremony will be followed by a Welcome Dinner organized by the SNRD Africa

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, 10TH & 11TH OCTOBER 2023

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday
8.30 – 11.00	Warm up & Expectations + Introduction of Conference Gamification Approach	Plenary Session: Ground-truthing the agri-food systems transformation narrative – from theory to action
	High Level Panel Discussion: Transformation of Agri-food Systems	Parallel Sessions III
11.00 – 11.30	<i>First Coffee Break</i>	
11.30 – 13.00	Plenary Session: Role of evidence-based policy and practice for the transformation of agri-food systems	Parallel Sessions IV
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14.30 – 16.00	Parallel Sessions I	Mini Workshops
16.00 – 16.30	<i>Second Coffee Break</i>	
16.30 – 17.30	Parallel Sessions II	Market Place (From 16.30 – 18.00)
	“Fireplace Chitchat” with Department Heads (From 18.00)	



MARKETPLACE SESSIONS

The marketplace is a space provided for representative from the member projects and working groups present their innovations, initiatives, and knowledge products from their work in their projects and/or in the sector networks. This will be called an **“Innovation Stand.”**

The objective of the session is to provide the space for the member projects and working groups to present their innovations and initiatives within a short time space. This would present an opportunity for colleagues to have an overview of some project and working group activities as well as learn about some innovations and best practices within SNRD Africa. The goal is to initiate important discussions and exchanges between colleagues. Please note that the Marketplace would be an **in-presence session only**.

One or two representatives would stand beside the pinboard and be ready to give a short presentation. Participants can choose to visit and engage with at most three Innovation stands of their choice. After the entire session is over, the pinboards will then be placed around the event area for participants to freely visit during their breaks

FIELD VISITS

This year, our Fieldtrips will take place on **Thursday, 12 October 2023**. The field trips will highlight project impacts, demonstrate success stories and introduce partners and beneficiaries on the ground. Participants will have the opportunity to meet relevant stakeholders, engage in discussions and learn from other projects' experiences:

➤ Learn about women's access to land and agroecology from the women's group in the village of Latmingué. This field trip permits visiting a group, called “Bokk Yaakar”, which has recently secured 2 hectares of land and has for the first-time piloted cultivating beans (niébé, *vigna unguiculata*) and groundnuts (*arachide, arachis hypogaea*) with organic fertilizer. The Seen Suuf project provides selected groups with trainings, equipment and inputs for their chosen activities.

Organizers: GIZ Seen Suuf Project & GTA Working Group

Location: Kaolack

➤ Exchange with the “Réseau des femmes en agriculture biologique et commerce équitable (Réfabec) » (A Network of women in organic farming and fair trade) which is part of the Network of actors involved in agroecology in Senegal (Dytaes – Dynamique pour une Transition Agroécologique au Sénégal).

Organizers: Food & Nutrition Security WG

Location: Thies



FIELD VISITS

- Visit to the “Reine du sel” (Queen of Salt). In Senegal, Marie Diouf is one of the few women to own her own salt farm. Nicknamed "the Queen of salt", she adds iodine to her crystals to combat deficiencies. An essential balance for good health.
Organizers: Invest for Jobs, Senegal
Location: Fatick
- Explore a Farm supported by E-Tolbi. E-Tolbi is a real-time digital decision-making platform that includes mobile agriculture and digital profiling of farmers for proper campaign management, irrigation water and fertilization control, and remote farming practices. e-Tolbi provides farming organizations with real-time agricultural yield statistics on fields and production sites.
Organizers: Invest for Jobs, Senegal
Location: Thies
- Visit the SIDIO Group of the Cluster Diourbel. SIDIO brings together a dozen companies offering high-quality products and services in five major sectors: trading, agricultural production, food processing and consulting. SIDIO works on projects that take social and environmental development into account.
Organizers: Invest for Jobs, Senegal
Location: Diourbel
- Visit to a community where baobabs are grown and baobab-based products are used for local marketing. Explore the Baobab de Saveurs factory in Thiès which engages in simulated processing of Baobab powder and oil, as well as other natural products.
Organizers: Climate & Nature Working Group & Invest for Jobs, Senegal
Location: Thies

Planned departure time for each location is **8h00 (UTC)**. Participants will be back to the conference hotel latest by **18h00 (UTC)**

Each field trip has been planned for a **maximum of 30 Participants**. More Information on the agenda of each visit and how to register will be communicated during the conference days.

Conference Closing Session

Transforming Minds, Transforming our Food systems

The closing session of the SNRD Africa Conference 2023 will be held on **Friday, 13th October 2023**. The session is scheduled from **15h00 to 17h00 (UTC)** after which a final get-together will be organized for conference participants.

Join us in the closing session, as we officially handover Speaker role of SNRD Africa and select a new co-speaker.

Working group sessions will take place as well for a half-day on Friday.



BEFORE TRAVELLING TO SENEGAL

Entry Requirements

- To enter Senegal, you must have a legally valid passport that does not expire for at least 6 months and has at least 1 blank page.
- Evidence of yellow-fever and COVID-19 vaccinations are required for entry into Senegal. A meningitis vaccination is highly recommended if the traveler is arriving from or has recently traveled to an endemic area.

What to Bring?

CLOTHING

The weather in Somone in October is very warm with average highs of 34.7°C (94.46°F) and lows of 23.0°C (73.4°F).

We would recommend you bring adequate summer attire with a few items fit for rain, such as a raincoat or an umbrella, when you go out of the hotel. Rainfall in October in Somone is moderate with an average of 11 rainy days.

For our field visits on Thursday, casual summer attire that allows a lot of movements is recommended. Sneakers, T-shirts with jeans or trousers as well as hats to protect you from the sun would be ideal.

Don't forget to bring along your sunscreen, as well as insect repellent creams or mosquito spray, as there may be the presence of mosquitoes and bugs in some common areas

DIGITAL DEVICES

In Senegal the power plug sockets are of type C, D, E and K. The standard voltage is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz.

The predominant type used is the **Type C**: also known as the standard "Euro" plug. This socket also works with plug E and plug F.

You may consider bringing along an International travel adapter to facilitate charging/using your electronic devices.

For more information, please check [HERE](#)

ARRIVAL & STAY DURING THE CONFERENCE

Airport Transfers

Airport Transfers will be organized by the transportation Company; DakarVTC. A driver will be at the entrance of the airport with your name on a placard. If you are interested in the airport pickup, kindly share your flight details [HERE](#).

Payments for pick-up and drop-off will be made by individual participants upon arrival and before departure.

Cost for a one way trip From Blaise Diagne Airport to the Royal Horizon Baobab Hotel is **30, 000 FCFA** (So, **60, 000 FCFA** for both pick-up and drop-off). Individual payment options include:

- Payment In Cash in FCFA
- Payment In Cash in Euro Equivalent (Conversion Rate is 1 Euro - 650FCFA)
- Payment by PayPal

If you need any support when you get to the airport, kindly reach out to Fatou Barry via +221 77 646 49 93

Conference Venue

This year's conference will take place at the Royal Horizon Baobab Hotel in La Somone, Senegal. All conference activities will take place in this hotel. All participants will preferably be lodged here. Payment for accommodation will be made by SNRD Africa and booked to your various Project Numbers (PN). Cost per day for a standard room (B&B) is **77000 FCFA (~113.42 Euros)**. **There will be no need to book or pay for your room directly.**

Venue Information is as Follows:

Address: Village De La Somone Bp 81, La Somone 0

Telephone: +221 33 822 59 34

Website: [New Horizons \(newhorizonshotels.com\)](http://newhorizonshotels.com)



Conference Package

Regarding meals, the Conference Package includes the following:

- Break Fast will be provided everyday, as accommodation cost includes breakfast
- Lunch will be provided by SNRD Africa at the Conference Hotel.
- Two coffee breaks will be provided by SNRD Africa during the conference week.
- As part of the hotel's package, **dinner will be provided through out the conference days.**
- Colleagues who will be taking part in the weekend pre-conference trainings will be provided with lunch and two coffee breaks, as well as **Dinner.**
- A **Welcome Dinner** will be organized after the opening ceremony on the **Monday, 09 October 2023.**

Internet Connection

Kindly note that **there will be NO Wi-Fi** connection in the hotel rooms during the your stay. Wi-Fi will only be available in the hotel's common areas and conference rooms.

Incase, you would be interested in getting a SIM card, you can either buy a Senegal prepaid SIM card in person at the international airport, mobile provider stores, convenience stores, or online. **We would recommend to get one directly from the airport.**

Two recommended mobile service providers in Senegal are: **Orange** and **Free**

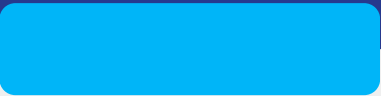





SUSTAINABILITY CONCEPT

In line with GIZ's standards, sustainability and the protection of the environment is key. As SNRD participants, we should not limit ourselves to a purely technical input but to walk the talk and strive for a small ecological footprint at the event.

During the SNRD Africa conference, rules and measures will be put in place to minimize the negative impact that the event might have on the environment. The hotel and the organizing team will strive to provide every guest with a great experience – we invite everyone to comply with the suggestions. SNRD Africa is not responsible for any other voluntary request from participants. Please note that the sustainability standards we work with include ecological, economic and social responsibility.



COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

The main communication channels during the conference will be: The SNRD Africa Conference [IDA Page](#) and The SNRD Africa [website](#).

Additionally, we encourage participants to share their insights and takeaways via their social media platforms (LinkedIn, X, etc..), using the hashtag [#SNRDAfricaConference2021](#) [#Transform&Innovate](#)

You can find the [Conference PPT Template](#) [HERE](#). We encourage you to use this template for your presentations during the conference sessions

Live sessions will also be streamed via the SNRD Youtube Channel: [HERE](#)



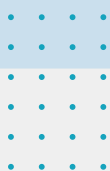
WHO TO CONTACT



Conference Organizers

Enquiries during the conference	E-mail	Telephone Number
General Conference Management	janice.annyaah@giz.de	00 221 77 633 22 58
Hotel & Accommodation	anja.metz@giz.de	
Technical Issues & Airport Transfers	nfcisseb@yahoo.fr	00 221 77 646 49 93
Pre-Conference Trainings	janice.annyaah@giz.de	00 221 77 633 22 58
Field Visits	djibril.diop@giz.de	00 221 77 098 04 03
Conference Sustainability & Food	anja.metz@giz.de	-
Marketplace Session	pascaline.mbengue@giz.de	00 221 77 456 08 40
All Communication Needs	janice.annyaah@giz.de	00 221 77 633 22 58

Additional Information enquiry regarding the general programme of the conference should be directed to the SNRD Africa Secretariat via snrd@giz.de



WHO TO CONTACT



EMERGENCY CONTACTS IN SENEGAL

German Embassy	00 221 77 638 64 41
SRMA - Security Risk Management Advisor: Amadou Latyr Ndour	00 221 78 377 41 91 amadou.ndour@giz.de
Ambulance	15 15
SOS Medical Service	33 889 15 15
Fire Service	18 33 823 03 59
Police	800 0017 00

Additional Information on Security briefing for Travel to Senegal are available (in French) on DMS [HERE](#)



COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

The conference aims to serve as an inclusive, environmentally friendly, and forward-thinking framework where participants can exchange ideas and cross-country learning is encouraged. We are committed to enable a conference at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful, and safe environment. By attending the conference, participants agree to:

- Communicate in an open and respectful way that values the diversity of opinions and perspectives
- Abstain from humiliating, discriminatory, and harassing conduct and language towards other participants, as well as towards all staff (hotel staff, services providers, and external support) involved in the conference.
- Discrimination in any form because of race, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability or appearance, ethnicity, national origin, political affiliation, age, religion, or any other reason is not tolerated. In accordance with the General Act on Equal Treatment (AGG, German Law), we have a duty to take necessary - and preventive - measures to ensure protection against discrimination on these grounds.
- Given that Germany has a particular historical responsibility towards the global community, we consider any form of antisemitic statement or behaviour to be a particularly severe case of discrimination.
- Any form of verbal, nonverbal or physical sexual harassment is not tolerated.
- Sexual harassment is a criminal offence. Sexual harassment occurs when 'unwanted conduct of a sexual nature takes place with the purpose or effect of violating the dignity of the person concerned, in particular where it creates an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment'. This conduct also includes 'unwanted sexual acts and requests to carry out sexual acts, physical contact of a sexual nature, comments of a sexual nature, as well as the unwanted showing or public exhibition of pornographic images'
- We do not tolerate any form of sexual exploitation of other people by members of our workforce.
- Sexual exploitation occurs where conduct of a sexual nature takes place on a consensual basis but deliberately exploits an emergency situation or a position of power. Sexual contact with children under the age of 18 is automatically regarded as sexual harassment.
- Exchange of money, employment, goods or services for sex, including sexual favours or other forms of humiliating, degrading or exploitative behaviour, is not tolerated.

Who can I talk to during the event?

- We will designate specific areas within the conference venue as safer spaces, prominently marked and easily identifiable. We will establish clear reporting mechanisms for attendees to report incidents of harassment or discrimination, including anonymous channels, to ensure individuals feel comfortable coming forward.

Further Resources:

- [GIZ Code of ethics](#)
- Whistleblowing system - [Sharepoint](#)



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