

SNRD Africa Conference 2023 – Main Programme Outline

Monday, 09 October 2023

Time slot	Activity	Format
09.00 – 11.00	6 Working Group Meetings	Hybrid/ In-person
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 13.00	6 Working Group Meetings	Hybrid/ In-person
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch Break	
14.30 – 16.00	6 Working Group Meetings	Hybrid/ In-person
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break	
15:00 – 17.00	AV Meeting & Exchange (15.00 – 17.00)	Hybrid – Invite extended to only AVs, DVs, Cluster Coordinators and ALs
	Official Opening Ceremony (17.00 – 18.30) Moderation: Yasmin Kumi & Claude Foly	Hybrid & Livestreaming via SNRD Africa YouTube Chanel Join us Virtually on MS Teams HERE
18.30	Welcome Dinner	

Tuesday, 10 October 2023

Time slot	Topic	Description Teaser	Format
08.30 – 09.00 (30 Min)	Warm up & Expectations + Introduction of Conference Gamification Approach	Let's Get Started!	In-Person
09.00 – 11.00 (120 Min)	High level Panel Discussion.	Panel Discussion Involving High-level guests from GIZ and other partner Institutions	Hybrid Join us Virtually HERE
11.00 – 11.30	First Coffee Break		
11.30 – 13.00 (90 min)	Role of evidence-based policy and practice for the transformation of agri-food systems	Evidence-based policy is an important pillar in the transformation of our agri-food systems. Food production needs to become more resilient, adapted to climate change and remain within planetary boundaries. Healthy diets need to be available and affordable for everyone, especially women and children. The international agricultural research centers of the CGIAR, WorldVeg and icipe are optimally positioned to provide the research data for evidence-based policy making. The interactive session will get you on your feet, inspire you with lighthouse talks and nudge you with creative thinking prompts.	Hybrid Join us Virtually HERE
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch		
14.30 – 16.00 (90 min) Parallel Sessions	Cultivating Change – Sustainable Transformation with women and marginalized groups, from commitment to action	Germany introduced its Feminist Development policy last year. Let's talk with a variety of African experts, activists, and scholars and learn together what that means for societies and target groups of international cooperation, especially in rural areas. We want to encourage discussion, food for thought and do that all in a traditional, feminist Senegalese setting. Also: this is not a topic only for women, everybody is welcome!	In-person

	<p>Policies levers for agricultural and food systems transformation – Follow-Up from Partners for Change (P4C) network meeting (held in June 2023)</p>	<p>In this session you will be filled in on the results from the P4C conference in June 2023 (policy recommendations), will discuss with colleagues on what this means for GIZ work (operationalisation of recommendations in policy work) and get a preview on how the process will continue with BMZ (impact on BMZ strategic positions; network-call with partners in November 2023; P4C Conference 2024).</p>	<p>Hybrid</p> <p>Join Us Virtually HERE</p>
	<p>Learning workshop (“Lernwerkstatt”) on the transformation of agricultural and food systems</p>	<p>Have you already wondered how the transformation of agricultural and food systems could look like on the ground? Then join us for a session looking at a village in Senegal taking already major steps to achieve a local transformation based on the agroecological principles. With this bottom-up perspective, we will than discuss in small groups with experts from Eastern and Western Africa about the potentials of such an agroecological transformation from different angles like politics, investment, civil society, and business.</p>	<p>In-person</p>
	<p>Scaling Innovation for Impact</p>	<p>The transformation of agri-food systems requires innovations to initiate change. Putting these innovations to scale is key in the transformation process. In our session we will speak about the concept of the innovation cycle and how it can contribute to sustainable anchorage and scaling of innovations. We want to share with you our practical implementation experience and want to hear about your perspective during an interactive speed dating session.</p>	<p>In-Person</p>
<p>16.00 – 16.30</p>	<p>Second Coffee Break</p>		
<p>16.30 - 17.30 (60 mins)</p>	<p>Transformation of agri-food system is the current focus of international debates. But are GIZ Capacity Development (CD) approaches still ready to contribute?</p>	<p>Transformation of Agri-Food Systems is THE HOT TOPIC of the hour, at the global level, in our partner countries as well as in Germany at BMZ. In this session we want to discuss with you what this means for our work, for our project activities and in particular for our CD approaches. Can we still meet the challenges associated with the transformation of food systems or do we need to adapt and further develop our approaches?</p>	<p>In-person</p>

	Feminist development policy – how to support young female entrepreneurs and green jobs in the rural economic context	Feminist development policy and GTA is all around, but which role do youth play and why are they are vital part of gender? How do categories like gender & age matter for feminist development? You will learn about intersectionality, and the “triple burden” of young women in rural areas and reflect on how to overcome this in your project. You will meet female entrepreneurs working in green businesses from Senegal and Burkina Faso and examine how different global and regional projects support GTA and young female entrepreneurs in rural areas. We will co-create ideas to take home to your specific project to better include gender and youth and to support their entrepreneurial potential, especially for green jobs.	In-person
	Transforming mindsets – how innovative approaches and digital tools can shift perspectives and make learning more empowering	This session shines a spotlight on the crucial human element within our rural development interventions. It illustrates how various projects prioritize equipping individuals with knowledge and promoting attitude shifts, ultimately enabling them to effectively apply their newfound skills.	In-person
	Taking the next step in the Food Systems Transformation – FAST (Food and Agriculture Systems Transformation) Forward with Malawi.	Tired of confusing graphs and wordy descriptions that do not make food systems tangible for you? Join us in taking a literal step into food systems and get a true feel for relations, actions, and gaps. This visualization will then be used to kickstart exchanges on already existing approaches and activities.	In-person
Beginning from 18.00	“Jaru Chitchat” with Department Heads	An informal evening event. Participants will have the opportunity to directly exchange with the 3 department heads who will be present at the conference. Areas of discussion will include GIZ’s position, strategy and expectations from project’s regarding conference thematic areas.	In-person

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

Time slot	Topic	Description Teaser	Format
08.30 – 09.30 (60 Min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome in Plenary Session Ground-truthing the agri-food systems transformation narrative – from theory to action on the ground Part I 	Welcome in the plenary session, followed with a short video presentation on ground-truthing the agri-food systems transformation narrative	In-Person
15 mins to move into parallel sessions			
09.45 – 11.00 (75 min)	Sustainable and Gender responsive Finance in Agriculture: Bottlenecks and potential Solutions	Finance is becoming an increasingly important topic in the agricultural development sector. Join us for a workshop on sustainable finance in the development sector and discover some of the bottlenecks that limit financing of agricultural activities. Explore how financial inclusion can empower women and promote sustainable development. Dive into gender-responsive approaches that bridge the financial gender gap and could contribute to structural changes.	In-person
	Cracking the code: Overcoming challenges and unlocking success in public-private partnerships	From Asia to Africa, public-private partnerships are a common instrument in our project implementations and an important driver for sustainable transformation on the ground. However, the initiation and implementation phase of these partnerships are often related to various ups and downs. In this session, we want to explore these ups and downs along concrete partnership examples from Asia and Africa in the rural and agri-food sector, switch perspectives and become creative in a group work to learn from fails and challenges to better embrace success.	Hybrid Join Us Virtually HERE
	FNS & Fragility – A cross sector network workshop on resilience analysis	Crises, such as violent conflicts, disasters and shocks shape the reality of many partner countries. Food insecurity is a driver for conflict, fragility and vulnerability and the transformation of food systems in difficult or crisis contexts is a major challenge. This joint session between SNRD and NICD introduces concepts for resilience analysis to shape (TDA) projects in a fragile context in a risk and crisis-informed manner that builds the strengths, potential and capacity of vulnerable people and local structures.	Hybrid Join us Virtually HERE

	<p>How climate-smart are our interventions? – A critical reality check between theory and implementation</p>	<p>Climate change has a strong impact on rural development projects and agri-food systems. Addressing climate change is thus an unavoidable part of developing and implementing projects to transform agricultural and food systems. Many GIZ projects and units address this topic and strategically place tools, concepts and approaches – but do they know about each other and how do we learn from each other's experiences? This session aims at discussing this question in depth and to enable co-creation between different GIZ projects and units, as well as between SNRD Working Groups through the initiated discussion on climate smart approaches</p>	<p>In-person</p>
<p>11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break</p>			
<p>11.30 – 13.00 (90 min)</p>	<p>GTA in practice – examples from GIZ's agriculture, food and nutrition and rural development portfolio</p>	<p>GTA what?!</p> <p>Gender-transformative approaches (GTA) are an essential element of Germany's Feminist Development Policy and key to achieving our objectives.</p> <p>During this panel session we would like to contextualize feminist development policy while focusing on gender-transformative approaches, shedding light on the following questions: What do gender-transformative approaches entail? How does their concrete implementation look like? Where are we succeeding and where are failing in their implementation?</p>	<p>In-person</p>
	<p>Coordinating joint action on Food Systems (FS) Transformation through Agroecology (AE) to Achieve Zero Hunger using an Integrated Analytical FS/AE framework – example from "green" GIZ cluster in India</p>	<p>Today's food systems are unable to ensure access to sufficient and safe nutritious food to address malnutrition. An agroecological transformation of food systems is promoted as a promising way to effectively support the achievement of sustainable food and nutrition security as defined in SDG 2 (Zero Hunger). Prioritizing agroecology to achieving transformation in sustainable food systems, the GIZ India Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity Cluster (39 projects) works jointly with the Indian Government partners on sustainable rural development. To assess the extent to which the cluster projects are supporting an agroecological food systems transformation and identify gaps and opportunities, an integrated analytical framework was developed and applied. Join us to learn more about the FS/AE analysis and way forward actions.</p>	<p>Hybrid</p> <p>Join Us Virtually HERE</p>

	From climate science to action – how climate risk analyses can contribute to the resilience of agricultural food system	This session will give insights to the findings of the AGRICA studies (most recently conducted in Cameroon, Uganda & Zambia) and engage with the audience in a discussion on how climate science and evidence-based decision-making can contribute to the resilience of agricultural food system and food security.	Hybrid Join Us Virtually HERE
	Shaping global structural policy with multilateral organizations	Multilateralism is a key strategic aspect for the German foreign as well as development policy. In this session we would like to give a brief introduction to the current importance of multilateralism for the BMZ. Furthermore, we would like to use the example of the International Coffee Organization (ICO) as well as the International Cocoa Organization (ICCO) to give a practical insight into how cooperation via multilateral organizations can be used within GIZ.	In-person
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch		
14.30 – 16.00 (90 min) Mini Workshops	Part II Ground-truthing the agri-food systems transformation narrative – from theory to action on the ground	In 2021, the BMZ published its core area strategy "Transformation of agricultural and food systems". Despite the broad international acceptance of the transformation paradigm, the concept often remains complex, and research driven. Actors including GIZ and partners often have different understandings of its meaning and application to a specific context. In this session, we want to discuss one common narrative of 'agri-food system transformation' and provide food for thought for implementation across partner countries. At the same time, we want to collect ideas on your needs to further operationalize the concept and follow-up opportunities to work together.	In-person
	Integrated solutions for Rural Development – leveraging impact with responsible land governance	Looking ahead, our current corporate strategy "Destination 2028" envisions an integrated development cooperation approach to better respond to global challenges. What is called integrated solutions, should follow an overarching logic, integrate different types of projects, sectors, across the country portfolio as well as to allow co-creative partnerships. In our session we would like to explore what this means in our field of work, rural development. To this end we aim to use the project concept draft of the envisioned new global programme on land governance. This concept aligns with the logic of integrated solutions and the demand of BMZ to be a 'global programme of the new type'.	In-person

	Bringing gender to the policy table: Towards inclusive agri-food policies	<p>Policies shape the framework conditions for inclusive agri-food systems. In this session, we want to debunk the myth that agri-food policies are gender neutral and take a deeper look at the who and what of policy processes.</p> <p>We will share some learnings and want to also hear from your experiences: What were challenges, what worked where? What steps and approaches can help to make policy processes more inclusive and shape policies that deliver for everyone?</p>	In-person
	Innovative climate approaches to strengthen agriculture productivity and resilience: Lessons learned from Malawi, Zambia, Ghana, Liberia, Ivory Coast and Madagascar	<p>The uptake of climate-smart innovations strengthening agricultural productivity and resilience is low, in part due to the limitations of traditional, top-down approaches to technology transfer in agricultural extension. Most farmers lack access to relevant information on climate and to transparent decision-making tools that they can use to identify and plan the best farming strategies and practices for their individual farm contexts. This session will give insights into the diverse approaches of resilience building and climate change adaptation.</p>	In-person
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break		
16.30 - 18.00	Market Place Sessions	<p>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.”</p>	In-person

Thursday, 12 October 2023

This year, our Fieldtrips will take place **ONLY IN PRESENCE** 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:

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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

5. 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

6. 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: Thiès

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

Each field trip has been planned for a **maximum of 25 Participants**. More Information on the agenda of each visit and how to register will be communicated during the conference days.

Friday, 13 October 2023

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13.00 – 14.30	Lunch Break	

14.00 – 15.00	Steering Group Meeting	Hybrid - Invite extended to only Members of the SNRD Africa Steering group.
15.00 – 17.00	Plenary Session and Conference closure	Hybrid Join Us Virtually HERE
17.00	Coffee Break & Get-together	