

# Program

June 27 & 28

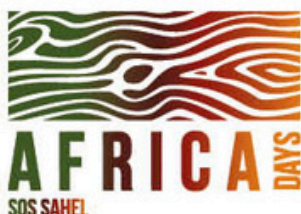
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## AFRICA DAYS 2024: LOST CROPS, FOUND OPPORTUNITIES

SECURING THE FUTURE WITH CROPS FROM THE PAST



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# MOBILIZATION DAY

## Senegal French Institute

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

**08:30 - 09:30 am. Welcome and Installation**

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**09:30 - 09:50 am Opening Ceremony**

**Master of Ceremonies: Fatoumata Niang Niox**, Founder of ACCEENT, Consultant in Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development

**Moderator: Raïssa Okoï**, Senior Journalist, Forbes Afrique, & Founder of OR Agency

- Remarks from her Excellency, **Christine Fages**, Ambassador of France to Senegal
  - Event presentation by **Leena Koni Hoffmann**, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme Chatham House, Board Member of SOS SAHEL USA
  - Introduction and Presentation of “Crops from the Past”, **Pierre Thiam**, Chef & Activist, Vice-Chair of SOS SAHEL USA
  - Remarks from **Mabouba Diagne**, Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Livestock
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**09:50 - 10:00 am Cultural break - Espoir de la Banlieue**

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**10:00 - 11:10 am High Level Panel 1 - “Why Bring Neglected Crops to Current Food Systems?”**

**Moderator: Raïssa Okoï**, Senior Journalist, Forbes Afrique, & Founder of OR Agency

- **Obai Khalifa**, Deputy Director, Agricultural Development, B&M Gates Foundation
  - **Maïmouna Diop Ly**, Nutritionist and Public Health Doctor, Noflaye Center, Founder of CYCAS
  - **Baaba Maal**, Singer and Guitarist, UN Goodwill Ambassador, Founder of NANNK Movement
  - **Paul Newnham**, CEO, SDG2 Advocacy Hub, Coordinator Chefs’ Manifesto
  - **Jean-Pierre Senghor**, Executive Secretary of the National Food Security Council
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**11:10 - 11:30 am Coffee Break** - Making fonio pasta with **Aboubaker Beye**, Scientist, Professor at UCAD

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**11:30 am - 12:40 pm High level Panel 2 - “Is There a Future for Lost Crops?”**

**Moderator: Zoë Karl-Waithaka**, Managing Director and Partner, BCG

- **Josephine Kane**, National Coordinator, NTFV Sénégal Agribusiness A4A
  - **Jonathan Lewis**, Senior Program Officer, B&M Gates Foundation
  - **Amath Pathe Sene**, Managing Director of Africa Food Systems Forum (AGRF)
  - **Stephen Wood**, Senior Scientist, Agriculture and Food Systems at the Nature Conservancy, Research Scientist at Yale
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**12:40 - 1:00 pm The Story of “Trees of Life” – Presentation of the Exhibition**

**Facilitator: Fatoumata Niang Niox**, Founder of ACCEENT, Consultant in Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development

- **Kodou Choukou Tidjani**, General Director, Great Green Wall Agency of Chad (TBC)
- **Mathieu Dondain**, CEO of Nexira
- **Ange Mboneye**, Advocacy Manager at SOS SAHEL

# MOBILIZATION DAY

## Senegal French Institute

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

**1:00 - 2:00 pm Lunch – Cooking Demonstration** with Chefs from **National Federation of Senegalese Chefs** and **Chef Pierre Thiam**

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**2:00 - 2:30 pm Short Documentary** followed by:

- Conversation between **Pierre Thiam**, Chef & Activist, Vice-Chair of SOS SAHEL USA and **Earlene Cruz**, Director Kitchen Connection
  - Presentation of Chef's Manifesto by **Paul Newnham**, CEO, SDG2 Advocacy Hub, Coordinator Chefs' Manifesto
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**2:30 - 3:40 pm High Level Panel 3 - "What are the current Initiatives on Lost Crops?"**

**Moderator: Leena Koni Hoffmann**, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme Chatham House, Board member of SOS SAHEL USA

- **Enoch G. Achigan-Dako**, Professor, Head of Genetics, Biotechnology and Seed Science Center, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin
  - **Aboubaker Beye**, Scientist, Professor at UCAD
  - **Pierre C. Sibiri Traore**, Country Lead, ICRISAT Senegal
  - **Salimata Wade**, Professor, Department of Animal Biology, Faculty of Science and Technology UCAD, Dakar
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**3:40 - 3:50 pm Cultural break**

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**3:50 - 5:00 pm African Crops Alliance Launch Round Table**

**Moderator: Fabienne Diouf**, Managing Director and founder, FD & Partners

- **Aaron Adu**, Managing Director, Global Shea Alliance
  - **Abdourahmane Diop**, Entrepreneur, Venture Builder, Impact Investor, Co-Founder and CEO of Haskè Venture
  - **Michel Ghanem**, Founder of The Forgotten Crops Society, Senior Scientist CIRAD
  - **Rémi Hémercyck**, Executive Director, SOS SAHEL
  - **Laura Layousse**, General Director of CAA
  - **Simballa Sylla**, Entrepreneur, President of Sustainable African Foods
  - **Pierre Thiam**, Chef & Activist, Vice-Chair of SOS SAHEL USA
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**5:00 - 6:30 pm Exhibitions & Networking**

# KNOWLEDGE BUILDING DAY

## Dakar Pullman Teranga Hotel

**08:30 - 09:00 am Welcome and Installation**

**09:00 - 09:15 am Day briefing**

**Facilitator: Fatoumata Niang Niox**, Founder of ACCEENT, Consultant in Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development

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**09:15 - 10:45 am Current situation and snapshot**

### 1 "LOST CROPS ADVOCACY": AGRO-BIODIVERSITY AND FOOD SYSTEMS

- **Moderator: Leena Koni Hoffmann**, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme Chatham House, Board member of SOS SAHEL USA
- **Keynote speaker:** Representative from **DyTAES** (TBC)
- **Aaron Adu**, Managing Director, Global Shea Alliance
- **Daouda Diagne**, Sociologist, Independent consultant specialist in peasant dynamics Sociologist
- **Mathieu Gueye**, Research Director, Botanist, Ethnobotanist IFAN/UCAD
- **Rémi Hémerlyck**, Executive Director of SOS SAHEL

### 2 "CEREALS": FONIO USE-CASE

- **Moderator: Sébastien Subsol**, French Embassy in Senegal
- **Keynote speaker: Enoch G. Achigan-Dako**, Professor, Head of Genetics, Biotechnology and Seed Science Center, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin
- **Ngouye Camara**, Chair Yakaar Niani Wulli Federation
- **Michel Ghanem**, Founder of The Forgotten Crops Society, Senior Scientist CIRAD
- **Mame Kodou Gueye**, Scientist, CERAAS
- **Laura Layousse**, General Director of CAA
- **Simballa Sylla**, Entrepreneur, President of Sustainable African Foods

### 3 "GRAIN LEGUMES": BAMBARA GROUNDNUT USE-CASE

- **Moderator: Marame Ba**, BAME - ISRA, Geographer, Gaston Berger University of Saint-Louis (Senegal)
- **Keynote Speaker: Moez Amri**, Professor, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University
- **Issah Faye**, CNRA Bambey
- **Mahama Ouedraogo**, Director of the Department of Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation (ESTI), of the African Union (TBC)
- **Aissatou Aya Ndiaye**, Bambara groundnut processing entrepreneur

### 4 "NON FOREST TIMBER PRODUCTS": BAOBAB TREE FRUITS USE CASE

- **Moderator: Irène Sesmaisons**, Director of Efiscens Sénégal, Associate trainer at Bioforce Afrique
- **Keynote Speaker: Oumou Ndiaye Diop**, Accompagnatrice pour le changement, Experte PME, et Développement des Territoires, GIZ
- **Pierre-Gilles Commeat**, CEO Baobab des Saveurs
- **Sekouna Diatta**, General director Senegalese agency for Reforestation and the Great Green Wall (TBC)
- **Siny Samba**, Co-founder & CEO of "Le Lionceau"
- **Opa Cissokho**, CEO Experna

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**10:45 - 11:15 am Coffee and Cultural Break**

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**11:15 am - 1:00 pm Workshop 1 "Our vision of changes"**

**Facilitator : Fatoumata Niang Niox**, Founder of ACCEENT, Consultant in Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development

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**1:00 - 2:30 pm Lunch and "Lost Crops" Cooking Competition** with young Chefs from **National Federation of Senegalese Chefs** and **Pullman Dakar Teranga Hotel**, facilitated by **Raïssa Okoi**, Senior Journalist, Forbes Afrique, & Founder of OR Agency

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**2:30 - 3:45 pm Workshop 2 "Our impact path way"**

**Facilitator : Fatoumata Niang Niox**, Founder of ACCEENT, Consultant in Innovation, Education, Digital Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development

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**3:45 - 4:15 pm Coffee and Cultural Break**

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**4:15 - 5:30 pm Plenary session "Our African Crops Alliance road map"**

**Facilitator : Fatoumata Niang Niox**, Founder of ACCEENT, Consultant in Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development

**Special guest : Olivier Buyoya**, Regional Director West Africa, International Finance Corporation - IFC

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**5:30 - 7:00 pm Exhibitions - Networking**

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**7:30 pm - 0:00 am Jam'Sahel - Gala Dinner at Pullman Dakar Teranga** (including Culinary Competition Awards)

with **Baaba Maal, Cheick Tidiane Seck, Didier Awadi, Korika, Obree Daman, ...**

FRIDAY, JUNE 28



## AFRICA DAYS 2024: LOST CROPS, FOUND OPPORTUNITIES

### Securing the Future with Crops from the Past



**2 high-level panels and 4 round tables** on the latest news about lost crops



**Culinary demonstrations** by top Senegalese and international Chefs

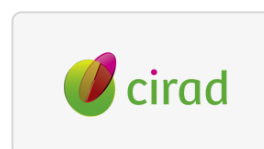


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