AFRICA DAYS 2024: LOST CROPS, FOUND OPPORTUNITIES
SECURING THE FUTURE WITH CROPS FROM THE PAST
MOBILIZATION DAY
Senegal French Institute

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

09:30 - 09:50 am Opening Ceremony
Master of Ceremonies: Fatoumata Niang Niox, Founder of ACCEENT, Consultant in Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development
Moderator: Raissa Oiko, 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

09:50 - 10:00 am Cultural break - Espoir de la Banlieue

10:00 - 11:10 am High Level Panel 1 - “Why Bring Neglected Crops to Current Food Systems?”
Moderator: Raissa Oiko, 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 Godwill 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

11:10 - 11:30 am Coffee Break - Making fonio pasta with Aboubaker Beye, Scientist, Professor at UCAD

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

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

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

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

3:40 - 3:50 pm  Cultural break

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 Hémeryck, 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

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

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 Hémeryck, 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 Bambe
   • 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

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

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

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 Okoï, Senior Journalist, Forbes Afrique, & Founder of OR Agency

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

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

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

5:30 - 7:00 pm Exhibitions - Networking

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, Korka, Obree Daman, ...
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2 high-level panels and 4 round tables on the latest news about lost crops

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