



Laboratoire d'Anthropologie des
Mondes Contemporains



INTERDISCIPLINARY
HISTORICAL FOOD STUDIES
RESEARCH GROUP

Decolonization, Diasporas and the African food system

At the Africa Museum, Tervuren

Conference Programme

8.30 – 9.30	Welcome & Registration
9.30 – 9.40	Welcome Remarks by Dr Maureen Duru & Dr Sarah O'Neill
9.45 – 10.25	Keynote by Prof Adams Bodomo, Head of African Studies Department University of Vienna
10.30 – 11. 15	Breakout session "What do you understand by decolonizing the African food system?": Followed by interactive discussions
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.35 – 12.40	Precolonial and colonial African foodways <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karina Ramos - The relationship between food consumption and territoriality in Luanda's colonial urban space (1949-1973)• Iradukunda M Tema - La nutrition à l'africaine, le Sorgho aliment traditionnel burundais• Birgit Ricquier - Early Foodways in Northeast Congo: Shots of History Distilled by means of Comparative Linguistics• Maud Devos - Stilled objects versus cultural histories. Reconnecting museum objects related to coffee and cassava to past and present Tetela vocabularies.

12.45 – 13.30

Diaspora Foodways

- Michael Abwami Innocent - Exploring The Influence Of African Diasporas On Food Practices: A Development Communication Perspective
- Jahlani Niaah, Nicole Plummer, Sonjah Stanley Niaah - Decolonizing the Palate: Rastafari's Evolution of Ital Nutrition
- Philip Umaru, Azubuike Erinugha - Exploring African Food in Contexts: Implications for Diasporic Communities
- Sarah O'Neill & Maureen Duru – Mapping the African Food legacy in Belgium: the Vyakulani Project

13.35-14.15

Lunch – Chef Alagie, Banjul Kitchen Food Truck

14.20 – 15.10

Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship

- Sarah De Smet, Smaranda Boros, Charlene Zietsma, Karijn Bonne and Claire Maréchal - Women immigrant entrepreneurs in Belgium: Strategies to belong
- Eduardo da Silva Oliveira: Decolonising Sustainability: Implementing Divergent Pedagogies for African-Centred Business Sustainability Management Solutions
- Suzanne Awung, Founder Suzy Farms Corp Cameroon

15.15 – 15.45

Coffee break and nutritious food cooking demonstration

- Chef Alagie, Banjul Kitchen

15.50 – 17.30

African Diaspora food in literature

A workshop with Prof Adams Bodom and other African authors

DAY TWO

8.30 – 9.25

Welcome & Registration

9.30 – 10.45

Health and Nutrition :

- Emile de Feyter- Medicinal plant use among the Congolese (Democratic Republic of Congo) community in Belgium

- Laura Van Damme - Plant use and perceptions in the context of sexual health among people of Congolese descent in Belgium
- Helen Bour, Sandra Boatemaa Kushitor, Karina Benessaiah, Elena Bennett, Oonsie Reinette Biggs, Nyasha Magadzire - The Role Of Seeds In Transforming Food Systems In Coastal Areas In Ghana
- Food as medicine and heritage – Dr Stella Iwuagwu

10.50- 11.20

Side activity on the preservation and innovation of Congolese cultural food practices in Belgium

11.25 – 11.40

Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.00

Food Sovereignty and Climate change

- Nicole Plummer, Marisa Wilson, Charmaine McKenzie, Inna Yaneva-Toraman, Thera Edwards, Patricia Northover, Sylvia Adjoa Mitchell, Anthony Richards, Kasikeiani Ronalda Pairman - Achieving Climate Justice Through a Decolonized Approach to Food Heritage
- Ndidì Nwaneri - ONUNAKA FARMS – 2021-2023
- Jutta Kleber - Relying on indigenous knowledge for sound agriculture, food and health systems - experiences from East-Africa

13.05 – 13.45

Lunch - Chef Alagie, Banjul Kitchen Food Truck

13.50 – 14.40

Food Policy and Governance

- Marthe Djuikom - Politiques de développement et mutations en milieu rural africain
- Aya Kasasa - Diaspora Desk, Organization of Africa, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACP)
- Guggi Laryea - International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

14.45 -15. 50

Panel Discussion “what is the Future for African Food Systems”

moderated by Ms Paddy Siyanga

Panelists TBC

15.55 – 17. 20

Vote of thanks and networking