

Decolonization, Diasporas and the African food system

2nd to 3rd July 2024 @the Africa Museum, Tervuren

DAY ONE

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

11.35 – 12.40 : Precolonial and colonial African foodways :

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 Erinugba - 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 Bodomo 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

11.45 – 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

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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

TICKET : <https://www.eventbrite.be/e/decolonization-diasporas-and-the-african-food-system>

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