

Agri4D programme Tuesday 23 September 2025

15:00	Registration - Welcome coffee (<i>Exhibition Hall</i>)
16:15	Welcome session and partner's pitch (<i>Exhibition Hall</i>)
16:45	Mingle and Speed Networking (<i>Exhibition Hall</i>)
18:00	Conference Dinner (<i>Ulls restaurant</i>)

Side event 1:

Symposium: A Decade of Swedish–African Collaboration in Agricultural Science for Development in Africa

Venue: Campus Ultuna (exact location TBD)

Date & Time: 23 September, 9:00-12:00

Join us for a short symposium where SLU and the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) will present work from more than a decade of joint agricultural science for development in Africa. Results and future outlooks of projects aimed at improving durum wheat for the Senegal River Basin and barley for Ethiopia will be presented. The symposium will conclude with a panel discussion featuring representatives from the Novo Nordisk Foundation, SLU, ICARDA, NordGen and the Nordic breeding industry, who will discuss the future of agricultural development research and collaboration.

Side event 2:

Climate Change and Pathways for Resilience and Sustainability in Africa

Venue: The Nordic Africa Institute Library, Villavägen 6, Uppsala

Date & Time: 23 September, 13:30-15:30

Join us for a panel discussion on climate change and pathways for resilience and sustainability, featuring experts in the field. The discussion will be followed by coffee and informal networking.

Agri4D programme Wednesday 24 September 2025



08:00	Registration					
08:30	Opening session (Main Hall and online) Maria Knutson Wedel, Vice chancellor at SLU Daniel Liljeberg, State Secretary to Minister of Rural Affairs Jakob Granit, Director-General at Sida					
09:15	Keynote speaker - Professor Miguel A Altieri, University of California Agroecology and resilience to climate change: will agriculture resist what is coming?					
10:00	Fika / Networking (Exhibition hall)					
10:30	S1 (Main hall) - Comparative agroecology: enhancing agroecological knowledge, research and practice across geographies and socio-economic contexts Chair: Cristian Alarcon & Miguel A Altieri	S2 (Exhibition Hall) -Science and policy and agrifood system transformation Chair: Konstantinos Karantininis	S3 (Room L) - From Tech to Policy: Enabling Climate-Smart Agriculture Chair: Thomas Daum	S4 (Room N) - Forging transformative pathways for food security. Challenges and opportunities in a changing development cooperation landscape Chair: AgriFoSe2030 programme	S5 (Room O1) - Cultivating agency – armers’ organizations and youth empowerment for sustainable and just food systems Chair: Hanna Sinare	S6 (Room O2) - An Art-Based Immersion into the Journey of Seed Chair: Kushal Poudel
12:00	Lunch (Ulls restaurant or Kårhuset)					
13:30	Keynote speaker - Nitya Rao, University of East Anglia (Main hall and online) Gender, climate and food justice: exploring the links					
14:15	Poster session (Poster venue)			Online Flash poster (Main hall and online)		
	Fika / Networking (Exhibition hall)					
15:00	S7 (Main hall) - Transforming Aquatic Food Production for Global Food Security Chair: Shakuntala Thilsted	S8 (Exhibition Hall) - Inclusivity, fairness and the transition to fossil-free energy in agri-food systems: The AgroDrive center in Sweden Chair: Johanna Bergman Lodin	S9 (Room L) - Farming forward: Crop science and climate-ready agriculture Chair: Kedar Devkota	S10 (Room N) - Transforming food systems: Smallholders, markets & sustainability Chair: Elisabeth Rajala	S11 (Room O1) - Animal-sourced food. Moving towards sustainable production Chair: Horacio L Gonda	
15:00	O1 (Room 1) - Beyond the Harvest: Nurturing the Next Generation of Food System Leaders Chair: Peter Lofane	O2 (Room 2) - Food fighters: Innovating nutrition and resilience on the frontlines Chair: Ioannis Dimitriou	O3 (Room 3) - Soil health: Unlocking nature’s potential for smallholder farmers Chair: Anamika Menon	O4 (Room 4) - Money, markets & power: Breaking barriers in rural food systems Chair: Dhvani Sunil Lalai	O5 (Room 5) - Facing the heat: Livelihood security and climate adaptation in vulnerable communities Chair: Anna-Klara Lindeborg	
16:45	Panel discussion with key take-aways					
17:15	Conference close for the day					
17:30	Campus activities - Campus walk or visit permaculture farm					
19.00	Dinner in Uppsala town, Västgöta Nation, Slottsgränd 12					

Agri4D programme Thursday 25 September 2025

08:45	Welcome and summary of Day 2 (Main hall and online)				
09:00	Keynote speakers -Shakuntala Thilsted, CGIAR Title: TBA Erik Alexandersson, NovoNordisk Foundation <i>A New Player Supporting Agri-Food Transformation and Development in the Global South: The Novo Nordisk Foundation</i>				
10:00	Fika / Networking (Exhibition hall)				
10:30	S12 (Main Hall) - Integrating social and technological innovations for sustainable rangeland restoration in East Africa Chair: Aida Bargués-Tobella	S13 (Exhibition Hall) - Energy, land and climate change: Conflicts and opportunities Chair: Hanna Sinare	S14 (Room L) -The International Research Consortium on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (IRC-FNSSA) Chair: Ioannis Dimitriou	S15 (Room N) - Seeds, seas, and sovereignty: Reimagining food systems for justice and resilience Chair: Nitya Rao	S16 (Room O1) - Who leads the table? Certificate, women, labour participation in food value chains Chair: Alin Kadfak
12:00	Lunch (Ulls restaurant or Kårhuset)				
13:30	Keynote speaker - Patrick Okori, RUFORUM Transformative higher education for resilient and rewarding food system transitions (Main hall and online)				
14:15	Fika / Networking (Exhibition hall)			Online Flash poster (Main hall and online)	
14:45	S17 - (Main hall) Intersectoral cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa's transition from agrochemicals to agrobiologicals Chair: Paul Egan	S18 (Exhibition hall) - Implementing innovative technologies in sub-Saharan Africa: opportunity and challenges Chair: Adjani Isabelle	S19 (Room L) - Agroecological Transitions: Lessons from Global Case Studies Chair: Miguel A Altieri, Cristian Alarcon	S20 (Room N) - When tradition meets innovation: Co-producing knowledge for food system resilience Chair: Shakuntala Thilsted	S21 (Room O1) - Beyond the drought: Gendered adaptations, youth migration, and agroecological innovation Chair: Patrick Okori
14:45	O6 (Room 1) - Young Voices of Regeneration for Regenerative Food Systems: Youth Debate on Inclusivity, Policy and Food Systems Chair: Miriam Akinyi	O7 (Room 2) - Green leaders rising: Women and youth in food system transformation Chair: Anna-Klara Lindeborg	O8 (Room 3) - Hack the food system: Local know-how, global impact Chair: Deeksha Sharma	O9 (Room 4) - Governance in action: Legal frameworks and local solutions for food security Chair: Selorm Kugbega	O10 (Room 5) - From code to crop: AI and digital tools in sustainable agriculture Chair: Vivek Soni
16:30	Panel discussion with key take-aways				
17:15	Conference close - True Schedvin, Sida				