

Three-day Sequence of activities – Séquence des activités sur les 3 jours

Tuesday 24		Mardi 24	
0900-1200	Projects Fair		Foire aux projets
1200-1300	Official opening		Ouverture officielle
1300-1400	Lunch - Déjeuner		
1400-1545	Workshop 1 - Participatory research to co-innovate for sustainability transitions: new approaches and challenges in DeSIRA		Atelier 1 - La recherche participative pour co-innover au service des transitions vers plus de durabilité : nouvelles approches et challenges dans DeSIRA
1545-1600	Coffee Break – Pause café		
1600-1730	Roundtable 1 – The contribution of research to agricultural innovation and impact		Table ronde 1 - La contribution de la recherche à l'innovation agricole et l'impact
Wednesday 25		Mercredi 25	
0900-1045	Workshop 2 - Research in partnership with civil society, the private sector and political actors: why, for what innovations and impacts		Atelier 2 - La recherche en partenariat avec la société civile, le secteur privé et les acteurs politiques : pourquoi, pour quelles innovations et impacts
1045-1115	Coffee Break – Pause café		
1115-1300	Workshop 3 - Support mechanisms for multi-actor collaboration and open and responsible innovation: feedback and sustainability issues		Atelier 3 - Dispositifs d'appui à la collaboration multi-acteur et à l'innovation ouverte et responsable : retours d'expérience et enjeux de pérennisation
1300-1400	Lunch - Déjeuner		
1400-1530	Roundtable 2 – Innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems		Table ronde 2 - Innovations pour une agriculture et des systèmes alimentaires durables -
1530-1600	Coffee Break – Pause café		
1600-1730	Roundtable 3 – Upgrading capacities of innovation professionals - 1h30 min		Table ronde 3 – Renforcer les capacités de professionnels de l'innovation - 1h30 mn
1800	Cocktail reception		
Thursday 26		Jeudi 26	
0900-1100	Roundtable 4 – innovation policies and policy innovation – 2hrs Panel 1: How research feed the innovation policy making and policy innovation Panel 2: The implementation of regional agricultural innovation policies and strategies		Table ronde 4 – Politiques d'innovation et politiques innovantes – 2h Panel 1 : Comment la recherche alimente l'élaboration de politiques d'innovation et l'innovation dans les politiques Panel 2 : La mise en œuvre de politiques et stratégies régionales d'innovation agricole
1100-1130	Coffee Break – Pause café		
1130-1300	Roundtable 5 – Funding Innovation scaling – 1h30 min		Table ronde 5 – Financer le passage à l'échelle des innovations - 1h30
1300-1330	Closing		Clôture
1330-1430	Lunch - Déjeuner		
1430-1600	Campus tour of the University of Ghana		

Tuesday 24

0830-0900	Welcome and registration
0900-1200	Projects Fair (3hrs)
Project	Presenter
FAIR-SAHEL	Harouna COULIBALY, Institut d'Economie Rurale, Mali Jean Michel Waly Sene, ENDA PRONAT, Senegal
MALMON	Ivo Sulé Baldé (DUE Guine-Bissau)
COCOA4FUTURE	ZON DEMEANGO Serge (CENTRE DE RECHERCHE EN ECOLOGIE / UNIVERSTE NANGUI ABROGOUA) JAGORET Patrick, CIRAD
ACCEPT	AMEGNAGLO Kossi Béssan (CIRAD) OUSMAN AHMAT HADJI (Plateforme Pastorale du Tchad)
LIDISKI	Ugbebor Ogheneovo (Ikore International Development Limited), Nigeria Muhammad-Bashir BOLAJOKO, National Veterinary Research Institute, Vom, Plateau State, Nigeria.
CASSECS	Pending
ABEE	Ndeye Bineta FALL (CORAF)
BIORISKS	KOUASSI Kan Modeste (WAVE)
IRRINN	Kaboré Kouka (ARDA) OUEDRAOGO Pingwinde Marc (APESI) Bruno BARbier (CIRAD) Edmond Rouamba (CIRAD)
SUSTLIVES	Halima OUMAROU DIADIE - Abdou Moumouni University (UAM) Enrico Roggi – AICS - Ghana
SAFEVEG	ABOUBAKAR SOUNA (CIRAD) GOUBA/OUEDRAOGO S. NATACHA VIVIANE (WORLD VEGETABLE CENTER)
ReDIAL	Faustina Kovor, Friends of the Nation, Ghana Boateng Kyereh, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana Daniel Kofi Abu , Tropenbos, Ghana James ADU, Techiman Municipality, Ghana
MAKIS	Sarah Audouin (CIRAD) ANDRIANARISEHENO Miranto (CIRAD)
ACCESS	SEMPORE Aristide Wendyam (CIRAD) Kiogo Raymond (IRAD) KOLA Nomandé Prosper (AGRI'IN (Ex. Experts Synergy Consulting) GNOUMOU MARC (CNRST) KAIN Géraldine Anaïs Claudia (CIRAD) KABORE Adama (CNRST) KAIN Géraldine Anaïs Claudia (CIRAD)
RESI-NOC	Mefan Ngono Laureanne (CIFOR-ICRAF) Mewo Mounbana Berthe (CIFOR-ICRAF) TCHUENGA SEUTCHUENG Thierry Gaitan (CIFOR-ICRAF),
MARIGO	Dr Rahim Ouedraogo (CIRAD) Hortsys Didier MBEGUIE (CIRAD)
DINAAMICC	Pending
PROSILIENCE	Arnaud Freddy HOUEDOKOHO, GIZ, Benin
PRISMA	Kader ISSOUFOU (ENABEL Niger) OUSMANE Maïmouna (ENABEL) KPEROU GADO Byll Orou (ARAA/CEDEAO)
INNOVACC	Precillia Tata Ngomé, IRAD, Cameroon GUEDJO TCHETCHE Jairus, (CERAF-Nord), Cameroon
FORI Global	Martin Agboton, Coordinantor, Agricorn, Benin
FO4RI – 1 Burkina Faso	TRAORE Dramane Confédération paysanne du Faso (CPF)
FO4RI - 4 Cameroon	NGAH AWONO Rostand, CNOPCAM / PRAEPOUL, Cameroon Atangana Alene Hortense Marie Lucienne, CNOP-CAM, Cameroon
FO4RI - 5 Burundi	NDAYISHIMIYE Jean Marie, CAPAD, Burundi
TAP AIS - 1 Burkina	A Sempore (FAO)
TAP AIS - 2 Senegal	C Pene (FAO)

1200-1300	Official Opening (1hr)	
Welcome to speakers and participants	Facilitator	
Harnessing and building the capacities of research for innovation food and agriculture in Africa.	FARA - Dr Aggrey Agumya – Executive Director	
The DeSIRA Initiative	DG INTPA – Guy Faure	
Agricultural Innovation and research in the West and Central African context	ECOWAS/CEDEAO - Alain SY TRAORÉ - Directeur Agriculture et Développement Rural	
Agriculture and innovation projects in Ghana	EU Delegation to Ghana – Tbc	
Balancing food, climate and biodiversity with Agriculture and the need for innovations – Planting for Food and jobs initiative	Ministry of agriculture, Ghana – Tbc	
Agricultural Research and innovation, role and actions from the University	University of Ghana – Pr Felix Asante, Pro vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation	
Details of sessions and housekeeping	DeSIRA-LIFT facilitators	

Lunch - Déjeuner	1300-1400
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1400-1545	Thematic Workshop 1 (1h45)	
	Participatory research to co-innovate for sustainability transitions: new approaches and challenges in DeSIRA	
Topic - The role of research in the generation of new solutions: piloting, facilitating, supporting		
This workshop opens the discussion on the evolutions of roles played by researchers in DeSIRA projects, presenting different modalities in which research is deployed outside the conventional linear innovation approach, making use of multi-actor, multi-level and iterative approaches within innovation systems. The discussion will focus on the challenges faced by researchers with respect to their approaches, capacities, and contributions towards impacts.		
Setting the scene -15 min		
Introduction to the session (Facilitator)		
Keynote	Speaker	
Diversity of research and innovation strategies and models of contribution to innovation processes in DeSIRA, challenges encountered and introduction to next sessions.	DeSIRA-LIFT /CIRAD	
	Aurélie Toillier	
Group discussions - 55 min		
Driving questions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Can you briefly say what was your original approach to supporting innovation in your project and whether you had to adapt and what that adaptation consisted of? B. In what ways did you, as researchers, adapt their skills and methodologies to effectively pilot, facilitate, or drive innovation processes? C. Would you say adjusting your approach as the project unfolded has allowed to better outcomes and possibly impact, and how do you measure this? 		
Feedback and plenary discussion – 40 min		

Coffee break	1545-1600
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1600-1730	Roundtable 1 (1h30)	
	The contribution of research to agricultural innovation	
Topics		
DeSIRA has a specific assumption that embedding participatory research into agricultural innovation systems will generate potentially different, deeper and longer lasting outcomes, with higher ownership from local and regional actors and stakeholders and more impacts. This requests that research organizations operate a shift in their own strategies, capacities and partnerships. This roundtable will give the floor to the leaders of agricultural research to explain their vision, their organisational innovations for increasing research impacts and how they will build on DeSIRA lessons learnt.		
Panel - 55mn (1600-1655)		
Introduction to the roundtable (Facilitator)		
Keynote	Speaker	
The role of research organizations as drivers of innovation in Africa.	FARA - Dr Aggrey Agumya – Executive Director	
Harnessing NARS to address agricultural challenges with innovation in West Africa and Central Africa	CORAF – Dr. Fatou DIENG GUEYE	
North-South and South-South cooperation networks in research for Innovation key players for agricultural innovation	CIRAD - Sylvie LEWICKI: Adjointe à la direction Générale déléguée à la Recherche et la Stratégie	
Innovation and Farmers organisations	PROPAC - Amatkreo ASTOUIN – CNCPT - Chad	
Gender sensitivity in Agricultural innovations	CORAF – Mariame MAIGA – Adviser, Gender and social development.	
Discussion - 35mn (1600-1655)		

Wednesday 25

0900-1045	Thematic Workshop 2 (1h45)	
	Research in partnership with civil society, the private sector and political players: why, for what innovations and impact?	
Topic - Challenges in R&I partnerships		
This workshop continues the discussion on the roles of researchers in DeSIRA projects with insights into their partnerships with civil society, private sectors and policy actors. The discussion will exemplify the importance and challenges to engage in such partnerships for different types of innovations: such as engaging with private sector to develop new business models to make accessible new technologies (ex: new technologies for irrigation), engaging with civil society organizations to feed advocacy for agroecological transitions with evidence, or engaging with parliamentarians to support innovative policies and policy innovation.		
Setting the scene - 15 min		
Introduction to the session (Facilitator)		
Keynote		Speaker
Agricultural research engaging in partnerships with non-traditional AIS actors		DeSIRA-LIFT/COLEAD Isolina Boto – Private Sector, production and policy linkages specialist.
Group discussions - 55 min		
Driving questions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Can you tell us briefly what partnership with the private sector/civil society/political players was set up by your project and why? B. What roles did the researchers play in the design and/or implementation of the project (over and above the production of knowledge)? C. What challenges did your project face and how did you deal with them? 		
Feedback and plenary discussion – 40 min		

Coffee break	1045-1115
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1115-1300	Thematic Workshop 3 (1h45)	
	Technological innovation, organizational innovation, creation and dissemination of knowledge	
Topic -		
This workshop explores the support mechanisms (platforms, facilitated networks, innovation hubs, incubators, etc.) to open and responsible innovation that were deployed through DeSIRA projects, their operationalization challenges and impacts.		
Setting the scene - 15 min		
Introduction to the session (Facilitator)		
Keynote		Speaker
Multi-actor platforms and alliances to set up collective solutions to collective problems.		DeSIRA-LIFT/WUR University Dr Marlene Roefs - Mel and MSP expert

Group discussions - 55 min
<p>Driving questions</p> <p>A. Can you tell us briefly what type of mechanism or multi-stakeholder alliance has been set up by your project and why?</p> <p>B. What were the roles of the researchers in the design and/or deployment of the project (over and above the production of knowledge)?</p> <p>C. What challenges did your project face and how did you deal with them??</p>
Feedback and plenary discussion – 40 min

Lunch - Déjeuner	1300-1400
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1400-1530	<p>Roundtable 2 (1h30)</p> <p>Innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems</p>	
<p>Topics</p> <p>DeSIRA projects are part of broader agendas (fight against climate change, preservation of biodiversity, SDGs, Food Systems Agenda) to which they seek to contribute by combining the actions of multiple actors: researchers, producers, rural communities, governments, etc.. These actions are often fed by previously initiated processes (research, public policies, organisation of producers and territories) to which DeSIRA innovations bring new stages. This round table proposes to identify which are these innovation trajectories in which the projects are inserted, what have been their achievements and how they can generate impacts at the level of agricultural and food systems. It also proposes to identify who would be the parties likely to take ownership of these results and under what conditions they could continue and expand them.</p>		
Panel - 55mn (1600-1455)		
Introduction to the session (Facilitator)		
Keynote		Speaker
Beyond agricultural innovations Food Systems require and offer opportunities for a broader range of innovations.		IPES-FOOD - Mamadou Goita
	Food production and trade in Africa	AfCFTA
	Agricultural innovation and food security	ARAA - Dr Yérïma BORGUI, Regional coordinator, Agrecology programme
	Feeding cities	Municipality of Techiman, Ghana - Mr. James Adu - past Municipal Director of Agriculture and current Regional Director
	Nutrition	Université Abdou Moumouni, Niger – Dr Halima Oumarou DIADIE - Senior Lecturer in Nutrition and Food Science
Discussion - 35mn (1455-1530)		

Coffee break	1530-1600
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1600-1730	<p>Roundtable 3 (1h30)</p> <p>Upgrading capacities of innovation professionals</p>	
Topics		

This roundtable will discuss the emergence of new professional profiles in the domain of agricultural innovation (such as innovation facilitators, new extensionists, innovation managers, business coaches, ecosystem bridgers, etc.) and the opportunities to upgrade their skills and create new jobs. DeSIRA projects' contributions will be presented and discussed.

Panel - 55mn (1600-1655)

Introduction to the session (Facilitator)

Keynote	Speaker
Beyond agricultural innovations Food Systems require and offer opportunities for a broader range of innovations.	RUFORUM - Anthony Egeru Programme Manager - Skilling, Engagement for Community Development (SE4CD)
Training and Capacity building	University of Ghana (UG) - Office of Research, Innovation and Development (ORID) – Pr Felix Asante
Private sector incentives for agricultural innovation	MasterCard Foundation , Rica Rwigamba, Director of the Office in Ghana
Training Innovation Facilitators and establishing Communities of practice	Fac'INNOV Burkina Faso – Kola Nomandé
Extension as support to innovation dissemination	AFAAS – Lilian Lihasi, Director of Programmes
Higher Education in practice, networks and field work	Dr Irene Annor-Frempong

Discussion - 35mn (1655-1730)

Thursday 26

0900-1100	Roundtable 4 (2hrs) innovation policies and policy innovation	
Topics The roundtable will explore challenges in both developing and implementing agricultural innovation policies and innovative policy instruments that create more enabling environments for innovators. DeSIRA projects' contributions will be presented and discussed.		
Introduction to the session (Facilitator)		
Keynote Lessons learnt from the ability of DeSIRA projects to have policy incidence. Strategies and opportunities.	Speaker DeSIRA-LIFT Dr Boru Douthwaite	
Panel 1 - Research Informing innovation policy – making - 30 min		
Topics TAP and AIS transformation Challenges of designing and implement innovation policies in the agricultural sector. AIS assessment for policy-making	Speakers FAO Burkina Faso – Aristide Sempore	
How research organizations produce Knowledge for policy making and engage in Science-policy interfaces	CSIR – Council for Scientific and Industrial Research of Ghana	
Policy Advocacy by Civil society, access to resources and rural-urban linkages	DyTAES – M. Louis Etienne Diouf – Steering Committee member	
Discussion – 20 mn		
Short Break – 5 min		
Panel 2 - Implementing regional innovation policies and strategies - 30 min		
Topics Building regional strategies for agricultural innovation	Speakers CORAF - Dr. Fatou DIENG GUEYE	
CAADP and other relevant African wide policies for Agroecological transition and food systems	CCARDESA – Baitisi Podisi - CAADP-XP4 Regional Programme Coordinator	
Farming organisations and Regional Policies	ROPPA - Ibrahima Coulibaly – President and President of PAFO	
Discussion – 20 mn		

Coffee break	1100-1130
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1130-1300	Roundtable 5 (1h30) Funding innovation scaling	
Topics The roundtable will explore and discuss funding mechanisms to support innovation scaling in Africa.		
Panel - 55mn (1130-1225)		
Introduction to the session (Facilitator)		
Keynote Innovation funding mechanisms general considerations and preliminary learnings from DeSIRA projects.	Speaker DeSIRA-LIFT/HORUS Consulting Elise Juguet, Managing Partner	

Funding climate resilient agricultural development in West Africa	Banque ouest Africaine de Développement – Ibrahim Papy Traore - Climate Specialist
Innovation Scaling strategy in West Africa (including results from Dissemin)	DISSEMIN' – Robin Bourgeois
Scaling DeSIRA outcomes	Delegation of the European Union in Burkina Faso – Mr. Abdoulaye Traoré – Programme Officer - Agricultural sector and Value Chains
The role of free trade zones in scaling up innovations in the agri-food sector	CAAP – Common Africa Agro Parks programme - Anselme Vodounhessi – Coordinator
Discussion - 35mn (1225-1300)	

1305-1330	Closing (25 min)
Short recap and key points	Facilitators
DeSIRA phase 2 expected outcomes	DG INTPA – Guy Faure
Key takeaways at continental level	FARA – Dr Aggrey Agumya – Executive Director
Further support to research and innovation for agriculture and food	Ecowas - Alain SY TRAORÉ - Directeur Agriculture et Développement Rural