

# **Africa-Europe: Challenges and Opportunities in Research and Cooperation**

**Roles and activities of the Africa-Europe Clusters of Research Excellence on Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (CoRE-NbS) and on Sustainable Food Systems (CoRE-SFS)**

**Bologna - 15-16 April 2025**

**Draft program**

**Day 1: 15th of April**

**Venue: Aula Giorgio Prodi – San Giovanni in Monte (Bologna)**



## ***Session 1***

10.00-10.30: Institutional welcome (Rector of the University of Bologna: Prof. Giovanni Molari; Vice-Rector for Research: Prof. Stefano Fanti; Vice-Rector for International Relationships: Prof. Raffaella Campaner) and introduction of the event

10.30-10.40: Lavinia Monti – DG for Internalization and Communication – Italian Ministry for University and Research (MUR)

10.40-11.10: Presentation from The Guild (Sean Rowlands)

11.10-11.30: Presentation of the CoRE-NbS (Silvana Di Sabatino & Guy Midgley)

11.30-11.50: Presentation of the CoRE-SFS (Luca Fontanesi & Frans Swanepoel)

11.50-12.10: Climate Change and Sustainable Food Systems: Challenges and Opportunities (Marian Bernoux – FAO, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment)

12.10-12.30: Title to be defined - (Irina Pavlova – UNESCO, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences (20 min);

12.30-12.50: Title to be defined – (Rosalinda Scalia, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation, Unit Bioeconomy & Food Systems (B2) - Healthy Planet Directorate)

12.50-13.00: Discussion & remarks from session 1

*13.00-14.00: Light lunch*

***Session 2 (Thematic session) \****

14.00-14.30: Plenary: Climate change and food security: challenges and research – (Luca Lambertini, University of Bologna)

14.30-16.00: Thematic presentations focused on SFS (from CoRE-SFS partners)

14.30-14.45 CoRE-NbS – Brunella Morandi - University of Bologna

14.45-15.00 CoRE-NbS – Frans Swanepoel - University of Pretoria

15.00-15.15 CoRE-NbS – Marco Madella - Universitat Pompeu-Fabra

15.15-15.30 CoRE-NbS – Ndico Ludidi - University of Mpumalanga

15.30-15.45 CoRE-NbS – Djouroukoro Diallo - University of Bern

15.45-16.00 CoRE-NbS – Bolanle Oboh - University of Lagos

*16.00-16.30: Coffee break*

16.30-18.00: Thematic presentations focused climate change and NbS (from CoRE-NbS partners)

16.30-16.45 CoRE-SFS – Laura Leo - University of Bologna

16.45-17.00 CoRE-SFS – Guy Midgley - Stellenbosch University

17.00-17.15 CoRE-SFS – Olaniyi Fawole - University of Johannesburg

17.15-17.30 CoRE-SFS – Fabrice Renaud - University of Glasgow

17.30-17.45 CoRE-SFS – Daniel Ochieng Olago – University of Kenya

17.45-18.00 CoRE-SFS – Kwasi Appeaning Addo - University of Ghana

18.00-18.15: CoRE-Inequalities – Robert Lensik (University of Groningen)

18.15-18.20 Closure

\*Poster presentation of UNIBO projects associated with the two CoREs

*Social dinner (20.30-22.30)*

**Day 2: 16th of April**

**Venue: Biblioteca Universitaria di Bologna (BUB) – Via Zamboni 35 (Bologna)**



***Session 3***

8.30-9.00: Plenary: Research project funding opportunities - ARIC

9.00-10.30: Parallel Working Groups for NbS and SFS

*10.30-11.00: Coffee Break*

11.00-11.30: Parallel Working Groups for NbS and SFS

11.30-12.45: Joint working group for the two CoREs

12.45-13.00: Wrap up and closure of the event

*13.00-14.00: Light lunch*

*14.00-16.00: Visit to the University of Bologna historical sites and museums – Palazzo Poggi Museums*

**Venue: ARIC offices: Via San Giacomo 7 (Bologna)**

*16.00-18.00: CoRE-SFS inaugural SAC meeting (by invitation only)*