

Concept Note and Programme: CoRE-SFS 2025 Webinar Series

CONCEPT NOTE

About CoRE-SFS

Food system challenges, including food insecurity, malnutrition, and poverty, persist in Africa. In 2023, the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) and The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities (The Guild) launched 17 research clusters to foster collaborative research across Africa and Europe. Each Africa-Europe Cluster of Research Excellence (CoRE) pairs researchers from at least three African and two European universities to tackle major scientific issues through research and education.

One of these clusters, the Africa-Europe Cluster of Research Excellence in Sustainable Food Systems (CoRE-SFS), is co-led by the University of Pretoria and the University of Bologna. This global platform includes 22 partners from across Africa and Europe collaborating on challenge-driven, integrated, and engaged research, focusing on sustainable food systems.

CoRE-SFS aims to build institutional research capacities, strengthen the research culture among partners, and make substantial contributions by conducting research on food systems transformation. It will ensure long-term collaboration, pool resources for greater impact, and enhance African institutional capacity.

The CoRE-SFS 2025 Webinar Series

The CoRE-SFS 2025 Webinar Series offers an exciting opportunity to engage with innovative research and spark dynamic conversations on key topics shaping the future of sustainable food systems. Throughout the year, these 9 webinars will serve as a platform for sharing knowledge, exploring innovative ideas, and uncovering new avenues for collaboration.

Attendees will have the chance to connect with researchers from across Africa and Europe, fostering relationships and discovering the potential for joint proposals and impactful partnerships within the CoRE-SFS network. The 2025 Webinar Series presents the chance to be part of this global dialogue and contribute to transforming food systems worldwide.

Each webinar will be one hour in length and will have an overarching theme and two presentation topics, with one presenter from a European CoRE-SFS partner institution and one presenter from an African partner institution. The two presentations will be followed by an question-and-answer session.

PROGRAMME

Webinar date and time	Theme & registration link
Webinar 1: Monday 24 February 2025 09:30-10:35 (CET) / 10:30-11:35 (SAST)	Collaboration for Capacity Building Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wsJq-ZFDT-aQtkvnwOXaHQ
Webinar 2: Thursday 20 March 2025 10:00-11:00 (CET) / 11:00-12:00 (SAST)	Zero Waste, Maximum Sustainability: Innovations for a Resilient Agri-Food System Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ORWMKWcpRouzNOKlmIndxw
Webinar 3: Tuesday 8 April 2025 11:00-12:00 (CEST) / 11:00-12:00 (SAST)	Rooted in Tradition, Growing for the Future: Sustainable Food Systems Through Indigenous Crops Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UJROAnHdRYuLm8GX-tvQqg
Webinar 4: Friday 23 May 2025 11:00-12:00 (CEST) / 11:00-12:00 (SAST)	Cultivating Sustainability: Transforming Agriculture for a Resilient Future Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nTO-ZMHBTDStxS13jnnkZQ
Webinar 5: Friday 20 June 2025 11:00-12:00 (CEST) / 11:00-12:00 (SAST)	Safe Plates, Sustainable Futures: Ensuring Food Safety in a Changing World Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uglF-tl-TFOt8wSrK93Mag
Webinar 6: Friday 18 July 2025 11:00-12:00 (CEST) / 11:00-12:00 (SAST)	From Data to Decisions: Modelling a Sustainable Future for Food Systems Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y_pluLWJSaiqZeEag_FjHA
Webinar 7: Friday 19 September 2025 11:00-12:00 (CEST) / 11:00-12:00 (SAST)	Roots of Power: Navigating Land, Equity, and Sustainability in Food Systems Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_s8RqbYOYSts3k2BGKeKtjA
Webinar 8: Friday 24 October 2025 11:00-12:00 (CEST) / 11:00-12:00 (SAST)	Nourishing the Future: Sustainable Nutrition for a Changing World Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9V_ljDMkR4SgqZwz3aT-7Q
Webinar 9: Friday 21 November 2025 10:00-11:00 (CET) / 11:00-12:00 (SAST)	Rooted in Resilience: Soil Health for a Sustainable Food Future Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HcZ9s_4CTpOCSUY20WsKkg