

# Africa Food Systems Summit 2025

## Food Convergence Innovation (FCI) Africa Side Event Programmes



### Date & Time:

- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025: 12h30 – 14h00 (All FCI Convening Event)
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025: 12h30 – 14h00 (Food Safety Session)

**Location:** CICAD, Dakar, Senegal

### Session 1: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Theme:** All FCI Convening Event: Showcasing the Food Convergence Innovation Concept

**Meeting room:** Knowledge Hub - Main Stage

| Time          | Activity                                   | Speaker/ Facilitator   | Notes   |
|---------------|--|--|---|
| 12h30 – 12h35 | Welcome & Opening                          | Moderator: Fadel Ndiame and  | Brief introduction, objectives of session           |
| 12h35 – 12h45 | Overview of FCI Concept                    | Miezah Kwofie and Laurette Dubé  | Introduction of FCI and applications                |
| 12h45 – 13h05 | FCI Network in Action: Thematic Highlights | Alejandro Ortega-Beltran (FS4Africa), Benjamin Emmanuel (INCiTiS-FOOD), Miezah Kwofie (FCI4Africa)                         | Showcase examples of FCI applications in Africa     |
| 13h05 – 13h30 | Panel discussion                           | Jean-Pierre Senghor, Rose Omari, Aline Mugisho, Habib Thiam, Emmanuel Kyengo, Adama Neya<br><i>Moderator: Fadel Ndiame</i> | Focus on youth, women, entrepreneurs, policy makers |
| 13h30 – 13h50 | Q & A                                      | Fadel Ndiame and Tahirou Abdoulaye   | Interaction with audience                           |
| 13h50 – 14h00 | Closing Remarks & Next Steps               | Tahirou Abdoulaye  | Inviting further engagement, booth visit            |

Rapporteur: Tracy Muwanga

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### Session 2: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Theme:** Food Safety in the African Food System – Innovations & Impact at Scale

Meeting room: Knowledge Hub – Classroom

| Time          | Activity  | Speaker/ Facilitator   | Notes  |
|---------------|---|--|--|
| 12h30 – 12h35 | Welcome & Context Setting   | Moderators: Fadel Ndiame and Olumodupe Banwo   | Brief introduction, objectives of session                                      |
| 12h35 – 12h45 | Keynote: Food safety, Fairness and the linkage with Youth and Women's Empowerment | Lawrence Haddad<br>John Ulimwengu  | Address on the nexus among food safety, youth and women in the African context |
| 12h45 – 13h05 | Showcasing Food Safety Innovations  | Adja Fatou Diop, Sini Samba, Adama Neya, Rose Omari, Goule Gueye:  | Practical examples from across Africa  |
| 13h05 – 13h30 | Panel Discussion  | Titilayo Falade, Triza Mbali, Lamine Senghor, Nimna Dayte, Tracy Muwanga,<br><i>Moderators: Fadel Ndiame and Olumodupe Banwo</i> | Including youth, women, entrepreneurs, researchers                             |
| 13h30 – 13h50 | Q & A   | Fadel Ndiame and Olumodupe Banwo   | Interactive audience engagement  |
| 13h50 – 14h00 | Closing & Call to Action  | Tahirou Abdoulaye  | Connect to booth activities  |

Rapporteur: Alejandro Ortega-Beltran

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#### Confirmed Participants

| S/N | Name                     | Affiliation/Organization  |
|-----|--------------------------|---|
| 1.  | Adama Neya               | IITA  |
| 2.  | Adja Fatou Diop          | Mabunduka Agro Farms SL Ltd                                     |
| 3.  | Alejandro Ortega-Beltran | IITA  |
| 4.  | Dominic Schofield        | Technoserve   |
| 5.  | Emmanuel Benjamin        | Universität der Bundeswehr München                              |
| 6.  | Emmanuel Kyengo          | Youth for Development, Incitis project,                         |
| 7.  | Fadel Ndiame             | Partnership for African Social & Governance Research; and FSTS  |
| 8.  | Ider Kumar               | Wageningen University and Research                              |
| 9.  | Jean-Pierre              | FSTS  |
| 10. | John Ulimwengu           | IFPRI   |
| 11. | Lamine Senghor:          | Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Livestock (MASAE) |
| 12. | Lawrence Haddad          | GAIN  |
| 13. | Marija Djekic-Ivankovic  | McGill University   |
| 14. | Miezah Kwofie            | McGill University   |
| 15. | Olumodupe Banwo          | IITA  |
| 16. | Peter Schelstraete       | Ubuntoo   |
| 17. | Prof Lise Korsten        | University of Pretoria  |
| 18. | Rose Omari               | CSIR  |
| 19. | Siny Samba               | Siny Le Lionceau  |
| 20. | Tahirou Abdoulaye        | IITA  |
| 21. | Tirtha Dhar              | University of Guelph  |
| 22. | Titilayo Falade          | IITA  |
| 23. | Tobi Durotoye            | Technoserve   |
| 24. | Tracy Muwanga            | FSTS  |
| 25. | Triza Mbali              | Youth 4 Development   |
| 26. | Valerie Orsat            | McGill University   |