



## 10<sup>th</sup> AFRICA DAY FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

### يوم أفريقيا للأمن الغذائي والتغذوي (الحلقة العاشرة)

#### UNDER THE THEME

**“Leveraging New Agricultural Technologies for Improved African Diets”**



Long-term EU-AU Research  
and Innovation Partnership  
for Food and Nutrition Security  
and Sustainable Agriculture

### The North Africa Event

*“Building Research and Innovation Collaborations  
within the frame of the African-European Partnership  
and the FNSSA Road Map”*

Organized by LEAP4FNSSA

28<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Triumph Hotel, Kattameya, Cairo

within the 10<sup>th</sup> Africa Day for Food & Nutrition Security  
29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Triumph Hotel, Kattameya, Cairo

#### Background

The roadmap for the European African partnership for Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) aims at a true Africa-Europe joint and balanced partnership, proposes an all-encompassing R & I framework inclusive of all funding mechanisms or legal instruments, and, supports local actions adapted to the huge diversity of local contexts and linked with national regional continental and bi-continental initiatives in research, innovation, trade, capacity development, knowledge management, involving farmers, researchers and private sector.

The LEAP4FNSSA project aims at facilitating the cooperation between public and private players together with funders, and, provide a joint platform opened to all European and African institutions ready to engage in a sustainable partnership for research and innovation on FNSSA.

On the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Africa Food Day Commemoration, held in Egypt under the chairmanship of the African Union by Egypt in 2019, the North Africa event, organized by LEAP4FNSSA with the support of ARC/ Agricultural Research Center of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, is launching a public private alliance of partners between Europe and North Africa to develop joint food and nutrition security research and innovation projects within the Africa-EU Partnership, to enable the emergence of synergies and the optimization of funding and investments, while establishing the linkages between all relevant public and private players in the region.

## Specific objectives

- Inform on the objective to launch an AU-EU Funders Alliance dedicated to FNSSA R&I, and initiate a tentative calendar and potential participants' approval.
- Foster actors from practice: knowledge, communication and innovation hubs, identify young entrepreneurs interested to develop business plans inspired by recommendations from the EU-AU FNSSA alliances, and link small businesses with research funding opportunities to fuel innovation, with the purpose to identify relevant innovation actors and approaches to work with research.
- Elaborate mechanisms to link research and practice and develop a methodology and an effective approach to matching the needs of farmers and private sector to the research community.
- Initiate a process to recruit "Pioneer" partners towards the establishment of a North African chapter of the Africa-EU-Partnership and of a Europe-Africa R & I Consortium to improve the level of collaboration between Europe and Africa on FNSSA.

## Conceptual WS: Development of a mind map for a joint research programme

It is the objective of this workshop to elaborate the broad structure of a (potential) subregional/ North African/Europe research programme highlighting main challenges and interfaces with the relevant actors. LEAP4FNSSA partners in cooperation with the participating public and private agencies, will design a concept to mobilise partners, resources, funds for a collaboration of EU-Africa Partners with North African actors and roadmap for the follow-up meetings.

### Thematic foci thus are:

1. Research focussing on challenges in relation to food systems in northern Africa.
2. Challenges addressing the topics of the "10th AFRICA DAY FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY":
  - a. Productive, nutrition sensitive and healthy food systems to address food insecurity and malnutrition in the light of climate change.
  - b. Food and nutrition policies investing in food system-based initiatives for improved food basket and nutrition.
  - c. Production of diverse, safe and micronutrient-dense diets
  - d. Expanding and improving the food baskets of vulnerable, displaced and refugee populations
3. Structural scopes of an envisaged collaboration:
  - a. Increased utilisation of science-based recommendations
  - b. Harnessing and inspiring commitments to strengthen food and nutrition policies for investing in food system
  - c. Improved capacities in adoption of science, technology, Innovation, and sustainable solutions.
  - d. Opportunities for youth investment in nutrition security programs
  - e. Empowering women in agri-food value chains

## **Agenda**

**9:00 – 9:45: Registration and refreshments**

**9:45 – 10:15: Welcome address**

H.E. Ambassador Ivan Surkos, Head of The European Union Delegation to Egypt  
H.E. Prof. Dr. Ezz El Din Abu Steit, Minister of Agriculture & Land Reclamation

**10:15 – 11:10: Brief outline of LEAP4FNNSA and the prospect for the enhancement of an AU-EU Funders Alliance and a North Africa Chapter on research and innovation for Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture – FNSSA.**

*Triggering presentations, followed by a short discussion with participants, will aim at facilitating panelists interventions and works by presenting a state of art of existing activities and initiatives, priorities and topics as well as needed resources, which could support or already contribute to building AU-EU Funders Alliance and enhancing a North Africa Chapter.*

- Dr. Tarek El-Arabi, Director of Egypt-EU Cooperation, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt
- Dr. Bernard Mallet, Agriculture Projects Coordinator, Agence Nationale de la Recherche, France

**Moderator:** Henning Knipschild, Int'l Coop, Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE), Germany

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**11:10 – 11:30 Coffee break and informal networking**

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### **Panels' discussion**

*Panelists will take stock of outcomes and discussions of the above session and will help analysing and identifying possible ways and mechanisms, to enhance **AU-EU Funders Alliance and a North Africa Chapter on research and innovation on FNSSA.***

**Honourable Chair:** Dr. Mohamed El Shinawi, Advisor to the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt and Co-Chair of PRIMA Foundation.

**Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Jacques Wery, Deputy Director General Research, ICARDA (CGIAR).

**11:30 – 12:30 Panel 1 – Thematic priorities and topics**

- Dr. Shireen Assem, Vice President for Research, Agricultural Research Center (ARC), Egypt
- Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Elies Hamza, President, Institution of Agricultural Research and Higher Education (IRESA), Tunisia
- Dr. Imane Thami Alami, Head of Scientific Division, National Institute of Agricultural Research (INRA), Morocco
- Haj/ Hussein Abdel Rahman, President Farmers Syndicate, Egypt
- Dr. Habiba Hassan-Wassef, Trustee, African Nutrition Society, Egypt

**12:30 – 13:30 Panel 2 - Policies and Transfer Mechanisms**

- Dr. Mohamed El Shinawi, Advisor to the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt, and Co-Chair of PRIMA Foundation
- Dr. Daniele Rossi, European Secretary General of Confagricoltura (Italy)
- Prof. Dr. Jacques Wery, Deputy Director General Research, ICARDA (CGIAR)
- Eng. Amr Abu Freikha, Chairman, Tanta Motors, Egypt
- Emad Elazhary, Strategy & Business Development Director, Vodafone Egypt

**14:30 – 16:30 Paving the way to establish a “Knowledge Communication and Innovation Hub” across North Africa and Europe**

*This session aims at contributing towards the discussion and outcomes set in the morning panels in form of an innovation road-show format, where idea carriers / innovators present their experience and innovative ideas centred on FNSSA topics, and highlight the role of modern communication concepts and ideas to integrate research and innovation, with the aim of exploring possible partnerships and alliances, that could increase critical mass to enhance AU-EU & North African Alliances.*

**14:30 – 15:30. Panel 3 - Innovation agencies and entrepreneurs**

- Eng. Hanan El-Hadary, Executive Director, Technology and Innovation Industrial Council, Ministry of Trade & Industry, Egypt
- Dr. Harrison Charo Karisa, Country Director, Egypt and Nigeria, World Fish/CGIAR
- Dr. Yossef Ben-Meir, President, High Atlas Foundation, Morocco
- Eng. Osama Sorour, Chief Strategy Officer, Giza Systems Group, Egypt
- Prof. Dr. Sameh H. Soror, Foreign Secretary & Supervisor of Scientific and Cultural Relations ASRT, Academy of Scientific Research & Technology, Egypt

**Moderator:** J. Dorra Fiani, President, Knowledge Economy Foundation, Egypt

**15:30 – 16:30. Panel 4 - Idea-carriers**

- Mouhsine LAKHDISSI, CTO and Partner - Agridata Consulting, Morocco
- Eng. Hussein Mansour, CEO, Aller Aqua, Egypt
- Lynda Allouche, Independent Researcher & Innovator, Algeria
- Abdelrahman Fahmy, Chairman and Founder, YTG, Egypt
- Aida Selmi, Co-Founder, Bio-Wonder, Tunisia
- Yehia Radwan, Co-Founder of Blossom and member of Enactus Egypt, Egypt

**Moderator:** Virginia Belsanti, Senior EU Project Expert, CIHEAM-Bari

**16:30 – 17:00 Conclusions**

**Facilitators:** Henning Knipschild, Germany, J. Dorra Fiani, Egypt

Conclusions will aim at building a comprehensive framework of recommendations on ways, mechanisms, priorities and innovations towards the establishment of the AU-EU Alliance and North African Chapter on R&I in FNSSA.