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EPA Forum 2019

THE PROGRAM



Two days of conference and thematic workshops



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019

08:00 - 09:00

Registration

The Forum will be facilitated by Pamella NZE-ASSEKO

09:00 - 10:00

Opening statements

- Frejus Thoto, Coordinator, EPA Network
- H.E. Catharina Geertruida Tjoelker-Klever, Netherlands Ambassador to Benin
- H.E. Marie-Odile Attanasso, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- H.E. Gaston Dossouhoui, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Benin

10:00 - 10:20

Group photo & Community break

10:20 - 12:00

Keynote 1: Utilizing evidence to improve food security and nutrition: Challenges and perspectives

- Prof. Roch L. Mongbo, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin

Keynote 2: Contribution of urban agriculture to improving food security and nutrition: Evidence and perspectives

- Dr. Ben Sonneveld, Project Leader of "Allotment gardens in Benin" at the Amsterdam Centre for World Food Studies, Vrije University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

12:00 - 13:00

Discussion Panel : Insights and lessons to develop urban agriculture in Benin

13:00 - 14:30

Lunch Break

14:30 - 15:30

Breakaway Sessions :

Session 1 : Practical solutions for embedding the findings in policymaking on urban agriculture

- How to better support urban gardeners?
- How can policymakers be better engaged in supporting urban agriculture

Session 2 : Creating a knowledge center on urban food systems

- What issues can such a center focus on to better address encountered challenges in UA upscaling?
- What are the stakeholders that should be part of the knowledge center on urban food systems and what roles can they play?
- How can the center operate to engage all stakeholders in thinking solutions adapted to local conditions?

15:30 - 16:30

Plenary session

Conclusions from the breakaway sessions will be considered by the plenary session and taken forward as the framework for a collective strategy.

16:30 - 17:00

Closing remarks: Synthesis and takeaways

Frejus Thoto, Coordinator, EPA Network

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019

08:30 - 12:00

Field visit

Visit of a successful allotment garden pilot developed with local communities of Abomey-Calavi.

12:00 - 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 - 17:00

Scientific meeting (only open to selected delegates)

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