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- 08:00-09:00      **Registration**
- 09:00-09:15      **Opening & welcome:** Harun Cicek (FiBL)
- 09:15-09:30      **Scientific evidence for agroecological and organic transition in Africa**  
*Keynote speaker:* Beate Huber (FiBL)
- 09:30-09:45      **Harnessing Agroecology Transitions in Africa to achieve Better Production, Better Nutrition, a Better Environment and a Better Life, leaving no one behind**  
*Keynote speaker:* Abebe Haile-Gabriel (FAO)
- 09:45-10:00      **Policy perspectives on agroecological transition**  
*Keynote speaker:* Marion Michaud (European Commission, DG International Partnerships)
- 10:15-11:15      **Climate resilient production systems: Agroecology for enhanced productivity, soil and livestock**  
*Keynote speakers:* Giovanna Seddaiu (UNISS) and Harun Cicek (FiBL)  
*Panel discussion:* Olfa Boussadia, Institute De L'olivier, Sfax (Tunisia); Mamadou Traorè, UNB (Burkina Faso); Yelemou Barthelemy, INERA (Burkina Faso); Hadja Sanon, INERA (Burkina Faso)
- 11:15-11:30      **Coffee break**
- 11:30-12:30      **Food security, Agrobiodiversity strategies and nutrition: Agrobiodiversity strategies for improved food diversity and nutrition**  
*Keynote speakers:* Christine Chege (CIAT) and Quirico Migheli (UNISS)  
*Panel discussion:* Celine Termote, Bioversity-CIAT (Kenya); Amritbir Riar, (FiBL); Adam Standring, University of Lisbon



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- 12:30-13:30      **Lunch break**
- 13:30-14:30      **Inclusive growth and sustainable job creation:  
Comparative advantage of the economy of agroecology**  
*Keynote speaker:* Jean Michel Sourisseau (CIRAD)  
*Panel discussion:* Alice Turinawe, CAES, Makerere University (Uganda);  
Evelyne Compaore, INERA (Burkina Faso); Paul Wagstaff, Self Help  
Africa (Ireland); Anitra van der Kraan, Tradin Organic (Netherlands)
- 14:30-15:00      **Coffee break**
- 15:00-16:00      **Agroecology transition and adoption:  
Transforming agri-food systems**  
*Keynote speakers:* Emily Poppenborg (JLU) and Rik van den Bosch  
(ISRIC)  
*Panel discussion:* Assane Beye, UCAD (Senegal); Samuel Mesele, IITA  
(Uganda); Shem Kuyah, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and  
Technology (Kenya)
- 16:00-17:00      **Synthesis Session:  
EU-Africa agenda for agroecological R&I priorities: Research  
and development agenda – Evidence for achieving sustainable  
and resilient livelihoods**  
*Panel discussion:* Beate Huber (FiBL); Guy Faure (European  
Commission, DG International Partnerships); Luis Vivas-Alegre  
(European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development);  
Hans-Jörg Lutzeyer (DG Research and Innovation); David Amudavi  
(Biovision Africa Trust), Oluwole Fatunbi (FARA)
- 17:30
- Event closes**
- Event moderated by:** Mila Sell (LUKE) and Markus Arbenz (FiBL)

