Dear colleagues,

DG INTPA, FARA and DeSIRA-LIFT are pleased to invite you to the Africa-Europe Week taking place from 14 – 18 February 2022, where we will be holding a session on ‘*Reflections on a common research and innovation agenda for agroecological transitions of agri-food systems under AU/EU policy frameworks*’.

The session we are organising will focus on the implications of new EU policy frameworks for Africa-Europe partnerships on the research and innovation (R&I) priorities for agroecological transitions of agri-food systems based on reflections of African stakeholders. The specific objectives of the side event are:

* To discuss the implications of the [EU Green Deal](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en) including the [Farm-to-Fork strategy](https://ec.europa.eu/food/horizontal-topics/farm-fork-strategy_en) and INTPA priorities for the AU/EU agenda on research and innovation (R&I) for agri-food systems.
* To provide input on R&I priorities and actions in African-European partnerships to support agroecological transitions under the sustainability / green agenda for agri-food systems in Africa.

The session will take place on Thursday 17th February 2022at9h00 CET*.*

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| **Opening –** *Carla Montesi**(DG INTPA)* |
| **Keynote I: Implications of the EU Policy Frameworks for R&I priorities for agri-food systems in Africa** – *Tadas Briedis (DG Health)* |
| **Keynote II: Reflections on R&I priorities for agroecological transitions under the AU/EU Policy Frameworks** – *Simplice Nouala Fonkou (African Union)* |
| **Brief intermezzo on agroecological transitions** – *Helena Posthumus (DeSIRA-LIFT)* |
| **Panel discussion:** reflections on R&I priority areas, actions and partnerships to support agroecological transitions in Africa   * *Yemi Akinbamijo (FARA*) * A*bdou Tenkouano (CORAF*) * *TBD (YPARD)* * *Elisabeth Nsimadala (EAFF*) * *Marcela Quintero (One CGIAR*) |
| **Commentary R&I priorities for FNSSA** – *Hans-Jörg Lutzeyer (DG RTD)* |
| **Closing** – *Simplice Nouala Fonkou (African Union)* |

We are looking forward to seeing you during the Africa – Europe Week. **Please click** [**here**](https://eu.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=200236924&t=4b3eccb7a0fb49547b6dd967f19dcd0f) **to register**.

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Yours sincerely,

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