



International Conference

"The Future of Work and Employment in the agri-food sector in West Africa"

Hôtel Ndiambour, Dakar, Senegal

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Day 1 - Tuesday 14th January 2025 - Morning

9.00 – 9.20	Official opening Alpha BA, Secretary of State for Cooperatives and Extension Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment Dr Moustapha Guèye, DG ISRA (to be confirmed) Ibra Touré, Regional Director CIRAD (INRAE representative)
9.20 – 9.30	Objectives and program of the conference <i>Ibrahima Diallo (ISRA BAME), Nathalie Hostiou (INRAE), Pierre Girard (CIRAD)</i>
Labour and employment issues in the agricultural sector in Africa	
9.30 – 9.45	Structural change and employment perspectives in sub-Saharan Africa <i>Mbaye Ahmadou Aly (Professor at Cheikh Anta DIOP University)</i>
9.45 – 10.15	What do we know about work and employment in agriculture in Africa? A literature review <i>Benoit Dedieu, Géraldine. Enderli, Lionel Villard (INRAE), Mohamed Taher Sraïri (IAV Hassan II) et al.</i>
Decent work in the agricultural and agrifood sector: from standards to action	
10.15 – 11.15	Revisiting the concept of decent work in agriculture <i>Nathalie Hostiou (INRAE)</i>
	Employment and working conditions in the agri-food sector in Burkina Faso and Senegal. A case study based on the BioStar project <i>Mohamed Porgo (UTS), Mamadou Bobo Barry (BAME-ISRA), Pierre Girard (CIRAD)</i>
	Decent work in French agriculture. The case of migrant workers <i>Ibrahima Diallo (BAME-ISRA)</i>
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 1.00	Round table: How do stakeholders mobilise the concept of decent work in their actions? Facilitation by Abdoulaye Barry (journalist, Radio Télévision Sénégalaise)
	Karim Cissé, General Directorate of Labour, Ministry of Labour of Senegal
	Elisenda Estruch, International Labour Organization
	Yero Thioye, member of the Conseil National de Concertation des Ruraux (National Rural Dialogue Council)
	Ibrahima Mané, Head of the Administration Department of the UNSAS Executive Board
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch

PROGRAM

Day 1 - Tuesday 14th January 2025 - Afternoon

Which jobs for which types of agricultural production systems and value chains?

2.00 – 3.45	What is the impact of certification on work organisation and working conditions in the cocoa sector in Ghana? <i>Guillaume Soullier (CIRAD, ISSER), Ralph Armah (ISSER), Pierre Girard (CIRAD, ISSER), Emmanuel Drovou (ISSER), Shadrack Nyarko (ISSER), Francis Codjoe (ISSER)</i>
	How is work organised in relation to mechanisation in family farming? Insights from Mecawat project <i>Nazaire Biaou (Parakou University) et Teatske Bakker (CIRAD)</i>
	Discussion
	To what extent is agroecology improving working conditions and organisation on rice-growing areas in Senegal and Burkina Faso? <i>Eveline Compaoré (INERA), Pape Bilal Diakhate (ISRA-BAME)</i>
	Work organization in rice farming systems: what matters in the Volta Region (Ghana)? <i>Nathalie Hostiou (INRAE), Pierre Girard (Cirad), Benoit Dedieu (INRAE), Guillaume Soullier (Cirad)</i>
	Discussion
3.45-4.00	Coffee break
4.00-5.30	Round table: To what extent do the forms of agriculture and organisation of supply chains supported/promoted by the stakeholders generate decent jobs? Moderation : Inoussa Maïga (journalist, Agribusiness TV)
	Dramé Boubacar, Technical advisor Ministry of Agriculture of Senegal
	Najirou Sall, General Secretary of West African farmers' organizations (ROPPA)
	Mamadou Bobo Barry, researcher at ISRA-BAME
	Yandé Sarr, Manager of the Sokone Cashew Processing Unit (UTAS)
	Souleymane Sarr, Chairman of the Network of Agricultural and Rural Training Stakeholders in Senegal d(FARSEN)

AGENDA



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Day 2 - Wednesday 15th January 2025

9.00 – 9.30	Summary of Day 1
How to think the future of work in the agri-food sector?	
9.30 – 10.00	Introductory presentation on the use of the future to think about the present and imagine the future of work <i>Marième Ba and Aicha Sall (ISRA BAME)</i>
10.00 – 10.30	Prospective Senegal Agroeco 2050 <i>Marc Piraux (CIRAD)</i>
10.30 – 11.15	JobAgri: producing new data on employment in agriculture to inform policy-making <i>Pierre Girard (CIRAD)</i>
	The Future of Work programme (ISSER – ISRA BAME) <i>Astou Diao Camara (ISRA BAME)</i>
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 1.00	Round table: What are the stakeholders in public policy and research looking for when it comes to understanding the future of work in the agricultural and agri-food sector? Moderation : Igor Strauss (journalist, Radio France Internationale)
	Alioune Sall, Executive Director of the African Futures Institute
	Kossivi Agbo, Coordinator of the Programme Régional d'Appui aux Organisations Professionnelles et Paysannes agricoles (PRAOP3) at the ECOWAS Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food
	Benoit Fauchoux, World Bank Africa
1.00 – 1.30	Amy Bodian, ISRA/CERAAS
	Closing <i>Astou Diao Camara (ISRA BAME)</i> <i>Ibrahima Diallo (ISRA BAME), Nathalie Hostiou (INRAE), Pierre Girard (Cirad)</i>
1.30 – 2.30	Lunch
2.30 - 5.00	Meetings with researchers