

# CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT



**AFRICA CIRCULAR ECONOMY RESEARCH  
AND POLICY NETWORK (ACERPIN)**



*in collaboration with*

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (IITA)**

**ORGANISES**

## **4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CIRCULARITY AFRICA CONFERENCE**

• Keynote & Plenary • Exhibition • Tour • Awards • Networking

theme:

### **ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FOOD WASTE AND FOOD LOSS IN AFRICA**

Date: 10 - 12 May 2023

Venue (Hybrid): Conference Centre, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Ibadan,  
Nigeria & Online (Zoom)

Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**



**Dr Denis Ouedraogo**  
*University Nazi BONI,  
Burkina Faso*



**Dr Luciana Delgado**  
*International Food Policy  
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**Dr Rosseau Djouaka**  
*International Institute of  
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**PREAMBLE** The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Circularity Africa Conference is being organised to keep track of the progress towards the transformation of agriculture in Africa, monitor the achievements of the Africa Agenda 2063 as well as assess the progress of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal 12 which envisions sustainable management and efficient use of resources through reduction of food waste and food loss by 2030. The Conference will provide a robust platform for innovative solutions and optimization schemes that take advantage of the significant opportunities for food waste reduction reuse, and recycling at all levels of the food life

cycle, as well as their scalability and commercial translatability. The conference will also address social, economic and environmental challenges to reducing environmental footprint, and evolving future of social, market, and global megatrends in the applicability of circular economy concepts in food waste and food loss.

The conference will explore issues around the following sub-themes:

1. Food waste
2. Food loss
3. Food (in)security and (mal)nutrition
4. Food safety and standards
5. Food–nutrition–health nexus
6. Food sovereignty
7. Food and beverages industry
8. Food–poverty nexus
9. Food-Energy-Water nexus
10. Food balance sheet
11. Food demand and supply chains management
12. Agri-food systems management
13. Bio-economy and green jobs
14. Regenerative and circular agriculture
15. Ecological organic agriculture
16. Agricultural value chain management
17. Crops-livestock-aquaculture integration
18. Agri-technologies and internet of things
19. Methodologies for assessing food waste and postharvest loss
20. Food waste and food loss policy
21. Sanitary and phyto-sanitary frameworks
22. Diets and sustainability of diets

## REGISTRATION, SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Please register and submit your abstract via this link <http://imagesinitiatives.org/circularity-africa-conference-2023>. Abstract (200 to 300 words in length) should draw on empirical research with clear implications for policy design and implementation relating to the Sustainable Management of Food Waste and Food Loss in Africa. Selected papers will be processed for publication as Special Issues in *Resources, Environment and Sustainability*; *Business Strategy and Development*; and *Cleaner Production Letters*.

### PARTICIPATION

Participation at the conference is free for all.

### TIMELINES

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| Abstract submission opens (for oral/poster presentation or exhibition) | 01 September 2022 |
| Abstract submission closes   | 31 January 2023   |
| Notification of acceptance of abstract                                 | 15 February 2023  |
| Submission of full paper for Special Journal Issues (optional)         | 30 April 2023     |
| Conference*  | 10 – 12 May 2023  |

\*Full agenda will be available by 10 April 2023

## BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Membership of Africa Circular Economy Research and Policy Network (ACERPIN)
- Access to all sessions
- Idea pitching and mentorship sessions
- Exhibitions
- Circularity tour & picnic (optional)
- Book of abstracts with ISBN (hard copy and online versions)
- Journal paper publication (optional)

## CONVENERS

- **Dr Olawale E. Olayide**  
Africa Circular Economy Research and  
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- **Dr Dashiell Kenton**  
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