#### **CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**



# AFRICA CIRCULAR ECONOMY RESEARCH AND POLICY NETWORK (ACERPIN)



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

**ORGANISES** 

ANNUAL CIRCULARITY AFRICA CONFERENCE

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

theme:

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

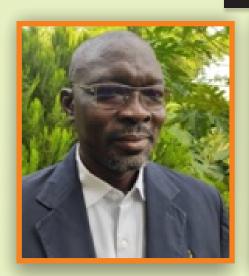
Date: 10 - 12 May 2023

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



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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:

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

Abstract submission opens (for oral/poster presentation or exhibition)	01 September 2022
Abstract submission closes	31 January 2023
Notification of acceptance of abstract	1 <i>5</i> February 2023
Submission of full paper for Special Journal Issues (optional)	30 April 2023
Conference*	10 – 12 May 2023

<sup>\*</sup>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)

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