

WEBINAR

MAINSTREAMING NEGLECTED AND UNDERUTILISED SPECIES FOR FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY



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18h30 to 20h30 IST
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Globalised food systems rely on a handful of food species grown in intensive monocultures. Neglected and underutilised food species are well-adapted to their native habitat, and can provide dietary diversity to humans, and biological diversity in their ecosystems. Join an interactive webinar showcasing the various aspects of mainstreaming neglected and underutilised food species, based on ongoing work at the Centre for Transformative Agriculture and Food Systems (CTAFS), South Africa. The CTAFS works with multiple stakeholders across disciplines and geographies, governmental and academic institutions, and smallholder farmers. The webinar features segments on plant breeding, ecological adaptation, urban systems, capacity building, market linkages, and policy landscape, followed by participant discussion of each segment.

This webinar is a virtual side event endorsed by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), leading up to its Science and Innovation Forum. Panellists include researchers, practitioners, and professionals working in each domain. The event aligns with FAO thematic areas of Better Production, Better Nutrition, and Better Environment, and will interest those working on Sub-Saharan Africa, the Global South, and North-South collaborations.

PROGRAMME

Time (GMT)	Session	Presenters / Panellists	Affiliation
13h00	Welcome and Introduction	Tafadzwanashe Mabhaudhi	International Water Management Institute
13h10	Mainstreaming traditional crops for building resilient food systems	Dr Samkelisiwe Hlophe-Ginindza	Water Research Commission
13h20	Discussion		
13h30	Sustainable peri urban agriculture in South Africa through taro (<i>Colocasia esculentum</i>) production using decentralized wastewater treatment system effluent	Dr William Musazura	University of KwaZulu-Natal
13h40	Discussion		
13h50	Roadmap towards breeding commercial variety of neglected and underutilised crop species - bambara groundnut as exemplar crop	Dr Hui Hui Chai	University of Nottingham Malaysia
14h00	Discussion		
14h10	Summary and Conclusion		



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