

# 2ND AFRICAN ORGANIC RESEARCH CONFERENCE (AFROREC)

## Conference Agenda



DAY 1- Monday, 24 November 2025

From	To	Activity	Title	Speaker	Location	
09:00	09:30	Registration				
09:30	09:45	Music				
09:45	10:20	Welcome Address		<b>Mr Helmy Abouleish</b> , CEO Sekem Group and Heliopolis University Chair of Board of Trustees <b>Prof. Dr. Gouda Helal</b> , President of Heliopolis University <b>Prof. Dr. Omar Ramzy</b> , Vice President for Postgraduate Studies and Holistic Research, Heliopolis University <b>Dr. Irene Kadzere</b> , FiBL's Africa Ambassador, KCOA Ambassador, RAENS Project	<b>Ibn Rushd</b>	
10:20	10:30	Presentation	Overview of the 2nd African Organic Research Conference	<b>Prof. Olugbenga O. AdeOluwa</b> , NOARA Coordinator		
10:30	10:50	Keynote Address 1	Organic food consumption and impacts on human and planetary health: data from the French Nutrinet-Santé cohort.	<b>Prof Denis Lairon</b> , Member of the Organic Food System Programme (OFSP, Steering committee) network & the One-Planet UN Sustainable Food Systems Programme.		
10:50	11:10	Keynote Address 2	Potential of Organic and Agroecology Research in Africa for food security and improvement of livelihoods	<b>Dr. Aggrey Agumya</b> , the Executive Director of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)		
11:10	11:40	Group Photos & Coffee break				
11:40	12:20	Panel Discussion	Research impacting smallholder farmers and family farming	<b>Dr Sameh Shadad</b> , Dean of Faculty of Organic Agriculture, Heliopolis University <b>Dr Irene Kadzere</b> , FiBL's Africa Ambassador, KCOA Ambassador, and RAENS Project <b>Dr. Kwaku Antwi</b> , Research, Policy & Investments Cluster Leader, FARA <b>Thoraya Saeda</b> , Director of Carbon Footprint Center, Heliopolis University <b>Moderator: Prof. Olugbenga AdeOluwa</b>	<b>Ibn Rushd</b>	
12:20	13:20	Lunch break and Networking				
13:20	13:30	Keynotes to Thematic Sessions	African Research Insights	<b>Prof Raymond Auerbach</b> , President – TIPI; Chair – NOARA; Board SAOSO	<b>Ibn Rushd</b>	





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13:35	13:45	Keynote Presentation Subtheme 1	Organic Food System Research and Development	<b>Prof. Dr. Carola Strassner</b> , Professor of Sustainable Food Systems and Nutrition Ecology and Managing Director of a'verdis sustainable foodservice solutions	<b>Ibn Rushd</b>
13:50	14:00	Keynote Presentation Subtheme 2	Markets and Marketing	<b>Markus Arbenz</b> , Project Leader and Senior Consultant, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)	
14:05	14:15	Keynote Presentation Subtheme 3	Education, Training and Capacity Development	<b>Dr Mazen Barakat</b> , Professor of Rural Development and Sociology, Faculty of Organic Agriculture, Heliopolis University	
14:20	14:30	Keynote Presentation Subtheme 4	Policy, Gender, Youth and Climate Change	<b>Ines Amamou</b> , Networking Intervention Manager - Communication Manager & Gender Focal Point, KHNA, Tunisia	
14:35	14:45	Summary from Sub Themes		Session Chairs - facilitated by <b>Mgeta Daoud</b> , Head of Secretariat of AfrONet	
14:45	15:15	Coffee break			
Oral Presentations and Discussions (Parallel Sessions)					
15:15	17:10	Parallel Session 1: Subtheme 1	Food Systems Research and Development	<b>Chair: Dr Amr Metwally</b> , Professor of Food Science, Faculty of Organic Agriculture, Heliopolis University	<b>B108</b>
		Parallel Session 2: Subthemes 2, 3 & 4	Markets and Marketing	<b>Chair: Markus Arbenz</b> , Project Leader and Senior Consultant, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)	<b>Ibn Rushd</b>
			Education, Training and Capacity Development	<b>Chair: Dr Mazen Barakat</b> , Professor of Rural Development and Sociology, Faculty of Organic Agriculture, Heliopolis University	
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17:10	17:30	Closing Remarks for Day 1			





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## Zoom Links

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Activity	Time	Zoom Link
Welcome Address	9:30 - 11:10	<a href="#">Click Here</a> Meeting ID: 971 0265 6395 Passcode: 715067
Panel Discussion (Research impacting smallholders / family farming)	11:40 - 12:20	<a href="#">Click Here</a> Meeting ID: 971 0265 6395 Passcode: 715067"
Thematic Sessions Keynotes & Presentations	13:20 -14:45	<a href="#">Click Here</a> Meeting ID: 971 0265 6395 Passcode: 715067"
Parallel Session 1 Sub-theme 1 (Food Systems Research and Development)	15:15 - 17:10	<a href="#">Click Here</a> Meeting ID: 959 1551 1465 Passcode: 149886
Parallel Session 2 Sub-theme 2 Markets and Marketing	15:15 - 17:10	<a href="#">Click Here</a> Meeting ID: 971 0265 6395 Passcode: 715067"
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