



# FNSSA Stakeholder Engagement Week High-Level Opening Plenary

## The FNSSA Partnership as a Model for AU-EU Cooperation

31 May 2021  
10:00-12:00 CEST

### Welcome & Opening Remarks

Philippe Petithuguenin, Coordinator of LEAP4FNSSA  
Luís Mira da Silva, ISA/CTROP University of Lisboa

### The FNSSA Partnership

Mahama Ouedraogo, Director Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission  
Anna Panagopoulou, Director ERA & Innovation, European Commission

### Why is a Bi-Regional Partnership Needed for FNSSA?

Yemi Akinbamijo, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa

### Highlights from the FNSSA Partnership: Overview of Projects implementing the FNSSA Partnership

Shadrack Moephuli, Agricultural Research Council, South Africa  
Ioannis Dimitriou, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

### A Partnership with Impact: Lessons from the FNSSA Partnership

Hans-Jörg Lutzeyer, European Commission, Co-Chair of the FNSSA Working Group  
Laila Lokosang, African Union Commission, Co-Chair of the FNSSA Working Group

### Panel Discussion: What makes the FNSSA Partnership a model for AU-EU cooperation and attractive to stakeholders?

Stefanie Lemke, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria  
Maja Clausen, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany  
Elizabeth Nsimadala, Pan Africa Farmers Organization / Eastern Africa Farmers Federation

Moses Lubinga, National Agriculture Marketing Council, South Africa  
*Moderator: Shadrack Moephuli, Agricultural Research Council, South Africa*

## **Closing**

Philippe Petithuguenin, Coordinator of LEAP4FNSSA

## **Snapshots from the FNSSA Partnership**

Soils4Africa  
SEACRIFOG  
WAGRINNOVA  
Pest-free fruit  
SafeFish  
InnoFood Africa  
DeSira LIFT

*Plenary Moderator: Tinyiko Ntshongwana, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa*