

SAVE THE DATE

29-30 Sept 2021

Registration 26 July 2021

INFORMATION

Because of the coronavirus pandemic that hit the world in 2020, the r4d programme decided to implement a series of decentralised events in 2021 and 2022, allowing those who are geographically close and sufficiently “safe” to meet in smaller groups and with specific target audiences. Changes at short notice - also due to the pandemic - are always possible.

VENUE AND LOGISTICS

The venue for the r4d Science Fair West Africa is the Hotel Z-Palace in Bopa, Benin.

Travel and accommodation to participate in the r4d Science Fair are fully covered by the r4d programme for r4d project representatives.

ORGANISATION AND CONTACTS

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r4d Science Fair West Africa

«Knowledge and Innovation for Sustainable Development»

An event for practitioners, policy-makers and civil society representatives to directly exchange with researchers about new scientific evidence, pilot experiences, solutions and innovations for sustainable development

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Reaching out

The r4d Science Fair West Africa creates awareness and enables learning about evidence-based solutions to address global challenges and their take-up potential in development projects, business activities or civil society initiatives.

INSPIRATIONS

A total of 22 r4d research projects have been carried out in 9 countries of West Africa from 2014-2021 and follow-up initiatives are ongoing. Representatives of these r4d projects are invited to the r4d Science Fair West Africa to present their findings in a “research market place”. “Market stands” enable direct presentations of concrete technologies, nuanced findings, interventions etc. using demonstration material in the form of posters, presentation slides, video-clips, policy briefs, publications, handouts etc.

In addition to the market place, the r4d Science Fair West Africa offers keynotes and film screenings of the research documentaries emerging from cross-project synthesis activities (i.e. “La veine verte – La renaissance agroécologique de l’Afrique d’Ouest”, “Inequality and Conflict – Beyond us and them”).

DIALOGUES AND NETWORKING

The r4d Science Fair West Africa brings together researchers, development practitioners, national and international NGOs and other groups interested in research results and evidence-based solutions. It creates sticky dialogues and enables networking at the interfaces between science, practice, policy, business and civil society.

The main languages of the r4d Science Fair West Africa are French and English.



INVITATION AND CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The 22+ r4d project representatives are invited to submit individually and by **26 July 2021** the following:

- 1) An abstract of the results they want to present in the r4d Science Fair,
 - 2) The format chosen for presenting the results in the “market stand”, i.e. poster, policy-briefing arena, laptop station with video, audio, dynamic maps, powerpoints, or other.
 - 3) Publications, policy briefs or other documents, which provide a documented basis for the results to be presented,
- Based on the submitted abstracts and suggested formats the organisers will conceptualise the exhibition of the r4d Science Fair.

REGISTRATION FOR R4D PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES

Please register for your participation until 26.7.2021 here:
<https://forms.gle/7Z9taJtzpYvYkUhu9>

INVITATIONS TO TARGET GROUPS

Please inform us about specific target groups of your r4d research that are present and active in West Africa. This will help the organisers reaching out with personalised invitations.

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

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Please do not hesitate to contact the organising team or the r4d programme management (r4d@snf.ch) in case of questions.