

SAVE THE DATE

29-30 Sept 2021

Registration for stakeholders
30 August 2021

INFORMATION

The r4d programme is pleased to announce the r4d Science Fair West Africa. An event to bring together researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and civil society representatives.

The details of the r4d Science Fair will follow in late August. Changes at short notice - also due to the Covid-19 pandemic - are always possible.

VENUE AND LOGISTICS

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

Participation is free of charge.

Travel and accommodation assistance is offered upon request.

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Swiss Programme for Research
on Global Issues for Development

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

The Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development (r4d programme) has funded more than 20 research projects in 9 countries of West Africa from 2014 to 2021 and follow-up initiatives are ongoing. Representatives of these r4d projects will participate in the r4d Science Fair West Africa to present their findings in a “research market place”. “Market stands” enable direct exchanges and 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 aims at bringing together researchers, development practitioners, national and international NGOs and other groups interested in research results and evidence-based solutions. It creates 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.



Knowledge for Development

Please visit the Knowledge for Development portal of the r4d programme: <https://www.k4d.ch/>

INVITATION FOR INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS

Non-academic stakeholders from civil society, public administration, non-governmental organisations and the private sector are invited to participate in the r4d Science Fair to inform themselves about recent findings resulting from scientific research related to sustainable development in West Africa. Information about the projects: **interactive network map** of the r4d programme, <http://www.r4d.ch>.

REGISTRATION FOR STAKEHOLDERS

Please register here until **30.8.2021**:
<https://forms.gle/38jJ4PZft6uYtS3o6>

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.

ABOUT THE R4D PROGRAMME

The r4d programme is a joint funding initiative by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). The r4d programme supports research aimed at solving global problems with a focus on least developed, low- and middle income countries. A total budget of CHF 97.6 million was available for the duration of the programme from 2012 to 2022.

The r4d programme fund research contributing to sustainable development, particularly in the thematic areas of Public Health, Employment, Social Conflicts, Ecosystems Management, Food Security. About 60 transnational research partnership projects are carried out by research groups of more than 290 grantees in 50 countries.