

Sustainable Food Systems

Priority Area	
Innovation and Technology	
Abstract	
As a truly global platform, the Africa-Europe Cluster of Research Excellence in Sustainable Food Systems (CoRE-SFS) will address food systems challenges by (1) conducting collaborative research on food systems transformation, (2) assuring continuity through a 10-year collaboration, (3) pooling resources for scale and impact, and (4) significantly bolstering capacity in African institutions. Collaboration will span disciplines, geography, and sectors, enabling solutions that transcend unilateral approaches. The 10-year Action Plan aligns with four pillars: Research, Education / Capacity Development, Societal Impact, and Networking. The plan draws on the broad fundraising and rich network capabilities inherent in the CoRE-SFS membership. Building on the sound foundation of already established partnerships and programmes, extensive collaborative research and capacity building are envisaged, with a particular focus on early-career researchers embedded in joint projects. By ensuring that the next generation of scientists operates within a global community that co-creates solutions with multi-sectoral stakeholders, CoRE-SFS will make substantive contributions to addressing challenges in African and European food systems.	
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