



Preliminary conference programme – Day 1

Monday 31.8.2026					
Time	Room	Format	Session / ID	Title / Content	Presenters, convenors
12:00 - 13:00				Registration and Welcome Coffee	
13:00 - 13:15	Plenary			Welcome and introduction	
13:15 - 14:25	Plenary	Keynote		Keynote speeches: Joanna Kane-Potaka, Nafeez Ahmed (tbc)	
SLOT A — Monday 14:30 - 16:00 (90 min)					
14:30 - 16:00	Plenary	Paper Session	S1	Digital Services for Rural and Urban Development	
			ID 75	What Works in Digital Agricultural Extension Services? Cross-Country Evidence	Kibrom Sibhatu, icipe, Kenya
			ID 85	Phygital Extension as Trust-Building Mechanism for Scaling Digital Advisory Services	Sarita Mishra, Grameen Foundation India, India
			ID 87	TD solutions to close the gap between researcher- and farmer know-how	Michalscheck Mirja, Agroscope, Switzerland
			ID 77	Understanding digital resilience: everyday challenges for informal workers in Kenya	Salome Bukachi, University of Nairobi, Kenya
			ID 90	Lessons from Scaling Up Property Taxation Innovations	Barras Camille, University of Toronto, Canada
14:30 - 16:00	Breakout 1	Paper Session	S2	Health and Well-Being: Designing Interventions, Bridging Knowledge, Scaling Systems	
			ID 32	Digital Mental Health Technology impact on Young Adults	Nathalie Monnet, Unisanté, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
			ID 45	Turning Toilets into Systems: Scaling Urban Sanitation in Tamil Nadu	Santhosh Ragavan Kolar Venkateshan, Indian Institute for Human Settlements
			ID 46	Development of PEGISUS: substance use, gender inequity, and unemployment in southern Africa	Jennifer Belus, University of Zurich / University of Bern, Switzerland

			ID 68	ComBaCaL: Scalable hypertension and diabetes care through Community Health Workers (Lesotho)	Felix Gerber, University Hospital Basel, Switzerland
14:30 - 16:00	Breakout 2	Roundtable	RT 1	Embedding impact in the scale-up of education interventions	Lead: Anne Thibault (AFD, France) — confirmation of chairing needed
14:30 - 16:00	Breakout 3	Workshop	WS 1	Conducting Global TD Research Partnerships in Practice: From Principles and Tools to Practical Implementation	Lead: Fabian Käser (SCNAT, Switzerland)
16:00 - 16:30				Coffee break	
SLOT B — Monday 16:30 - 18:00 (90 min)					
16:30 - 18:00	Plenary	Paper Session	S3	Bridging Knowledge Systems: From Indigenous and Local Knowledge to Policy and Practice	
			ID 1	Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems into Sustainable Public Procurement (African Contexts)	Carol Cravero, Yale ASAP Fellow, Italy
			ID 31	Transforming Refugee Housing Research: Bridging Scales and Knowledge under Overlapping Crises	Z. Ezgi Halililoglu Kahraman, Cankaya University & Geneva Graduate Institute
			ID 105	Bridging epistemologies: Indigenous and Local Knowledge in UNEP GEO-7	Sarah-Lan Mathez-Stiefel, University of Bern, Switzerland
			ID 110	Erosion, Adaptation, and Revitalization: Indigenous Knowledge Systems in India	Dhanya Vijayan, Leibniz Center for Agricultural Landscape Research, Germany
			ID 101	Bridging Knowledge Systems: Integrating Traditional Medicine into Healthcare in Uganda	Yahaya Hills Kagali Sekagya, Dr. Sekagya Institute, Uganda
16:30 - 18:00	Breakout 1	Workshop	WS 2 (ID-40)	Collaboration for Climate Leadership: An Impact Development Workshop	Lead: Mumbi Wachira (Strathmore University Business School, Kenya) — confirmation of chairing/participation needed
16:30 - 18:00	Breakout 2	Roundtable	RT 2	Beyond Short Project Cycles: Rethinking Transformative Research Partnerships with Africa from Switzerland	Lead: Patrick Bottazzi (University of Bern, Switzerland)
16:30 - 18:00	Breakout 3	Workshop	WS 3	Experiencing Transdisciplinarity as a Game Changer for Innovation Scaling	Lead: Mirja Michalscheck (Agroscope, Switzerland)
18:00 - 18:15	Plenary			Welcome by Stuard Lane, Vice President of the SNSF Academic Board (Research Council)	
18:15 - 19:30	Plenary			Apéro / Reception	



Preliminary conference programme – Day 2

Tuesday 1.9.2026					
Time	Room	Format	Session / ID	Title / Content	Presenters, convenors
8:45 - 9:00	Plenary			Welcome and introduction Day 2	
9:00 - 9:15	Plenary			Welcome Address by Markus Schrader, SDC	
SLOT C — Tuesday 09:15 - 10:45 (90 min — 3 papers per paper session)					
9:15 - 10:45	Plenary	Paper Session	S4	Territories, Local Knowledge and Agency in Agroecological Transitions	
			ID 81	Agroecology and Indigenous territories: bridging knowledge, actors and territories	Sébastien Boillat, BFH
			ID 97	Territorialising Agroecology in Senegal: Creative Methods for TD Research	Bottazzi Patrick, University of Bern
			ID 113	Co-producing Knowledge for Impact: A Participatory and Localised Research Process	Thomas Gass and Melanie Brantschen, Alliance Sufosec, Switzerland
			ID 4	Bamboo agroforestry for household energy and food security in Ghana	Michael Yaw Kwaku, International Bamboo and Rattan Organization, Ghana
			ID 26	Innovation delivery for agroecological transitions in the Sahel — Senegal and Mali	Christian Grovermann, FiBL, Switzerland
9:15 - 10:45	Breakout 1	Paper Session	S5	Informal Work, and Everyday Strategies for Change	
			ID 59	Women at the Frontlines of Climate Change: Adaptation in Coastal Bangladesh	MD NURUL ISLAM, SAJIDA Foundation, Bangladesh
			ID 76	Mapping the platform care labour in Kenya	Bonaventure Saturday, Pollicy, Kenya
			ID 71	Flowers in wartime: photovoice on the everyday violence(s) of war	Agnieszka Fal-Dutra Santos, Graduate Institute, Switzerland

			ID 95	Transformative Research for Responsible Mining	Kattia Diaz-Ydones, Wyss Academy for Nature
9:15 - 10:45	Breakout 2	Roundtable	RT 3	Hiding in plain sight: meaningful participation of families in the search for forcibly disappeared persons	Lead: Haris Lokvancic (swisspeace, Switzerland)
9:15 - 10:45	Breakout 3	Roundtable	RT 4	Scaling Digital Advisory Services in LMICs: Opportunities, Challenges, and the Emerging Role of AI	Lead: Benjamin Gräub (farmbetter, Kenya & Panama)
10:45 - 11:15				Coffee break	
SLOT D — Tuesday 11:15 - 12:45 (90 min)					
11:15 - 12:45	Plenary	Paper Session	S6	Making Nature-Based Interventions Work for People	
			ID 88	Conservation, development and markets: agricultural intensification in upland Laos	Aye-Chan Maung, Wyss Academy for Nature, Switzerland
			ID 49	Beyond counting trees: inclusive and effective restoration	Maria J. Santos, University of Zurich, Switzerland
			ID 50	Co-producing restoration knowledge in practice (Demand4Restoration, Madagascar)	Estelle Raveloaritiana, University of Zurich, Switzerland
			ID 70	Fair Shares? Benefit Sharing in Nature-Based Carbon and PES Projects (Peru & Kenya)	Dominique Schmid, Wyss Academy for Nature at the University of Bern, Switzerland
11:15 - 12:45	Breakout 1	Paper Session	S7	Institutions and Innovation: Scaling Research, Absorbing Change	
			ID 33	From Potential to Practice: Carbon Dioxide Removal Pathways in Sub-Saharan Africa	David Mugendi Kariuki, Nuvoni Centre for Research, Kenya
			ID 41	When technology transfer goes both ways: circular water systems in South Africa and Switzerland	Devi Bühler, Zurich University of Applied Sciences
			ID 74	State Responses to International Humanitarian Assistance in Conflict-Affected Countries	Umit Seven, University of Manchester, United Kingdom
			ID 29	Mapping Global Value Capture in Carbon Crediting Projects	Niklas Stolz, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
11:15 - 12:45	Breakout 2	Roundtable	RT 5	Debugging digital extension: managing knowledge, autonomy and data in transdisciplinary agroforestry scaling	Lead: Christian Andres (ETH, Switzerland) — confirmation of chairing needed
11:15 - 12:45	Breakout 3	Workshop	WS 4	The Real-world lab workshop: Challenges of scaling-up agroecology	Lead: Emilie Cremin (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)
12:45 - 13:45				Lunch	

SLOT E — Tuesday 13:30 - 15:00 (90 min)					
13:45 - 15:15	Plenary	Paper Session	S8	Building Climate Resilience: Bridging Local Knowledge and Science-Based Solutions	
			ID 16	Co-creating Climate Adaptation Strategies with Pastoralists in Northern Kenya	Babere Chacha, Laikipia University, Kenya
			ID 20	Governing the commons: local adaptation response to complex global problems (Sundarbans)	Samia Selim, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
			ID 28	Rooted in Reality: Nature-based Solutions in Coastal Bangladesh	Md. Faisal Imran Faisal, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
			ID 42	A Toolbox for climate-resilient development of Armenia	Portmann Raphael, Planval Partners AG, Switzerland
			ID 93	Bridging Science and Practice for Local Climate Resilient Development in Armenia	Pütz Marco, Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL, Switzerland
13:45 - 15:15	Breakout 1	Paper Session	S9	Creative & Participatory Methods for Knowledge Co-Production	
			ID 57	Art-Science Collaborations on the Climate Crisis: Examining Transdisciplinary Methodological Integration and Epistemic Injustices	Johanna Paschen, University of Bern, Switzerland
			ID 61	Beyond consultation: gaming approaches for knowledge co-production	Matthew Weaver, Rhodes University, South Africa
			ID 84	Navigating barriers: Visual dialects as transformative solutions in a climate-vulnerable delta	Jenia Mukherjee, IIT Kharagpur, India
			ID 63	Local Innovations for Sustainable Farming — SCALAGRO India	Shirisha Junuthula, Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, India
			ID 106	Mobile museums as low-threshold spaces for knowledge transfer and participatory research	Amon Mugume, Uganda National Museum, Uganda
13:45 - 15:15	Breakout 2	Roundtable	RT 6	Nutrition by Design: Making Health Outcomes Explicit in Agroecology	Lead: Cornelia Speich (SwissTPH, Switzerland)
13:45 - 15:15	Breakout 3	Workshop	WS 5	Living Labs and Data Ecosystems: Governance and Innovation in Artisanal Gold Mining in the Amazon Forest	Lead: Fernando Fernandez (Wyss Academy, Switzerland and Peru)
15:15 - 15:45				Coffee break	
CLOSING PLENARY — Tuesday 15:45 - 17:15					
15:45 - 17:00	Plenary	Panel		Final panel discussion	
17:00 - 17:15				Closing	