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- Please include me on the Food-Africa mailing list
- I intend to participate in the Internet-based Forum
- I intend to participate as a delegate only at the International Working Meeting in Cameroon
- I intend to present a paper at the International Working Meeting in Cameroon
- I intend to present a poster at the International Working Meeting in Cameroon
- I can support myself to participate in the meeting
- I wish to apply for support to attend the meeting*

* A limited number of grants are available to cover travel, board and lodging. Applicants for grants should submit a title and abstract before 17th February 2003 to the Food-Africa Secretariat.

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**IMPM/MINREST
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**International
Working Meeting**
5–9 May 2003
Yaounde, Cameroon

Internet-based Forum
31 March–11 April 2003
Internet: <http://foodafrica.nri.org>

Organisers:
Natural Resources Institute/University of Greenwich
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Background

Dramatic population growth will lead to a rapidly changing socio-economic environment in many African countries. By 2020, the global population is predicted to increase by 31% to reach 7.6 billion and 98% of the increase will take place in developing countries. Urban populations will double in size, reaching 3.4 billion. Health hazards are also threatening quality of life.

Food systems in sub-Saharan Africa will have to respond to this changing environment. New challenges are arising that food research and development scientists will have to tackle to ensure food security, economic growth and 'quality of life' of the population.

Food Safety is important for national markets and also for export. Urbanisation is changing the demand for foods and brings with it new opportunities for income generation and employment. The urban and rural poor need access to good quality food that is affordable and nutritious. New threats to health, such as HIV/AIDS also make demands on food systems.

This 'Food-Africa' initiative will address these critical issues.

Purpose

Through an Internet-based Forum and an International Working Meeting:

- To review the current state of the art with respect to research and development activities that affect food systems in sub-Saharan Africa;
- To identify gaps in current food and health research strategies;
- To recommend future research strategies;
- To improve the links between researchers, in particular young scientists, in Africa and Europe.

Themes

- Food, nutrition and health;
- Food safety and quality management;
- Impact of urbanisation on food systems;
- Agro-food enterprises: adding value and meeting consumer demand; and
- Food security: access and quality.

Call for papers

Internet-based forum

Papers are invited from participants in the Internet-based Forum which will take place from 31st March to 11th April 2003. The five themes above will be considered. Participation is free and you can register via the website. Full papers for the Forum must be received by the 3rd March 2003 and will be published in the working meeting proceedings subject to acceptance by the Scientific Advisory Committee. Please see the details on our website:

<http://foodafrica.nri.org> Papers will only be accepted in English.

International Working Meeting in Cameroon

An International Working Meeting will be held in the Congress Centre, Yaounde, Cameroon from 5th to 9th May 2003. The programme will include keynote presentations, offered papers, posters, discussion groups on the themes of the meeting. Participation costs: US\$ 150 (US\$ 50 for students). This covers access to the meeting, refreshments and a bound copy of the proceedings.

A limited number of grants are available to cover travel, board and lodging. Applicants for grants should submit a title and send abstract before 17th February 2003 to the Food-Africa Secretariat.

Papers can be presented either in English or French. There will be simultaneous interpretation/translation. Proceedings of both the Internet-based Forum and the working meeting will be published. This will also be available on the website.

Participants

- Research and development workers with interest in nutrition, food or food-based systems;
- Young scientists;
- Policy makers, private sector, NGOs, development planners, etc.

Registration

If you are interested please complete the attached registration form and include an abstract and return to the Secretariat in the UK. Alternatively register on-line via the website.

Title of proposed communication for the International Working Meeting

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I am interested in the following themes (please tick):

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- Food security: access and quality.

