

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DRIVERS IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL SECTOR  
TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

ARC CENTRAL OFFICE – HATFIELD - PRETORIA

2-3 DECEMBER 2019

2 December 2019	
10.00	<p><b>Welcoming Session Chair- Thulasizwe Mkhabela (ARC)</b></p> <p>Welcoming remarks by ARC President &amp; Chief Executive Officer - <b>Dr Shadrack Moephuli</b></p> <p>Remarks by Italian Ambassador to South Africa - <b>H.E. Paolo Cuculi</b></p> <p>Purpose of workshop: <b>Francesca Giare (CREA, Italy)</b></p>
11.00	<p><b>Session 1: Towards a new agricultural and economic paradigm</b></p> <p><b>Session chair - Thulasizwe Mkhabela (ARC)</b></p> <p><b>Wim Van Averbek (Tshwane University of Technology)</b> - Strengthening rural livelihood by providing access to land and irrigation water in water-stressed South Africa</p> <p><b>Francesco Vanni (CREA, Italy)</b> - Developing a more sustainable and inclusive agriculture and society. The contribution of agroecology</p> <p><b>Lelethu Tshofuti (VPUU)</b> - Social business models. Strategic opportunities to build social capital while supporting an economy based social justice: The case of VPUU Sustainable Enterprise</p> <p><i>The session aims to present and discuss activities, policies and experiences that can promote change towards more sustainable and inclusive agriculture and society.</i></p>
12.30	Lunch
13.30	<p><b>Session 2: New approaches and innovations for sustainable local food chain</b></p> <p><b>Session chair - Patrizia Borsotto (CREA)</b></p> <p><b>Ashwell Ndhlela (ARC)</b> - The Moringa value chain and the inclusion of small scale farmers and processors</p> <p><b>Salmina Mokgehle (ARC)</b> - “The socio-economic value and nutritional qualities of Amaranthus”</p> <p><b>Paolo Menesatti (CREA, Italy)</b> - Technical and digital innovations for agriculture and food processing in small farms</p> <p><i>Different practices and innovations could contribute to develop Sustainable food chain and create new rural-urban links. The session, focusing on marginalized crops aims to present key factors and experiences to create sustainable local development, including agro-processing, high precision agriculture machineries, organic production, transportable machineries for transformation and conservation of products, etc.</i></p>
15.00	<p><b>Session 3: Cooperation between farmers and community</b></p> <p><b>Session chair - Francesca Giare (CREA)</b></p>

	<p><b>Erica van den Heever (ARC)</b> - High value crop <i>program</i> for food security and rural poverty alleviation- Gauteng District</p> <p><b>Ilaria Signoriello (Agricoltura Capodarco, Italy)</b> - Including vulnerable people in rural and urban areas and social value of food</p> <p><b>Patrizia Borsotto (CREA, Italy)</b> - Creating sustainable local projects. Key factors and barriers</p> <p><i>Cooperatives give smaller scale producers with limited resources access to an infrastructure that contributes to their capacity to aggregate, value-add, market, distribute or meet any other need defined by the membership.</i></p>
16.30	End of first work day
<b>3 December 2019</b>	
9.00	<p><b>Session 4: Social farming for inclusion of vulnerable people</b></p> <p><b>Session chair - Petronella Chaminuka (ARC)</b></p> <p><b>Francesca Giarè (CREA, Italy)</b> - The social farming in Europe and Italy. The inclusive model</p> <p><b>Paul Bordonni (Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research)</b> - Mapping and analyzing social farming in South Africa</p> <p><b>Nicoletta Piras (GAL Sulcis Iglesiente)</b> - The value of the collaboration between public and private actors for local development</p> <p><i>The session aims to present and discuss activities, policies and experiences for socio-working inclusion of vulnerable people and for local development.</i></p>
11.00	<p><b>Session 5: Strengthening social and human capital</b></p> <p><b>Session chair - Paul Bordonni (Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research)</b></p> <p><b>Kurt Ackermann (South African Urban Food and Farming Trust)</b> - Building social cohesion across communities</p> <p><b>Naude Malan (University of Johannesburg)</b> - Urban agriculture for a sustainable food system. Innovative methods for agricultural development</p> <p><b>Azzurra Chiarini (JP RWEE Global Coordinator)</b> - Strengthening international partnership to accelerate economic empowerment for rural women</p> <p><i>This session aims to focus on social and human capital both as a key factor that can be developed by agricultural and social projects and as a driving force for strengthening a new economic paradigm. Experience and research evidence could help identify ways and means to increase it in South Africa, in particular with regard to women empowerment</i></p>
12.30	Closing session and end of the meeting
13.00	Lunch and exhibitions