

# Food Security, Health and Impact Knowledge Brokering Conference



## *Event Guide*

22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June

Devonshire Hall, University of Leeds, United Kingdom

## The Conference - Overview

Globally around a billion people are going hungry with another billion suffering from the hidden hunger of malnutrition. At the same time a further billion are over-consuming. In sub-Saharan Africa about a third of the population suffers from chronic hunger. Food prices are currently higher than the 2008 food price spike, and the poor and most vulnerable are affected the most.

Achieving a food secure world in the face of climate change and feeding a population of 9 billion by 2050 is one of today's greatest challenges. Solutions will be complex and will require fundamental change in policies and the global food system, and actions by many including researchers.

The results of research can, and must, play a part in providing these solutions. Yet too often research results are not used to maximise their impact on improving policies, developing better technologies, and benefiting peoples' lives. Excellence in research and science needs to be accompanied by excellence in impact.

Responding to this the Africa College, a research partnership led by University of Leeds, [IITA](#), and [ICIFE](#) is holding an international knowledge brokering conference on impact.

### Conference Objectives and Questions

The goal of this conference is to demonstrate and share lessons on how to translate research results into impact on food security and human health in sub-Saharan Africa. The conference has two objectives:

- To determine how the results of basic science and inter-disciplinary research lead to impact on food security and human health.
- To explore how partnerships between research and development organisations deliver innovation and impact.

To help achieve these objectives, three central questions will be asked throughout the conference:

- What impacts have been achieved from the use of research results?
- How were these impacts achieved?
- What lessons are there for researchers and users of research to increase the impact of research?

### Expected outputs and outcomes

The conference is setting out to deliver both outputs, in terms of documentation of best practice, and outcomes, in terms of building partnerships and sharing of knowledge and understanding, which will lead to increased impact on people living in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Best practice:** Presentations, posters and the results of the Africa College competition on impact will be used to identify and document best practices. This will include policy and technical briefs, and a “proceedings” of the conference.

**Knowledge and understanding:** By sharing lessons and participating in parallel sessions and learning events, delegates are expected to increase their personal understanding of impact and how they can - in different ways - maximise this impact.

**New and enhanced partnerships:** The conference is open to all those interested in achieving impact - including researchers as well as people and organisations (including NGOs, farmers organisations and private sector) who help translate this research into impact. We want to use this conference to help strengthen existing partnerships and build new ones between British, European, African and international organisations (research and users) including the centres of the [CGIAR](#) - Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research.

## **Format of the conference**

The conference will have eight elements:

**Plenary Sessions:** with presentations from leading African, British and European scientists and research users setting out the challenges to be addressed.

**Knowledge exchange and brokering sessions:** an opportunity for participants to share experiences with small groups of delegates in a 30 minute sessions.

**Thematic sessions:** will be held to focus on how impact has been achieved in different thematic areas.

**Learning sessions:** will be held to focus on how to achieve impact on specific issues.

**Poster sessions:** will be held to highlight the work of delegates and their organisations. There will be a prize for the best poster on impact, how this was achieved, and lessons learnt.

**Exhibition stands:** Organisations and individuals will have the opportunity to book exhibition stands to display and share their experiences.

**Side events and networking sessions:** Space has been provided in the programme for delegates to run side meetings and networking sessions on specific topics and ideas.

**Behrens Lecture and Award Ceremony:** Dr Monty Jones will deliver the Behrens lecture, and take part in announcing winners of the Africa College Competition on impact.

Alongside these elements there will opportunities for informal networking over meals and breaks.

## **Participants**

The conference is aimed at researchers and users of research from African, British, European and international organisations including development agencies, donors, civil society and private sector working on food security and human health in SSA.

## Venue

The conference will take place at the Devonshire Hall at the University of Leeds. This is a self contained college style accommodation of the University. For more details see the travel and logistics page.

## Sponsors

The University of Leeds is supporting the conference, with funds from the Higher Education Innovation Fund. The conference will help enhance the impact of research carried out at the University and at the Africa College partner institutions. Additional sponsorship has kindly been given by the [BBSRC](#) and [UK CDS](#). The Behrens endowment is also supporting the lecture to be given by Dr Monty Jones.

## Africa College

Africa College, a partnership between the University of Leeds, African and international research organisations, is working to translate research results from biological, health, nutritional, ecological, climate and social sciences into impact on food security, nutrition and health in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Africa College partners are the Faculties of Biological Sciences, Environment and Medicine and Health at the University of Leeds, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE).

The College partners are applying scientific research to tackle the challenges of food security and human health in order to provide solutions for improving the lives of millions. We believe that by building new and innovative partnerships we will help translate research into solutions that will benefit people in Africa. To achieve this we are:

- Applying our bioscience expertise to generate technologies that help farmers and their communities.
- Developing interdisciplinary research on sustainable agriculture, health and nutrition focused on the problems of food security and health.
- Increasing uptake of new solutions by combining basic and applied research outputs with capacity-building activities.
- Using our research to inform evidence-based policies on sustainable agriculture and food security.
- Helping build the research capacity of African research organisations.

For more details of the work of Africa College please go to [www.AfricaCollege.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.AfricaCollege.leeds.ac.uk).

## Registration

Each delegate must complete a separate registration form. Completed registration forms are to be returned by email to [africacollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:africacollege@leeds.ac.uk). Places are limited we cannot guarantee places for all applicants, and early registration is advised.

Payment must be made in full and in advance to book a place for the conference. Payment by credit/debit card can be made using our fast and secure Leeds Online Store. Other payment options are available, please see the notes and conditions for further details.

Payment for exhibition stands can also be made through Leeds Online Store

University of Leeds members should include an account number for the conference charge and an internal transfer will be raised.

# Conference programme

An outline of the conference programme is given below. Please note speakers times may change and not confirmed. The programme will be regularly updated. A full version of the programme will be available to download. This will have details of the speakers and presentations in the parallel sessions.

Time	Tues	Wednesday 22nd June	Thursday 23rd June	Friday 24th June
0700		Breakfast and informal networking.	Breakfast and informal networking	Breakfast and informal networking
0800			Registration	Registration
0830		Registration	<b>Food Security</b> A French perspective on promoting an inter-sectoral approach to food security - <i>Dr Nicolas Bréas, CIRAD</i> The challenge of providing a sustainable food supply for the future in the UK which is not at the detriment to Africa's food security - <i>Professor Tim Lang</i> Public-private partnerships - <i>Steve Sloan, CEO, GALVmed</i> Introduction to parallel sessions – <i>Sam Wade</i>	<b>Food, nutrition and health</b> Prof Patrick Kolsteren, Belgian Institute of Tropical Medicine From food vulnerability to nutritional (in)security', <i>Dr Jacques Berger, Director of the Nutrition Unit, IRD</i> Push-pull: How science-lead discoveries can change the lives of the rural poor in Africa- <i>Dr Christian Borgemeister, Director General, ICIPE</i>
0900		Tea and coffee available in exhibition stands and posters area.		
0915				
0930		Posters and stands can be put up from 8am until 9:30am		
0945			Open space – offers for knowledge exchange sessions	Update on knowledge brokering and final lunchtime sessions
1000		<b>Conference Opening:</b> Welcome and objectives - <i>Tim Benton, Chair of Africa College</i> Professor Bob Watson, Defra Professor Ruth K. Oniang'o mand Chair of Sasakawa 2000 Africa Dr Akin Adesina, AGRA Introduction to the conference – <i>Sam Wade</i>	<b>Parallel Session IV</b> <i>Value chains and farmers organisations</i> tea and coffee available	<b>Parallel Session V</b> <i>Integrating Research with Development</i> tea and coffee available
1015			<b>Parallel Session VI</b> <i>Food, health and nutrition</i> tea and coffee available	<b>Parallel Session X</b> <i>Food safety</i> tea and coffee available
1030				<b>Parallel Session XI</b> <i>Communicating for impact</i> tea and coffee available
1045				<b>Parallel Session XII</b> <i>Ecosystems and impact</i> tea and coffee available
1100				
1115				
1130		Knowledge exchange and brokering sessions		
1145		Theme I tea and coffee available		
1200		Theme II tea and coffee available		
1215		Theme III tea and coffee available		
1230			<b>Climate change</b> Julia Slingo, Chief Scientist, UK Met Office Dennis Garrity, DG, ICRAF	
1245		Lunch - Devonshire Dining room		Lunch – Devonshire Dining Room – open space knowledge discussions
1300		Side Events and opportunities to visit stands and posters		
1315			Lunch - Devonshire Dining room	
1330				Highlights from the parallel sessions and knowledge brokering events – who is doing what and where
1345				
1400		<b>Parallel session I</b> <i>Food and transport</i>	Lunch and Open space for knowledge exchange and brokering sessions.	
1415		<b>Parallel session II</b> <i>EWI impact</i>		
1430		<b>Parallel Session III</b> <i>Agroforestry</i>		
1445			<b>Parallel Session VII</b> <i>Climate, food and water</i> tea and coffee available	<b>Parallel Session VIII</b> <i>Working with the private sector</i> tea and coffee available
1500			<b>Parallel Session IX</b> <i>Plant sciences and food security</i> tea and coffee available	<b>What have we learnt and what do we need to do to make an impact – panel:</b> Akin Adesina, AGRA Paula Bramel, IITA Monty Jones, FARA Laurence Cockcroft, Gatsby Closing and Farwell
1515		tea and coffee available		Tea and Coffee
1530		tea and coffee available		
1545		tea and coffee available		Opportunity for further side meetings and knowledge exchange sessions and discussion.
1600				
1615				
1630		<b>Plenary to feed back highlights from parallel sessions</b>		
1645			<b>Plenary to feed back highlights from parallel sessions</b>	
1700				
1715		Poster session and knowledge brokering sessions		
1730			Free	
1745				
1800			Buses leave Devonshire Hall for Clothworkers Hall	
1830		Free for side meetings	Dr Monty Jones, Behrens lecture and Africa College Prize Awards, Clothworkers Concert Hall, University of Leeds	
1900				
1930			Reception, Clothworkers Concert Hall foyer	
2000		Conference dinner - Devonshire Hall dining room		
2030				
2100			Buses leave Clothworkers Concert Hall to return to	

Pre-conference meetings and learning events

Registration - Posters and stands can be set up - side meetings

Dinner and networking



## Plenary Sessions and Key Note Speakers

During the conference, plenary sessions will be held with invited keynote speakers who will share their different perspectives on why and how research can increase its impact on food security, nutrition and human health. These sessions will be used to introduce the themes and questions of the conference, and to reflect on the outcomes of the different sessions, and knowledge exchange and brokering events.

The following speakers are confirmed:

Professor Bob Watson, Chief Scientist, Defra

Dr Monty Jones, Executive Director, Forum for Agriculture Research in Africa (FARA)



**Professor Julia Slingo** took up the post of the UK Met Office Chief Scientist in February 2009. Before this she was the Director of Climate Research in NERC's National Centre for Atmospheric Science; she held this post at the University of Reading, where she continues as a Professor of Meteorology. In 2006 she founded the Walker Institute for Climate System Research at Reading, aimed at addressing the cross disciplinary challenges of climate change. She has had a long-term career in climate modelling and research. Her personal research addresses problems in tropical climate variability, its influence on the global climate, its role in seasonal to decadal climate prediction, and its response to climate change. Professor Slingo contributed to the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change and to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Dr Jacques Berger, Director of Research, Nutrition Unit, Institute of Research for Development (IRD)

Dr Akin Adesina, Vice President for Policy and Partnerships, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)



**Dr Nicolas Bricas** is researcher at the CIRAD (Agricultural Research for Development), working in Montpellier (France). He specializes in food security policies and projects. Its main areas of research include the effects of urbanization on food habits in Africa and Asia and the role of small scale food processing enterprises in food security and poverty alleviation in Sub-Saharan Africa. He holds degrees in agricultural economics and development economics, and in sociology and anthropology of food at the University of Paris. He has worked for several years in Sub-Saharan and Northern Africa.



Dr Christian Borgemeister, is the Director General of the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe), a 40 years old pan-African

research Centre headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. He has worked extensively in tropical Africa, Latin America and South-East Asia. From 1992 to the end of 1997 he worked for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on the integrated control of an invasive storage pest in Africa. Between 1998 and 2005 he was a faculty member of Justus-Liebig University Giessen and Leibniz University Hannover.

Professor Tim Lang, City University, London

Professor Patrick Kolsteren, Belgian Institute of Tropical Medicine

Dr Dennis Garrity, Director-General, World Agroforestry Centre

Mr Steve Sloan, CEO, GALVmed

Titles of their talks are being finalised and will be provided in the conference programme.



## Knowledge exchange and brokering sessions: Sharing lessons on making an impact

Knowledge exchange and brokering sessions will be run during the course of the conference. These will provide an opportunity for participants to share knowledge and experiences during 30 minute sessions, which should comprise 10 to 15 minutes of presentations and 15 to 20 minutes of discussions. Presentations will be made in different rooms where presenters may use posters, hand outs or flip charts but not PowerPoint presentations.

We plan to hold three parallel sessions during the conference when participants will be free to choose which session they are interested in attending. Separate guidance on presentations will be sent to all presenters. Presentations should address the theme of the conference and should aim to share and exchange knowledge and ideas in relation to one, or all, of the three questions:

- What impact was achieved from the use of research results and who benefited from this impact?
- How this impact was achieved, who did what and when, and what was crucial to its success? For example role of partnerships and inter-disciplinary research.
- What lessons are there for researchers and users of research results in increasing the impact of research on food security, nutrition and human health?

As space is limited we won't be able to accommodate all requests. To help us in the selection of requests please complete and **submit the knowledge exchange and brokering form as soon as possible to [fbsafcol@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:fbsafcol@leeds.ac.uk) and no later than 27th May 2011**. We will notify all organizations of whether they have a place by 10th June 2011.

## Conference themes

The conference will use parallel sessions to consider impact in different thematic areas, and to identify best practice and share experiences on how to enhance the impact of research results on food security and human health. Each session will provide some insight into answering the three conference questions:

- What impacts have been achieved from the use of research results?
- How were impacts achieved? Role of partnerships and inter-disciplinary research.
- What lessons are there for researchers and users of research to increase the impact of research?

The format of each parallel session will vary to meet the objectives of the session. These will include invited speakers presenting their experiences in relation to achieving impact, selection of presentations on relevant presentations offered by participants, facilitated discussions and use of media. The main messages from each session will be reported back to plenary sessions.

Offers of presentations for the parallel session must be received by **2<sup>nd</sup> May** using the registration form. Due to expected demand, we will not be able to select all papers as oral presentations. Those not selected participants will be notified and they will have the opportunity of presenting these as posters.

### **Thematic sessions:**

#### **I. How can impact be enhanced by better understanding of value chains and farmer organisations?**

*Organiser(s): Anne Tallontire, School of Earth and Environment, Leeds*

The session will explore how working with value chain actors can enhance research impact through better understanding of the dynamics of value chains and how farmers and farmers' organizations are integrated in these chains; through value chain engagement as a pathway to impact. It will also identify examples of good practice in value chain development involving small farmers (and other actors in the rural economy) which aim to enhance food security outcomes and livelihood impacts.

#### **II. How integrating Research with Development in sub Saharan Africa for Food Security, has helped deliver impact? Case of Sub Saharan Africa Challenge Program (SSA-CP)**

*Organiser(s): Adewale Adekunle, FARA*

The [SSA CP](#) is an initiative of the Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research (CGIAR) managed by FARA (Forum for Agriculture Research in Africa). Started in 2004, the aim of the SSA-CP is to increase the impact of agricultural research and development to

improve rural livelihoods, increase food security, and achieve the sustainable natural resource management in Sub-Saharan Africa. This session will share the lessons from SSA-CP projects in Lake Kivu in Eastern and Central Africa, Kano-Katsina-Maradi in West Africa, and Zimbabwe-Malawi-Mozambique in Southern Africa.

### **III. How bringing together agriculture and transport research results can enhance food security and reduce post harvest losses?**

*Organiser(s): Frances Hodgson, Institute of Transport Studies, Leeds*

Significant impact can be generated by greater dialogue and interchange between the agriculture and transport sectors in Africa and this conference theme will further that process. There is currently increasing policy focus on agricultural growth amongst small-scale farmers in Africa, for its connections to sustainable economic development, improving food security and enhancing human health. There is also a recognition that a number of challenges need to be overcome in order to deliver gains in agricultural productivity by small-scale farmers to supply local and national markets. One of the most significant challenges is in improving physical accessibility of rural African communities to local and national markets, and help reduce post harvest losses. The session will share knowledge and build capacity on impact practices, development policies and practices.

### **IV. How can mycotoxin research and impact on human health and agriculture?**

*Organiser: Yun Yun Gong, Leeds Institute of Genetics, Health and Therapeutics, (LIGHT)*

The session will discuss recent research development in mycotoxin area, including the exposure evaluations in various populations and the human health consequences; the impact on mycotoxin risk by environment changes. We will highlight the research on post-harvest intervention on mycotoxin reduction and its importance on agriculture and health. Recently developed intervention approaches will be elaborated in the session to stimulate further ideas and collaborations on mycotoxin control.

### **V. How a holistic approach to food, nutrition and health can deliver impact?**

*Organiser(s): Dr Michelle Holdsworth, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, and Darren Dahly, Centre for Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Leeds*

The session will compare and contrast approaches to improve nutrient adequacy in lower income context, with a focus on how these approaches fit into the bigger picture with respect to food security and climate change. Presenters must explicitly discuss impact, and take a holistic point-of-view of how their research/topic intersects with other issues such as agriculture, food transport and storage, water, and livelihoods.

### **VI. How reinventing agriculture with trees can improve food security and livelihoods?**

*Organiser(s): Tony Simons and Paul Stapleton, World Agroforestry Centre, Nairobi*

The rural landscape is changing, but not fast enough for the growing food demand, pressures on natural resources and uncertainties associated with climate change. Taking a simple sectoral approach to these problems is not enough. An inter-disciplinary approach is needed. This session will look at how biophysical and socio-economic research undertaken on the role of trees in agricultural landscapes, is achieving results. The challenge is now to go beyond “proof of concept” to “proof of application” to achieve impact at scale. The session will also look at partnership and engagement required from national institutes, academia, NGOs, CBOs, rural advisory services, private sector and farmers that is crucial to the success and speed of impact.

## **VII. How can plant sciences make an impact on food security?**

*Organiser(s): Centre for Plant Sciences, University of Leeds*

Forthcoming

## **VIII. How linking Climate, Food, Water, and Health Disciplines can achieve impact?**

*Organiser(s): Doug Parker, Institute for Climate and Atmospheric Science, and Andy Challinor*

The session aims to bring together those working on key climate drivers, notably rainfall, with those working on impacts. To communicate to the “Food, health and impacts” community the critical research themes in climate and severe weather, of relevance to Africa. In particular to emphasise the “high-impact weather” dimension of climate research for Africa, and to exchange information on current best practice and innovation in the use of climate data in decision-making for health and food security, and its associated impact.

## **IX. How understanding the management of ecosystem services and the application of science to real world problems can make an impact?**

*Organiser(s): Steve Sait, Institute of Integrative and Comparative Biology, Leeds and ICIPE*

The theme of this session will focus on examples where fundamental science, such as chemical ecology, pollination and insect pest-parasitoid ecology, have led to changes in the way farmers manage their land or to the take up of novel management practices in small holder farming communities. We will specifically highlight the routes and best practice that lead to real impacts, but also emphasise where we can/need to do better. For example, the extent to which ecosystem services (and disservices) needs management at landscape scales, which would involve the co-operation of many farmers, and how to address gender issues.

## Learning events

To support the conference's objectives in understanding impact learning events will be held as part of the programme. These will include:

### **I. Communicating for impact – making the most of the media**

*Organiser: Susanna Thorp, WRENmedia*

To be effective, communication must be clear, concise and memorable, and specifically targeted to the interests and needs of the audience. This interactive session aims to improve ability to communicate with impact, giving participants a chance to:

- Share lessons for communication success
- Understand what the media needs and expects from the research community
- Learn essential techniques for article writing and radio interviews

### **II. Best practices on how to delivering impact from the BBSRC Excellence with Impact Competition.**

*Organiser(s): David Howlett, Africa College, University of Leeds*

This session will share the best practices from the competitors in the BBSRC Excellence with Impact competition. This was a two year competition amongst British Universities. The session will include speakers from some of the Universities in the competition, and on what they did and learnt on help to increase the impact of their research.

### **III How can research organisations work effectively with the private sector to deliver impact?**

*Organiser; Dr Laurence Hogg, Faraday, Leeds*

Forthcoming

## Call for presentations and papers

Presentations and papers are invited and should focus on the conference objectives. They should link to one or more of the conference themes, and aim to provide answers to one, or all, of the following three questions:

- What impact was achieved from the use of research results and who benefitted from this impact?
- How was this impact achieved, who did what and when?
- What was crucial to this success and what lessons are there for increasing the impact of research on food security, nutrition and human health?

The focus of presentations should be on how research results have been used to make an impact. Papers and presentations are invited both from researchers and the users of research (NGOs, private sector and community based organisations).

Papers should be between 1500 to 2500 words. We plan to select papers to produce a set of case studies on best practice on impact.

Offers of presentations and papers for parallel session must be received by 2<sup>nd</sup> May using the registration form. Due to expected demand we will need to select papers for oral presentations. Those not selected can be given as posters, and participants will be notified of this.

## Posters on impact

Posters are invited from all the conference delegates. Posters should be in keeping with the conference objectives and should aim to provide answers to one, or all, of the following three questions:

- What impact was achieved from the use of research results and who benefitted from this impact?
- How was this impact achieved, who did what and when?
- What was crucial to this success and what lessons are there for increasing the impact of research on food security, nutrition and human health?

We would highlight that these questions are the same as for the **Africa College Prize**, and that conference delegates could consider submitting both a poster and an entry for the Africa College prize. Deadline for posters has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Sessions will be held for posters during the conference.

### *Poster Guidance:*

- Space allocation for each poster is 2 x 1 metres
- Posters can be put up on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 4pm, and on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7am to 10am.
- Posters should not be removed until 4pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Authors should be by their posters during the times in the final programme.
- Participants can offer posters up until 1<sup>st</sup> June by completing the registration form.



## Exhibition stands

Organisations and individuals have the opportunity to book an exhibition stand to display and share their experiences. The number of stands is limited and a charge of £300 will be made. Early applications are recommended and stands will be allocated on a first come first served basis and must be made on the exhibition stand application form. The final deadline for completed application forms is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011.

### Exhibit Stand Guidelines

Space allocation per stand is 2m x 2m. Other specifics are as follows:

- Cost of exhibition stands is £300 and must be paid in advance. See registration page for how to pay.
- A table with 2 chairs. There may not be a mains electricity supply but wireless will be available for notebook computers if these are used.
- Please indicate on the form any additional equipment needed. Conference organisers will make efforts to accommodate such requests but this may incur a charge if additional equipment has to be hired.
- Stands are allocated to provide information to participants on activities, publications and other works of the respective organization. They are not to be used as an office.
- Stands will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will be limited to one stand per organisation. Please complete the application form as soon as possible and return it electronically to [fbsafcol@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:fbsafcol@leeds.ac.uk)
- The deadline for submission of applications for stands is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 but early application is advised.
- Stand organisers can begin setting up at the Devonshire Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 4pm and are solely responsible for the installation, dismantling and disposal of any redundant exhibit goods, documents, brochures, posters and other papers.
- Stand organisers should remove all contents before 4pm. Dismantling of the stand will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June after 5pm.
- Shipment of exhibit materials can be made in advance as long as email notification to [fbsafcol@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:fbsafcol@leeds.ac.uk) and should be addressed to:

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On each box of shipment, it should clearly state: "Publications (not for sale) for use at the Food Security, Health and Impact conference 22-24<sup>th</sup> June, and state the name of the organisation and their contact who will be attending the conference.

Shipments should be sent as early as possible, as there may be delays in customs clearance. Please send your shipment notification to [fbsafcol@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:fbsafcol@leeds.ac.uk).

- Stand organisers are responsible for making arrangements to ship any material after the conference.
- The University of Leeds is not responsible for any shipments nor liable for any delay.

## Side events

Space has been provided in the programme for delegates to run side meetings on specific topics and ideas for **one hour**. If you would like to hold a side meeting please complete the side event form. We will also provide flipcharts and if possible a PowerPoint projector.

We also hope people will organise ad hoc meetings during the conference but cannot guarantee space for these.

If you would like to hold a side meeting please complete the side event form and return to [fbsafcol@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:fbsafcol@leeds.ac.uk) by 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We will notify you by 16<sup>th</sup> May if we can allocate you a room and time for a side event.

## 2011 Behrens Lecture



Professor Monty Jones, the Executive Secretary of [Forum for Agriculture Research Africa](#) (FARA) will give the Behrens Lecture on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6:30pm in the Clothworkers Concert Hall on the main University of Leeds campus.

The Behrens lectures were established in 1937 by the widow of Major Clive Behrens, a noted farmer in Yorkshire, through an endowment to establish a visiting Lectureship "on any subject germane and of importance to the practice of Agriculture in the widest acceptance of the term".

Professor Jones was born in Freetown, Sierra Leone. He obtained a B.Sc. in Agriculture from Njala University College, University of Sierra Leone in 1974, followed by an M.Sc. in Plant Genetic Resources (1979) and a Ph.D. in Plant Biology (1983) from the University of Birmingham.

Professor Jones began working at [WARDA](#) (West Africa Rice Development Agency) in 1975, moving to their main research centre in Cote d'Ivoire in 1991. There, he led the team that successfully crossed the Asian and African rice species (*Oryza sativa* and *Oryza glaberrima*), producing the high-yielding NERICA varieties.

In 2002, Jones was appointed the Executive Secretary of FARA where he oversees efforts to improve regional agricultural research in Africa, with the goals of improving food security, reducing poverty and increasing economic growth. He is Chair of the Global Forum for Agriculture Research, and is a Board member of [AGRA](#) (Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa).

In 2004, Jones won the World Food Prize for his work on NERICA, and in 2007, he was listed among Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in The World.

## Africa College Competition

To accompany the conference, Africa College is holding a competition to help identify best practice on translating the results of research into impact on food security and human health in sub-Saharan Africa, and to recognise individuals from research and development organisations, civil society and farmer organisations, and the private sector who have helped deliver these impacts.

### Prizes:

There will be one overall winner, who will receive a prize of £400, and special prizes of £200 each to the best entrants from the following different categories:

1. Individual(s) working for farmer or civil society organisation.
2. Individual(s) working for research organisation.
3. Individual(s) working for a private sector organisation.
4. Individual(s) for early career workers (under age of 30).

All winners will also receive a certificate.

### How to enter:

Entrants are asked **to answer three questions:** (i) what impact was made and who benefitted, (ii) what the author(s), and others, did to help achieve this impact, and (iii) what lessons this has for researchers and users of research in making an impact on food security and human health in sub-Saharan Africa.

A **maximum of 1,500 words** is allowed and up to two photographs to illustrate the impact they have achieved. This could be pictures of beneficiaries, or of a technology that has been developed, a method developed, and of a policy area influenced.

To enter the competition participants **must use** and complete the application form in English. The form provides more guidance on content. The form should be returned electronically in a word document to [AfricaCollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:AfricaCollege@leeds.ac.uk). All entries **must be received by 5pm (GMT) Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011**.

Single, or joint, authors are allowed but any prize will be awarded to one entry, i.e. the prize will need to be shared between authors.

### Eligibility:

This competition is **open to all those working to make an impact on food security and human health** in sub-Saharan Africa through the application of research results. Entries are

invited from individuals working for research organisations, civil society or non-government organisations, farmers organisations, and the private sector companies and enterprises.

**What do we mean by impact:**

We are using the Research Councils definition of impact (see [www.rcuk.ac.uk/kei/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/kei/Pages/home.aspx)). In summary impact is the demonstrable contribution that research makes to society and the economy. Impact embraces the diverse ways in which research-related knowledge and skills can benefit individuals, organisations and nations. This could include:

- Improving the people livelihoods and health.
- Economic growth and benefits to the economy.
- Influencing and providing evidence to improve public policies.
- Capacity building and training of graduates and post graduates.
- Increasing public understanding of science.
- Reducing environmental impact and maintaining biodiversity.

In relation to the Africa College prize any impact must clearly relate to improving food security and human health in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Conditions of entry:**

Africa College plans to use a selection of the entries to produce a publication on best practice on translating research to make an impact on food security and human health. By entering the competition authors agree to the use of their entries in any publication and for this being published online and in printed media by Africa College. Africa College will acknowledge the authors of entries used in any publication.

Africa College will send an electronic copy of any published document to all participants who enter the competition. Entrants agree to abide by the decision of the judges, and by entering the competition they confirm they are the authors of any work entered.

**Announcement of prizes:**

Winners will be announced during the Food Security, Health and Impact conference, 22-24th June, 2011 at the Devonshire Hall, Leeds (UK). Winners will be notified by email, and the results of the competition will be published on the Africa College web site: [www.AfricaCollege.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.AfricaCollege.leeds.ac.uk)

**Criteria:**

The following criteria will be used by judges in selecting the winners:

- Clear description of the impact being delivered and who is benefitting from this.
- The scope and extent of the impact.

- How the results of research achieved the impact, and what the authors did to achieve this.
- How applicable the lessons presented will be to others in helping deliver impact from research results.

**Sponsor:**

The Africa College prize is sponsored by the [UK Collaborative on Development Sciences](http://www.ukcds.org.uk) (UKCDS). UKCDS brings together UK funders and stakeholders who provide support for research relevant to development to maximise the impact of UK research funding on international development. For more details on UKCDS please visit [www.ukcds.org.uk](http://www.ukcds.org.uk).



# Travel and logistics

## I. Venue and accommodation

The conference is being held at the [Devonshire Hall](#). For conference delegates booking accommodation this will be provided at the Hall. The address of the Hall is:

Devonshire Hall  
Cumberland Rd  
Leeds  
LS6 2EQ  
United Kingdom  
Tel: +44 (0)113 2747999



## II. Registration

Delegates can register for the conference on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 4pm, and daily from 8pm from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June. Registration will take place in the foyer outside the main dining room.

All delegates will be provided with a user name and password to access the internet using the Devonshire wireless network during the conference.

## III. Getting to Leeds and Devonshire Hall

### **By air**

The most direct way by air is to fly to [Leeds Bradford Airport](#). There are connections to Leeds Bradford airport from Amsterdam and other European cities. There are no flights between Leeds Bradford and London airports (Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, City airports). If you do arrive in London then the options are to either go into London and catch a train from London Kings Cross Station or by air to Manchester airport.

### *Directions from Leeds-Bradford airport*

Leeds Bradford airport is about 10 miles from the city centre and a taxi to Devonshire Hall will cost approximately £15. You can book your taxi from the Arrow Cars office at the airport when you arrive or in advance from their website [www.arrowprivatehire.co.uk/arrow\\_leeds/](http://www.arrowprivatehire.co.uk/arrow_leeds/), or call them on +44 (0)113 258 5888. There are

buses from the airport to the bus station and several buses from there to Leeds Girls' High School which is opposite Cumberland Road.

### *Directions from Manchester airport*

The best option from [Manchester airport](#) is to take the train from the airport station to Leeds. Direct trains leave every 30 minutes and take 1hr 17 minutes and standard single is £22.50 (anytime return £29.50). The last train is 00:16 and then first train is 03:53. Taxis are an option but the cost will be high, around £100.

### **By train**

If you are travelling by train please travel to Leeds station. From London trains leave from Kings Cross station and take about 2hr 20min. You can find train timetable information at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk). There is a taxi rank outside the main entrance of the rail station. The taxi fare to Devonshire Hall should be about £4.50. Bus is also an easy option, bus numbers 1 and 95 service leave every 10 minutes from Infirmary Street on City Square close to the rail station - ask the driver for Cumberland Road. On alighting Cumberland Road is on the other side of the road. Go up the road and the Devonshire main entrance is second left.

### **By car:**

For those with a satnav the postcode to enter is LS6 2EQ.

### *From the South (M1)*

At junction 43 the motorway splits. Take the right hand lanes and follow the M621 Leeds Centre. Exit the M621 at junction 3 and follow signs for the city centre and universities on the City Centre loop road. Pass under the railway bridges, keeping in the outside lane, and enter City Square. With the main Post Office on your right, continue along the loop road and turn right at the next traffic lights onto East Parade. Travel up East Parade in the left hand lane, straight across The Headrow into Calverley Street (the Town Hall will be on your left) past the Leeds General Infirmary (on your left) and filter into the right hand lane before turning right immediately after the Civic Hall (on your right). Turn left at the next traffic lights onto Woodhouse Lane (A660) and continue along this road, passing the University main entrance on the left. After just over 1/2 mile cross over a main crossroads (Hyde Park corner) and take the third right onto Cumberland Road. The Devonshire main entrance is second left.

### *From the M62 Eastbound:*

Exit the M62 at junction 27 to the M621. Exit the M621 at junction 2 (signposted Harrogate, York and Skipton) after a few hundred yards you will come to a major roundabout. Take the

third exit to the city centre and join the inner ring road; from there take the exit signposted Skipton, which will bring you onto Woodhouse Lane (A660). Continue along this road, passing the University main entrance on the left. After just over 1/2 mile cross over a main crossroads (Hyde Park corner) and take the third right onto Cumberland Road. The Devonshire main entrance is second left.

*From the M62 Westbound:*

Exit M62 at junction 29 to join M1 northbound. Continue from - From the South (M1)

*From A1 Northbound:*

Leave A1 (at exit to Ferrybridge Services) to join M62 westbound. Exit M62 at junction 29 to join M1 northbound. Continue from - From the South (M1).

*From A1 Southbound:*

Leave the A1 taking the A64 towards Leeds and join the inner ring road (dual carriageway). Take the exit signposted Skipton A660, which will bring you onto Woodhouse Lane (A660). Continue along this road, passing the University main entrance on the left. After just over 1/2 mile cross over a main crossroads (Hyde Park corner) and take the third right onto Cumberland Road. The Devonshire main entrance is second left.

#### **IV. Visas**

Please check to see if you will need a visa to enter the United Kingdom. You can do this on the UK Borders agency web site: <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/doineedvisa/>.

If you need a visa it is delegates' responsibility to apply for visas and to meet any costs of visas. Applications should normally be made at the nearest British Embassy or High Commission or Consulate. The UK Border Agency web site provides more details on how and where to apply: <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/howtoapply/>. Applications for visas can take several weeks and therefore you should apply at the earliest opportunity.

On acceptance of your booking the University of Leeds will provide a letter to confirm you have registered and have a place at the conference. The University of Leeds will not provide any further help on securing visas.