



Transforming Nutrition in West Africa

New knowledge for policy
& programme actions

June 24 & 25, 2021
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm GMT

Time (in GMT)	Session	Speakers (name, title, affiliation)
Day 1 - June 24		
1:00 – 1:10pm	Welcome & opening remarks	Jemimah Njuki , Director for Africa, International Food Policy Research Institute Stuart Gillespie , Non-resident Senior Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute
1:10 – 1:40pm	Session 1 Transforming Nutrition in West Africa: looking back to move forward	Roos Verstraeten , Research Coordinator, International Food Policy Research Institute Namukolo Covic , Senior Research Coordinator, International Food Policy Research Institute
1:40 – 2:40pm	Session 2 Nutrition data and knowledge for policy & programs: new horizons	Roos Verstraeten , Research Coordinator, International Food Policy Research Institute Rebecca Heidkamp , Associate Scientist, Johns Hopkins University Serge Somda , PhD, West Africa Health Organization Barbara Baille , Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF WCAR Shelley Walton , Research Associate, Johns Hopkins University
2:40 – 2:50pm	<i>Stretch break</i>	
2:50 – 3:50pm	Session 3 Investing in tomorrow's nutrition leaders	Namukolo Covic , Senior Research Coordinator, International Food Policy Research Institute Adama Diouf , Senior Researcher, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal Kingsley Pereko , Senior lecturer, University of Cape Coast, Ghana Eva Edwards , Deputy Director, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Nigeria Victor Ajieroh , Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Corinna Hawkes , Director, Centre for Food Policy, City University of London

3.50 – 4.00pm	Wrap up	Namukolo Covic , Senior Research Coordinator, International Food Policy Research Institute
Day 2 - June 25		
1:00 – 1:15pm	Welcome & recap from day 1	Roos Verstraeten , Research Coordinator, International Food Policy Research Institute
1:15 – 2:15pm	Session 4 Stories of Change in West Africa	Mara Van den Bold , Senior Research Analyst, International Food Policy Research Institute Nick Nisbett , Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies Elodie Becquey , Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute Richmond Aryeetey , Associate Professor, University of Ghana, Ghana Olutayo Adeyemi , Associate Lecturer, University of Ibadan, Nigeria Ruth Situma , Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF Ghana
2:15 – 2:30pm	<i>Stretch break</i>	
2:30 – 3:40pm	Session 5 Imagining a new agenda for nutrition knowledge in West Africa	Roos Verstraeten , Research Coordinator, International Food Policy Research Institute Eva Edwards , Deputy Director, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Nigeria Olutayo Adeyemi , Associate Lecturer, University of Ibadan, Nigeria Namoudou Keita , Nutrition Lead, West Africa Health Organization John Ntambi , Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF WCAR Gwenola Desplats , Nutrition Advisor, Emergency Nutrition Network Rasmi Avula , Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute
3.40 – 3.50pm	Closing address Building commitment to investments in knowledge generation and use	Rahul Rawat , Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
3.50 – 4.00pm	Closing remarks	Jemimah Njuki , Director for Africa, International Food Policy Research Institute