



# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME: SPEAKERS & EVENTS

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# CONCEPT

**The numerous unfulfilled global agendas underscore the urgency of viewing the 2030 deadline not as a distant point on the horizon, but as an imminent and pressing reality — demanding immediate attention, as though it were tomorrow.**

The **Tropical Summit** is a deliberate gathering of individuals committed to reassessing the *status quo* and developing sustainable and equitable solutions to address these persistent and systemic challenges. These solutions require an urgent yet distinctive forum—one broad enough to tackle the issues but agile and insightful enough to leverage the potential of the tropics. Half-hearted, piecemeal, or superficial strategies are no longer viable options. This is a call to galvanize the brightest and most motivated minds to craft pragmatic, winning solutions for the tropics—solutions that are globally networked and translated into measurable, on-the-ground objectives. The Summit's primary outcome will be a **Call to Action**, aimed at mobilizing critical mass to address the enduring challenges and uplifting opportunities of the tropics.

The Summit seeks to critically evaluate, within the remaining timeframe of the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs), what can realistically be achieved, with whom, and with what resources. It will assess the need for policy and strategy restructuring. The event will also promote knowledge transfer, catalyze stakeholder engagement, and foster multidisciplinary collaboration through diverse yet synergistic pathways. It aims to co-create innovative projects by building on and expanding existing collaborative initiatives, accelerating the implementation of tangible and robust solutions. The focus will be on driving investments, forging new partnerships, and advancing multi-actor actions through **South-South-North cooperation** across four key domains:

1. **PLANETARY HEALTH:**

Nurturing life within the global boundaries

2. **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Sustainability as a path to socioeconomic progress

3. **TERRITORIAL AND SOCIAL TRANSITIONS:**

Building resilient spaces and societies in every dimension

4. **HUMAN GROWTH:**

Empowerment and technology for the times ahead

**The event will take place from November 4 to 8, 2024, at the Lisbon Congress Center, featuring a variety of events and formats, including high-level interventions, plenaries, debates, thematic sessions, poster presentations, project showcases, study visits, and an exhibition hall. It will also include a social and cultural programme.**

The Summit will foster multilateral meetings, such as working groups, on-site knowledge/technology sessions, pitch & reverse pitch presentations, science-business interfaces, B2B and bilateral meetings, and networking sessions.

The multifaceted programme is designed to embrace diversity and promote inclusion, creating a welcoming environment for a broad range of stakeholders. It addresses the needs and interests of various participants, providing ample opportunities for interaction, sharing visions, and exchanging experiences and expertise. The target audience includes start-ups, investors, policymakers, consultants, associations, researchers, NGO professionals, educational institutions, and representatives from the private sector—from large corporations to medium and small enterprises. This ensures that the Summit functions as a dynamic platform where individuals from diverse backgrounds and sectors can come together for meaningful dialogue and collaboration.

The progress made at the Lisbon Summit is expected to be reviewed in subsequent meetings, all aligned with the 2030 goal.

# HIGH-LEVEL PANEL



**Paulo Rangel**  
Minister of State  
and Foreign Affairs,  
Portugal



**Maria da Graça  
Carvalho**  
Minister of  
Environment  
and Energy,  
Portugal



**Jeffrey D. Sachs**  
President of the  
UN Sustainable  
Development  
Solutions Network



**Carmen Neto**  
Minister of  
Fisheries and Marine  
Resources,  
Angola



**Ravi Khetarpal**  
Executive Secretary  
of APPARI



**Florbela Paraíba**  
President of  
Camões I.P.



**Ubiraci Pataxó**  
Master of Knowledge;  
President of the  
Korihé Institute



**Armindo de Brito  
Fernandes**  
Director-General,  
Community of CPLP

# PROMOTERS' INTERVENTIONS



**Cristina Máguas**  
Co-chair of the  
Tropical Summit,  
University of Lisbon



**Aggrey Agumya**  
Co-chair of the  
Tropical Summit,  
FARA



**Luis Ferreira**  
Rector,  
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Vice-rector  
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**Ana Ribeiro**  
Director of  
CTROP - Tropical  
College of the  
University of Lisbon



**Bongiwe Njobe**  
Board Chairperson  
of FARA



**Yemi Akinbamijo**  
Former Executive  
Director of FARA  
(2013-2023)



**Ama Pokuah Asenso**  
Head of HR and  
Administration of  
FARA



# PLENARY SPEAKERS & ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS

## PLANETARY HEALTH



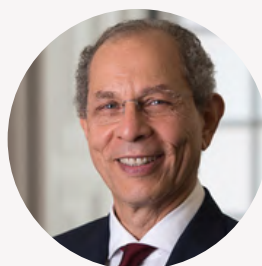
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**Ahmed Zaky**

Chief Executive Officer,  
Instituto Marquês de  
Valle Flôr



**Filomeno Fortes**

Director of the  
Institute of Hygiene  
and Tropical Medicine

## AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT



**Sammy Aggrey**

Richard B. Russell  
Endowed Chair,  
University of Georgia,  
Athens GA



**Bongiwe Njobe**

Chairperson, Forum  
for Agricultural  
Research in Africa  
(FARA)



**Ravi Khetarpal**

Chair of the Global  
Forum on Agriculture  
Research and  
Innovation



**Sylvain Perret**

Director of  
Agrinatura



**Karen Montiel**

Technical specialist,  
Inter-American  
Institute for  
Cooperation on  
Agriculture

## TERRITORIAL AND SOCIAL TRANSITIONS



**Peyi  
Soyinka-Airewele**  
Chairperson, Tompkins  
County Human Rights  
Commission, Ithaca  
College



**David Simon**  
University of London  
and Director of Mistra  
Urban Futures  
(2014-2019)



**Inês Macamo  
Raimundo**  
Centre for Policy  
Analysis, Eduardo  
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## HUMAN GROWTH



**Arjun Appadurai**  
Emeritus Professor of  
Media, Culture and  
Communication at New  
York University



**Palesa Sekhejane**  
Director of the  
Strategic Partnerships  
Unit of the Human  
Sciences Research  
Council



**Francesco  
Candeloro Billari**  
Professor of  
Demography and  
Rector at the Bocconi  
University

# NOVEMBER 5TH

**09H00** MAIN AUDITORIUM

**Opening ceremony**

**10H15** HALL Coffee-break & networking

**11H00** MAIN AUDITORIUM

**High-level session**

**12H45** HALL Lunch + *postres* & posters

**14H15** MAIN AUDITORIUM

**Planetary Health Plenary & Roundtable**

**Jens-Christian Svenning**

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**Filomeno Fortes**

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**16H00** HALL Coffee-break & networking

**16H30** PARALLEL SESSIONS

**Room tbc**

**Linking pharmaceutical and tropical sciences:  
from disease characterization to new therapeutic opportunities**

Promoter: Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon

**Room tbc**

**Training in health research: a way/path to promote national  
scientific systems. Experiences in the PALOP countries**

Promoter: Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

**MAIN AUDITORIUM**

**Catalyzing agro-ecological transitions in the tropics  
in the context of climate change**

Promoter: FARA / CORAF / CCARDESA / RUFORUM / JRC-ISPRA / AE-TPP (CIROF-ICRAF) / IFAD

**Room tbc**

**Conservation, restoration and reforestation  
towards a sustainable future**

Promoter: International participants' submissions



**Room tbc**

**Sustainability as a competitive factor in internationalisation**

Promoter: AICEP - Portuguese Investment and Foreign Trade Agency

**Room tbc**

**Transformative Pathways: Sustainability practices across urban and non-urban landscapes**

Promoter: International participants' submissions

**18H30**    **HALL** Culture & networking

# NOVEMBER 6TH

## 09H00 MAIN AUDITORIUM

### **Agricultural Development Plenary & Roundtable**

#### **Sammy Aggrey**

Richard B. Russell Endowed Chair, University of Georgia, Athens GA

#### **Bongiwe Njobe**

Chairperson, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)

#### **Ravi Khetarpal**

Chair of the Global Forum on Agriculture Research and Innovation

#### **Karen Montiel**

Coordinator of the Joint IICA-CATIE Unit

#### **Sylvain Perret**

Agrinatura Director; Cirad's research department Environments and Societies Director

## 10H45 HALL Coffee-break & networking

## 11H15 PARALLEL SESSIONS

### **Room tbc**

#### **Animal genomics for sustainability in the tropical regions**

Promoter: School of Science and Technology, Uevora

### **Room tbc**

#### **The Tropics are here! Migration studies as a key driver of social sciences approach to North-South interdisciplinary dialogue**

Promoter: Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning & Faculty of Psychology, University of Lisbon

### **Room tbc**

#### **Ecology meets public health in the time of systems thinking**

Promoter: School of Medicine, University of Lisbon

### **MAIN AUDITORIUM**

#### **Voluntary Carbon Markets**

Promoter: Abreu Advogados

### **Room tbc**

#### **Promoting Soil Health through context based Living Labs: how to assess impact?**

Promoter: CHANGE - Global Change and Sustainability Institute

### **Room tbc**

#### **Building Climate-Resilient Agri-Food Systems: Case Studies and Indicators**

Promoter: International participants' submissions

## 12H45 HALL Lunch + *postres* & posters

**14H15** MAIN AUDITORIUM

**Territorial & Social Transitions Plenary & Roundtable**

**Peyi Soyinka-Airewele**

Chairperson, Tompkins County Human Rights Commission, Ithaca College

**David Simon**

University of London and Director of Mistra Urban Futures (2014-2019)

**Inês Macamo Raimundo**

Centre for Policy Analysis, Eduardo Mondlane University

**16H00** HALL Coffee-break & networking

**16H30** PARALLEL SESSIONS

**Room tbc**

**Transforming African farming and food systems through research and innovation – A presentation and discussion with six EU-H2020 projects**

Promoter: ISEG - Lisbon School of Economics & Management, University of Lisbon

**Room tbc**

**Geography and the Tropic:  
a critical reflexion around a controversial relationship**

Promoter: Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon

**MAIN AUDITORIUM**

**Reflections of Agroecology as pathway  
to climate change adaptation and mitigation**

Promoter: FARA / CORAF / CCARDESA / RUFORUM / JRC-ISPRA / AE-TPP (CIROF-ICRAF) / IFAD

**Room tbc**

**Value Creation Wheel 4 the tropics - powered by AI**

Promoter: Nova SBE & School of Agriculture, University of Lisbon

**Room tbc**

**Bioeconomy and innovative solutions for sustainability**

Promoter: Tropical College, University of Lisbon

**Room tbc**

**Global health and tropical medicine**

Promoter: GHTM/IHMT - Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

**18H30** HALL Culture & networking

# NOVEMBER 7TH

**09H00** MAIN AUDITORIUM

## Human Growth Plenary & Roundtable

### Arjun Appadurai

Emeritus Professor of Media, Culture and Communication at New York University

### Palesa Sekhejane

Director of the Strategic Partnerships Unit of the Human Sciences Research Council

### Francesco Candeloro Billari

Professor of Demography and Rector at the Bocconi University

**10H45** HALL Coffee-break & networking

**11H15** PARALLEL SESSIONS

#### Room tbc

### Mobility exchange in research and higher education: promoting multilateral clusters of excellence

Promoter: MUBS / ERAIFT / University of Lisbon

#### Room tbc

### Landscapes of collision: local and regional approaches to conflict dynamics in Africa

Promoter: School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lisbon

#### Room tbc

### Tropical oceans and coastal areas

Promoter: MARE – Marine and Environmental Sciences Centre  
& ARNET – Aquatic Research Network Associated Laboratory

#### Room tbc

### Thinking with the humanities in response to the current crisis

Promoter: School of Arts and Humanities

#### Room tbc

### FOOD4WA: Sharing Africa's Centers of Excellence and Innovative Agricultural Solutions with the World

Promoter: Food for West Africa Network

**12H45** HALL Lunch + *postres* & posters

## **14H15** PARALLEL SESSIONS

**Room tbc**

### **Think tank - 2030 Agenda**

Promoter: Tropical Summit organising committee

**Room tbc**

### **Knowledge, collections and networks for just and resilient societies: education and professional approaches**

Promoter: International participants' submissions

**Room tbc**

### **Tracking progresses in agroecosystems**

Promoter: International participants' submissions

**Room tbc**

### **Drivers, Impacts and Bio-based solutions in Agricultural Landscapes**

Promoter: International participants' submissions

**Room tbc**

### **Geopolitics, governance, and participation models: perspectives from the Global South**

Promoter: International participants' submissions

**Room tbc**

### **Exploratory Multidisciplinary Projects CTROP**

Promoter: Tropical College, ULisboa

**16H00** HALL Coffee-break & networking

**16H30** MAIN AUDITORIUM

**Final remarks**

**Closing ceremony**

# NETWORKING & CULTURE

## **Reception at the Macau Cultural and Scientific Centre**

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Promoter: Macau Cultural and Scientific Centre

## **CULTURAL STAGE | Vibrant music from the tropics: Africa**

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Promoter: Tropical Summit organising committee & local cultural associations

## **CULTURAL STAGE | Vibrant music from the tropics: Latin and South America**

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Promoter: Tropical Summit organising committee & local cultural associations

## **EXHIBITION HALL | Support to RMRM (Agroecology)**

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Promoter: FARA & RUFORUM

## **EXHIBITION HALL | Health and medicine in the tropics**

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Promoter: GHTM Unit of the Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

## **EXHIBITION HALL | Research and Education at Unicamp**

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Promoter: State University of Campinas

## **EXHIBITION HALL | Biodiversity and digitalization**

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Promoter: LifeWatch ERIC - e-Science European Infrastructure for biodiversity and ecosystem research

## **EXHIBITION HALL | CAADP XP4 Project**

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Promoter: FARA / CORAF / CCARDESA / ASARECA / AFAAS

## **EXHIBITION HALL | Tropical Oceans**

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Promoter: MARE—Marine and Environmental Sciences Centre & ARNET – Aquatic Research Network Associated Laboratory, Faculty of Sciences

## **EXHIBITION HALL | Food production in West & North Africa**

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Promoter: SustInAfrica



# VISITS NOVEMBER 8TH

10H30-12H00\*

## **Tropical Botanical Garden National Museum of Natural History and Science of the University of Lisbon**

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This 5-hectare garden was founded in 1906 under the name Colonial Garden to support teaching and research in tropical agriculture. With a vast collection of tropical plants, the important collection of economically significant plants deserves special mention, as well as the remarkable collection of cycads. It is classified as a National Monument.



Largo dos Jerónimos, 1400-209 Lisboa  
38°41'54.10"N, 9° 12'13.19"W

## **Discover Portugal's Wines in the Agronomical Core of Lisbon School of Agriculture, ULisboa**

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As part of the Tropical Summit, we invite you to a unique wine-tasting experience! Guided by Professor Manuel Malfeito, we'll explore wines from various regions of Portugal, savoring the flavors and traditions that each terroir has to offer. Join us for this exclusive event, where we'll celebrate the richness of Portuguese winemaking and deepen our appreciation for wine in a relaxed and engaging setting.



Tapada da Ajuda, 1349-017 Lisboa  
38°42'22.118"N, 9°10'57.601"W

## **Herbaria and zoological collections National Museum of Natural History and Science of the University of Lisbon**

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With over 1,35 million specimens, the Museum houses significant collections that reflect over 200 years of research and exploration in tropical regions. Come check it out!



Rua da Escola Politécnica 58, 1250-102 Lisboa  
38°43'03.8"N 9°09'03.0"W

\*The visits will occur simultaneously across three different locations, each with a maximum capacity of 30 participants. During the Summit, you will have the opportunity to register for the visit of your choice.

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