



# Looking at the Food System: How can Africa feed its Millions?

## Plant nutrition - an underestimated ingredient

*A Learning Forum by SDC's Global Programme Food Security (GPFS) with partners from science, civil society, the private and public sector*



Session 1/2017: Thursday, 22 June 2017, 9.00 – 17.00

Place: Berner Bildungszentrum Pflege, Freiburgstrasse 133, 3008 Bern

Participation is free of charge. Kindly be informed that due to limited space, registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. Register for the learning day by writing to Sophie Hirsig, [sophie-lena.hirsig@eda.admin.ch](mailto:sophie-lena.hirsig@eda.admin.ch).

We look forward to your participation!

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Tentative Programme of Session 1/2017 on Thursday, 22 June 2017

<b>09.00 – 09.10</b>	Welcoming words by representatives of SDC's Global Programme Food Security
<b>09.10 – 10.30</b>	<p><b>Module 1: Opening and Common Ground</b></p> <p>The session explores the food system from a scientific viewpoint, and later focuses on the agricultural production system specifically plant nutrition and cooperation with smallholders.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>          Jonas Jörin, ETH Zurich          Dominik Klauser, Syngenta Foundation          Dionys Forster, Nestlé</p>
<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>11.00 – 12.30</b>	<p><b>Module 2: Let's look at Plant Nutrition: Two different perspectives</b></p> <p>The second session showcases two different viewpoints on plant nutrition.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>          Prem S. Bindraban, International Fertilizer Development Center, IFDC          Forschungsinstitut für Biologischen Landbau, FIBL</p>
<b>12.30 – 14.00</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>14.00 - 15.30</b>	<p><b>Module 3: Reflections and Group Work</b></p> <p>In the third session, Benoît Girardin takes us on a philosophical reflection on why millions of people are left behind and what the speakers have proposed to overcome hunger and malnutrition in Africa. In depth work in two groups follows:</p> <p><b>Group 1:</b> How can productivity of food crops in Africa be sufficiently increased with organic fertilizers? Lead: FIBL</p> <p><b>Group 2:</b> Plant nutrition, a forgotten ingredient in Africa? Lead: IFDC</p>
<b>15.30 – 16.00</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>16.00 – 17.00</b>	<b>Flashes of the Group Work, reflection and closing</b>

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