

Food Systems Innovation Challenge

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In person Food Systems
Challenge Kick-Off event at
Lukenya University

17 January 2024

Venue: Harris Mule Hall
at Lukenya University

Time: 4.30pm

Register: Send an email to

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Are you interested in receiving funding to implement your own food system innovation on water & food security?

This is your chance!

Food Systems Innovation Challenge

What is the challenge about?

Today's global agriculture has big challenges to tackle, especially the task of feeding our growing population while simultaneously preserving both our ecosystems and natural resources worldwide.

The effects of climate change are affecting the way we grow our food. Integrated and innovative approaches from a wide range of disciplines are needed to ensure healthy, equal and sustainable food systems in the future.

How can you participate?

As a student or recent graduate (from Lukenya University, Wollo University, University of Abuja, Kathmandu University, University of Ghana, Makerere University, Esalq-USP, Anton de Kom University or Wageningen University & Research), we challenge you to come up with an food system innovation. The idea should be feasible, sustainable, scalable, and have impact.

Write a concept note of your project and submit it before **11th of March 2024**. The projects should 1) contribute to the national food systems pathways of the country where it will be implemented, 2) relate to food or water security, and 3) focus on these three overall themes:

- Ecological sustainability
- Nutrition/ healthy diets
- Social inclusion

What are you going to do during the Challenge?

Based on the submitted concept notes, jury members will select 18 outstanding teams (2 per partner university). Selected teams will receive seed funding and guidance from (international) experts to implement their idea during the challenge period from April 2024 to September 2024.

Timeline of the Challenge

January 2024	Kick-off Student Registration
March 2024	Closing Online Application Form
April 2024	Selected teams announced
April - Sep 2024	Students work on project
Sep/Oct 2024	Grand Finale in Wageningen, the Netherlands

Gain exclusive experiences and expand your professional network

During the challenge, each group will be personally guided by experts. Each representative of the selected teams, will be funded to attend the Grand Finale Event at the Wageningen University Campus in September/October 2024 to present their project in the Netherlands. The team member of the selected teams can later continue in the unique Youth Food Lab Incubator Program.

Win prizes & Boost your CV

The winner of the Food Systems Innovation challenge receive among others exposure at the World Food Forum Flagship event in Rome and/or at COP 29.

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Curious?



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