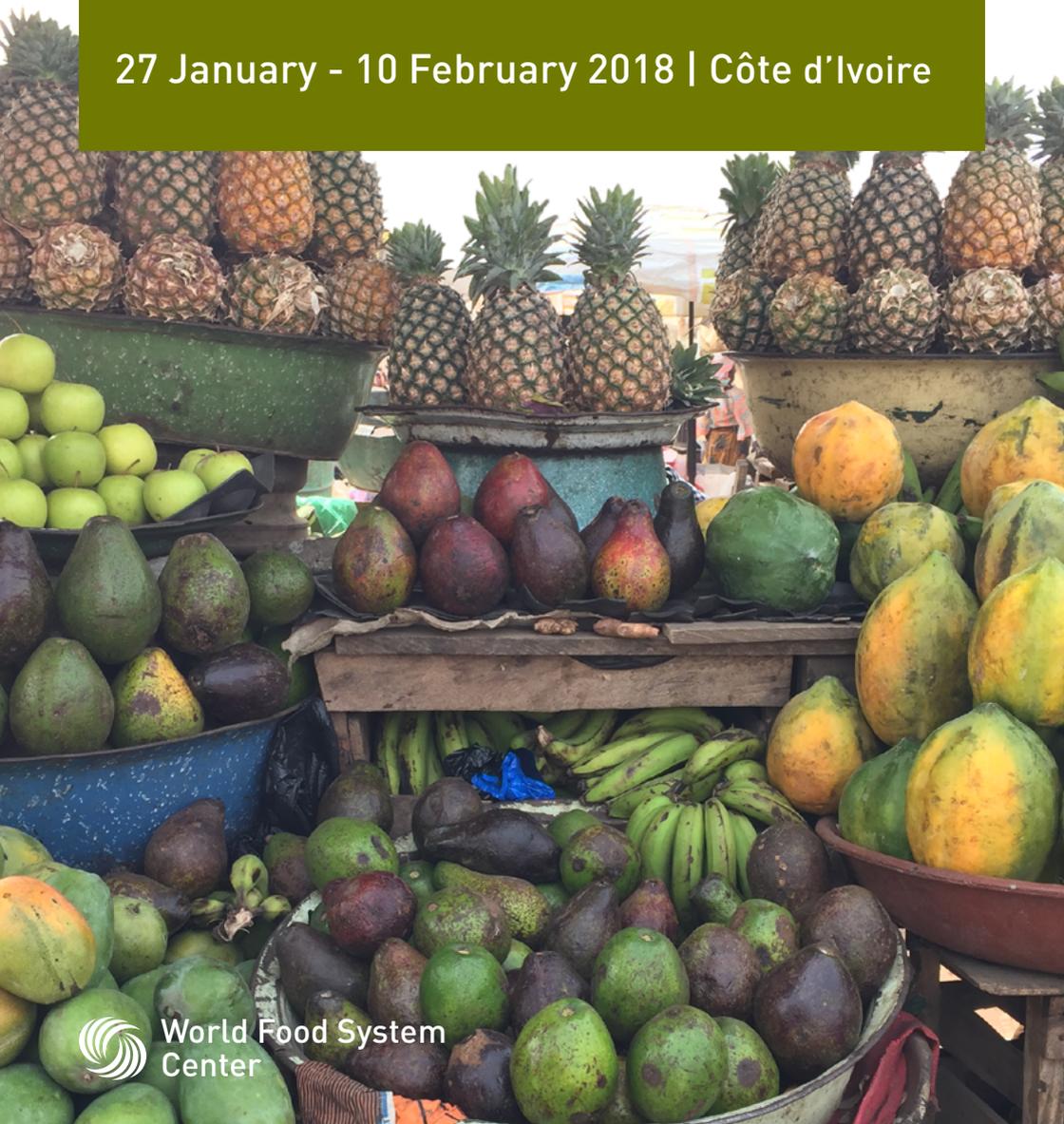


World Food System Summer School Food Systems in Transition

27 January - 10 February 2018 | Côte d'Ivoire



Our Food System Needs You

The question of how to feed the world while considering human health, the environment and social wellbeing is one of the defining challenges of our time.

We need you - future decision makers and thought leaders - to help building sustainable food systems. From changes in land use to dietary shifts, contemporary transitions in the food system have profound implications around the globe.

Join the World Food System Summer School and connect with a community of motivated and like-minded students, researchers and practitioners from around the world who are committed to building sustainable food systems.

The 2018 summer school will take place in Abidjan, Bouaké, and a number of field sites. The majority of the course will be hosted at Hotel Mon Afrik in Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire.

As a participant, you will:

Discuss challenges, opportunities, and innovations in food systems across disciplines, sectors and scales with stakeholders from agricultural production, research, industry, government and civil society.

Critically reflect on the role different production systems, crops and value chains play in achieving food and nutrition security in the region. The course will take a special look at yam and cocoa value chains and the significance of these crops for food, nutrition and livelihoods.

Learn how to apply a food systems perspective. The program will take an integrated approach that considers interactions across the food system and with its environmental, social, political and economic boundary conditions.

Be creative and innovative. Exchange ideas and work on case studies to address contemporary challenges of the world food system as part of an international interdisciplinary team.

Experience and gain new knowledge about the realities of food systems in transition in West Africa and how this relates to the global context.



Course Format

This immersion learning experience integrates lectures, group work, case studies, workshops, field work, excursions, and includes guest speakers and evening social and cultural activities.



Partners, Contributors and Donors

The course involves a diverse group of contributors from academia, industry, policy, development cooperation, and civil society organizations. The World Food System summer school is being hosted in collaboration with the Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire (CSRS), a lead member institution in the Yamsys project. This course is highly subsidized and made possible through the support of the SNF r4d program.

Organizers

The course is organized by the World Food System Center at ETH Zurich in partnership with the Swiss National Science Foundation Research for Development Project "Bio-physical and socio-economic drivers of sustainable soil use in yam cropping systems for improved food security in West Africa" (Yamsys). www.yamsys.org

The World Food System Center works toward a vision of a healthy world through sustainable food systems. Our 39 professorial members from 9 different departments engage in interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach together with partners from a variety of sectors. ETH Zurich, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, is one of the leading international universities for technology and the natural sciences. It has more than 18,000 students from over 110 countries and 500 professors.



Eligibility

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a university graduate education program (Master's or PhD) or have recently graduated from one of these programs (up to 5 years since graduation). Successful applicants will have a strong and demonstrated interest in food system challenges and solutions, collaboration across disciplines, sectors and cultures, and bring relevant experience. The course will be conducted in English, though some degree of proficiency in French is recommended. Further, participants can give feedback and ask questions in French. We are running a competitive application process; this also applies to applicants from ETH Zurich and Yamsys partner universities. Participants from West Africa are particularly encouraged to apply.

Duration

The course will run for two weeks, between 27 January and 10 February 2018 in Côte d'Ivoire. We expect you to attend for the entire course period.

Recognition

The ETH Zurich accredits successful completion of the course with 4 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) points and a Certificate of Completion. Acknowledgment of the points in your study programs at your home institution is your own responsibility.

Fee

The course fee of 750 Swiss Francs (CHF) per student covers the cost for all board, lodging, local travel, and activities during the program, all of which are arranged by the course organizers. You are responsible for paying and organizing your visa (if required), health insurance, travel insurance (including repatriation insurance), and your transportation to and from Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Application

To apply to the program, you must complete and submit an online form, your curriculum vitae, a motivation letter, and a letter of recommendation. All materials must be submitted in English except the letter of recommendation- this letter can be submitted in either English or French.

Please visit the following website for further details: www.worldfoodsystem.ethz.ch/education/summer-schools/upcoming.html

Your complete application must be submitted by Monday, 03 July 2017 at 8 AM CET.

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