



PSM Side-event

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# ADOPTING AFRICAN ORPHAN CROPS

TO ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY,  
NUTRITION, AND SAFETY



**WHEN**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 17 / 13:00 – 14:30**

**WHERE**

**FAO RED ROOM** *(BUILDING A)*

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

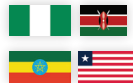
## ABOUT

Imagine the 600 million people who live in rural Africa feeding themselves on crops they already grow, but crops made more nutritious, higher yielding, and resilient in the face of climate change, drought and pests. An uncommon collaboration of 15 government organizations, scientific and agricultural bodies, universities, companies, regional organizations and NGOs, is making this vision a reality.

This African Orphan Crops Consortium (AOCC) is sequencing the genomes of 101 African food crops and training 250 African scientists and technicians to breed better crops from these genetic “maps.” The AOCC has been approved by African Heads of State at the African Union Assembly and is led by the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD).

INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE IN **FRENCH, ENGLISH, SPANISH**

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