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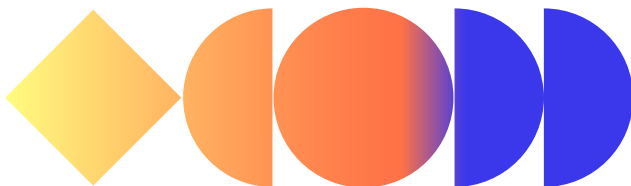
# Veterinary Public Health and food safety challenges and strategies in Africa



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One Health Europa-Africa Summit on Veterinary  
Public Health & Food Safety NEXTAFRICA

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The NEXTAFRICA Project is a Una Europa Seed Funding initiative, aimed at strengthening food safety and preventing livestock diseases to promote public health and food security across Africa. Focused on addressing global health and agricultural challenges, the project supports the objectives of the Africa Food Safety Strategy (FSSA 2022–2036) and contributes to achieving at least seven United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

## Food Safety Challenges in Africa

Africa faces some of the world's most significant food safety challenges, accounting for approximately 30% of global deaths from foodborne illnesses. Unsafe food leads to around 137,000 deaths and 91 million cases of acute illness each year, particularly affecting children under five years old. Economically, unsafe food costs approximately USD 110 billion annually in productivity losses and healthcare costs.

NEXTAFRICA works to address these challenges by promoting research, innovation, and training, fostering collaboration between young and experienced researchers from Europe and Africa. The project adopts a multidisciplinary One Health approach that integrates human, animal, and environmental health.

The programme covers the thematic areas of One Health, Research, Food Safety and Veterinary Public Health.

## SCHEDULE



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08:00

Participant registration / Coffee

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09:00

### WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Alessandro Seguino, Project Coordinator, University of Bologna

Silvia Bianconcini, Una Europa / University of Bologna

Pier Paolo Gatta, Director, Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences – DIMEVET, University of Bologna

Alessandra De Cesare, Delegate for International Relations DIMEVET, University of Bologna

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09:15

### OPENING LECTURE + Q&A

Veterinary Public Health and food safety challenges and strategies in Africa

Chair: Alessandro Seguino

Speaker: Clovice Kankya, University of Makerere

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09:45

### KEYNOTE LECTURE + Q&A

Recent advances on research into interventions to improve food safety in Africa

Chair: Clovice Kankya

Speaker: Delia Grace Randolph, University of Greenwich

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10:15

### MINI-TALKS + Q&As

The role and challenges of young researchers in Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety within the One Health framework

Chair: Alessandra De Cesare

Speakers:

Daniso Beswa, University of Johannesburg

Derrick Noah, University of Nairobi

Eunice Chivale, Eduardo Mondlane University

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11:00

Group photo session / Coffee break

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11:45

TALK + Q&A

Food safety interventions for aflatoxin mitigation in smallholder farming in Sub-Saharan Africa: assessment using agricultural innovation system framework

Chair: Giampiero Pagliuca, University of Bologna

Speaker: Narindra Randriamiarintsoa (remote), Michigan State University

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12:00

TALK + Q&A

Substandard and falsified veterinary medicines

Chair: Arcangelo Gentile, University of Bologna / Vet4Africa

Speaker: Engelbert Bilashoboka, Vet4Africa

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12:30

ROUND TABLE + TALK

Strategies to remove trade tariff barriers for food commodities among African countries to improve food security and safety

Chair: Clovice Kankya

Panel members: Delia Randolph, Engelbert

Bilashoboka, Matthys Uys – Woolworths South Africa, Eunice Chivale, Derrick Noa, Daniso Beswa

Beyond the Shelf: The Retailer's Role in Driving Food Safety Standards in Africa

Speaker: Matthys Uys

Open discussion

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13.45

Closure of the Summit, final remarks and plans for the way forward

Clovice Kankya

Alessandro Seguino

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14:00

Buffet

## VENUE

📍 Messieri Lecture Hall

Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences

Via Tolara di Sopra, 50 Ozzano dell'Emilia – Bologna, Italy

## REGISTRATION

Register now to join us in Bologna or online

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