

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE SEED AND KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVE
Launching the Zimbabwean Agroecology Knowledge Network
and the African Perspectives on Agroecology book

HARARE, 10th SEPTEMBER 2024

The Venue, 20 King George Road, Avondale, Harare
5:00 - 8:00 pm

The Seed and Knowledge Initiative (SKI) is a dynamic partnership of diverse southern African organisations committed to securing food sovereignty in the region. On 10 September we will host an event in Harare, Zimbabwe, to celebrate 10 years of existence, bringing together SKI partners and practitioners with a wider public audience, including farmers, policy-makers, funders, media, and academics.

The event is designed to create awareness on agroecology, build relationships and showcase SKI's work. It will highlight lessons learnt and key achievements from SKI's **collective experience in advancing the science, practice and movement-building of agroecology**. The event will also launch the Zimbabwean chapter of the Agroecology Knowledge Network and a new book on agroecology, drawing on experiences from SKI partners and others.

Key discussants will provide insights and policy recommendations from their long-term embedded work in the region.

PROGRAMME

- overall organising / flow to be supported by Frances
- Official opening and closing by Gertrude, SKI Chair

Time	What	Facilitate / lead
17.00	Arrival and mingle	Frances
17:15	Farmers opening of the event - farmers walk in with banner and read out statement	Farmers (Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mal, SA reps) Support by Frances
17.35	Official opening and overview of SKI	Gertrude Pswarayi-Jabson
17.45	Words from SDC	Stephano Berti Head of Cooperation
17.55	Panel discussion, with input from the perspective of farmers, civil society, policy, academia, funders, and movement building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmer rep – TBC • Civil society - Chifundo Kokwe, SCOPE Malawi • Policy - Mr Thabani Siziba, Ministry of Agriculture • Academic - Dr Witness Kozanayi, Marondera University • Funder - Bulisani Ncube, Swiss Development Agency • Movements - Dr Million Belay, AFSA 	Professor Arnold Mashingaidze
19.00	'African Perspectives on Agroecology' – a synthesis	Prof Rachel Wynberg
19:15	Launch of the Zimbabwean Agroecology Knowledge Network – with cutting of the Ribbon	Dr Witness Kozanayi Mr Thabani Siziba, Ministry of Agriculture
19:25	Questions and discussion	Gertrude Pswarayi-Jabson
19:55	Official closing and thanks Guests invited to network over refreshments and finger snacks, and view SKI materials and exhibition	Gertrude Pswarayi-Jabson Frances Davies

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