

## PROGRAM

### Closing Event of TRANSFORMAFRICA Program

27 – 23 november 2020

As part of the closure of its transformAfrica programme, the Heinrich Böll Foundation (hbs) Rabat is organizing a series of conferences and debates on themes related to social and ecological transformation in Africa, which will take place online at [www.transformafrica.ma](http://www.transformafrica.ma) between 23 and 27 November 2020.

The closing event targets civil society actors, experts, decision-makers and the general public in African countries with the aim to

- promote good examples and recommendations on participatory, sustainable and just transformation in the fields of agro-ecology, energy transition, waste management, participatory urban development and governance of natural resources;
- further strengthen the transformAfrica network that has been created over the last four years and provide an opportunity for interdisciplinary and transnational exchange and learning;
- valorise the results of the work carried out by the researchers and actors involved in the programme and open debates with experts, decision-makers, artists and civil society actors for future advocacy in favour of a just and sustainable socio-ecological transformation;
- promote a new narrative/vision for ecological transformation in Africa.

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### MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020

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10h00

#### Opening Session

- *Bauke Baumann, Director Heinrich Böll Foundation Rabat*
- *Soufyane Fares, Project Manager TransformAfrica program*

10h30

#### Opening keynote : Vision for Socio-Ecological Transformation in Africa

- *Nnimmo Bassey, Director of the Health of Mother Earth Foundation and "Alternative Nobel Price" laureate*

11h00 **Panel discussion : Good Practices of Socio-Ecological Transformation in Africa**

*Change starts in the little things. This also applies to large transformation processes. We present selected examples of successful environmental initiatives and discuss how these approaches can be replicated and implemented on a larger scale.*

- *Laetitia Dechanet, Journalist & moderator*
- *Lakbir Ouhajou, Researcher at the University of Agadir and member of the CSMD Morocco*
- *Abderrahim Ksiri, President of AESVT Morocco*
- *Layla Liebetrau, Program coordinator hbs Nairobi*
- *Dhafer Ben Khalifa, Collectif Créatif Tunisia*

16h00 **Panel discussion : Agroecology as a lever for food security in Africa**

*Agroecology, the future of agriculture in Africa? We will discuss the strengths and challenges of agro-ecology in Morocco, Senegal and other African countries with experts and through feedback from farmers who have embarked on this path.*

- *Habiba El Mazouni, Moderator*
- *Yousra Abourabi, Professor and Researcher at UIR*
- *Rachida Mehdioui, President of RIAM Morocco*
- *Jean Michel Sené, Enda pronat Senegal*
- *Felister Orangi, Permaculture project at Ololo Lodge in Kenya*

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**TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020**

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11h00 **Panel discussion : Energy efficiency, a lever towards energy transition?**

*In Africa, energy efficiency is an important issue and various national strategies and programs put it at the heart of projects. Its cross-cutting nature predisposes it to be the subject of convergent interest from public and private actors, civil society and citizens. We present a panel discussion on the prospects for a successful energy transition putting the human aspect of it in the center.*

- *Mostafa Jamea, Expert and Moderator*
- *Touria Barradi, Prof. and Ing. at the Central School of Casablanca*
- *Ouail Tabiti, Centre Information Energie Chefchaouen*
- *Martin Brown Munene, ADRECI Kenya*
- *Peliwe Jubase, Sustainable Energy Africa*

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## WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2020

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11h00 **Panel discussion : Towards better waste management in Africa**

*The improvement of urban waste management in many African countries is increasingly a challenge imposed by significant population growth, real urban evolution and the emergence of new modes of consumption by the population. Citizen participation in public action could give impetus to new measures that will enable the various stakeholders to succeed together the local waste management.*

- Khalid Didit, Moderator
- Mustapha Azaitraoui, Professor and researcher
- Fatma Sylla, Ecology coordinator hbs Dakar
- Adams Tidjani, Expert on waste management in Senegal

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## THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2020

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11h00 **Panel discussion : Towards a community-based governance of natural resources**

*Africa has a large amount of natural resources, some African countries are even among the richest countries with regard to natural resources in the world. We will discuss possible opportunities to develop an alternative narrative that enables local communities to become involved in the management of natural resources in order to make the governance of water, land, coal etc. more just, environmental and equitable.*

- Sabrina Belhouari, Journalist & moderator
- Donat Bukasa, Representative of the Jiber association
- Abdellah Ahjam, Representative of the Network of Associations in the Arganeraie Biosphere Reserve (RARBA) Morocco
- Emmanuel, Representative of Natural Justice Kenya
- Farai Maguwu, Centre for Natural Resource Governance South Africa

16h00 **Experts Round Table : Policies for a just and sustainable socio-ecological transformation in Africa**

*Successful socio-ecological transformation in Africa must be participatory, fair and sustainable - but this requires a supportive policy framework. We present a panel of experts on perspectives and recommendations for policies that promote social and ecological transformation in Africa.*

- *Saloua Zerhouni, Researcher and Moderator*
- *Thomas Blanchet, Institut Nexus*
- *Omar Ba, Mayor of Ndiob, President of the Network of Green and - Ecological Cities and Municipalities of Senegal, Vice President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council of Senegal*
- *Mounir Majdoub, Former Secretary of State for the Environment in Tunisia*
- *Raja Chafil, Director 4C Morocco and member of the CSMD (tbc)*
- *Ibtissam Azzaoui, Member of Parliament PAM Morocco*

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## **FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2020**

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11h00

### **Panel discussion : Citizen-centered urban development in Africa**

*Sustainable urban development represents a major and primordial challenge for all cities, in terms of transport, housing, town planning, economic development, the environment and the preservation of biodiversity. However, the ecological transition calls for the initiation of a new model of society based on a new form of governance that encourages the mobilisation and participation of all actors in society in the decision-making process in the city.*

- *Youssef Araoui, Moderator*
- *Sabrina Hakim, Director of Le Toit en Vert association in Morocco*
- *Dhafer Ben Khalifa, Director of Collectif Créatif Tunisia*
- *Olamide Udoma-Ejorh, Executive Director Lagos Urban Development initiative*

### **Logistic information**

- Simultaneous translation between French and English is provided for all panels except the one on waste management on 25 November and the expert round table on 26 November.
- All times are indicated as GMT+1