

## Draft Program

# Agroecology, Climate Resilience, and Indigenous and Underutilised Crops: Rethinking Value Chains for Sustainable Food Futures

University of Hohenheim

June 9-11, 2026

### DAY 1

June 9th	Agroecology of underutilised and indigenous crops	
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome note by the Rector	Prof. Dr. Schneider, University of Hohenheim
9:45 – 10:00	Welcome address	Prof. Dr. Christine Wieck, University of Hohenheim
10:00 – 11:00	Keynote: Using underutilised crops for food system resilience: from agroecology to human nutrition	Prof. Ndiko Ludidi, University of Mpumalanga
11:00 – 11.30	Coffee break	
Session 1: Underutilised Crops for the 21 <sup>st</sup> century		
11:30 – 11:45	Contribution 1	
11:45 – 12:00	Contribution 2	
12:15 – 12:30	Contribution 3	
12:30 – 12:45	Contribution 4	
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch (Mensa)	
Session 2: Crop Diversity		
14:15 – 15:45	Keynotes: From underutilised crop to arising agronomic importance: the examples of hemp and chickpea  Agronomy in indigenous crops: management and plant health	Prof. Dr. Simone Graeff-Hoenninger, University of Hohenheim  Dr. Ethel Phiri, Stellenbosch University
15:45 – 16:00	Contribution 5	
16:00 – 16:15	Contribution 6	
16:15 – 16:30	Contribution 7	
16:45 – 17:45	Tour of the Botanical Garden of the University of Hohenheim	Dr. Robert Gliniars
18:00	Dinner at Garbe Biergarten (self-paying)	

## DAY 2

June 10th	Underutilised crops potential for resilience and adaptation to climate change	
9:00 – 10:30	Keynotes: Improving the potential of underutilised crops by plant breeding using quinoa and amaranth as examples  The double role of underutilised crops: important for climate resilient and protein supply	Prof. Dr. Karl Schmid, University of Hohenheim  Dr. Lembe S. Magwaza, Cranfield University
10:30 – 10:45	Contribution 8	
10:45 – 11:00	Contribution 9	
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:30 – 12:00	Keynote: Global initiatives for crop diversity	Nico Wilms-Posen, Crop Trust
12:00 – 12:15	Contribution 10	
12:15 – 12:30	Contribution 11	
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch (Mensa)</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	Poster Session 1 with focus on climate change and discussion with authors at the posters	
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	Poster Session 2 with focus on agroecology of underutilised and indigenous crops change and discussion with authors at the posters	
17:30 – 19:00	Visit of field experiments on underutilised crops at University of Hohenheim	
19:00 – 22:00	Conference Dinner, Location: tbd	

### DAY 3

June 11th	Creating value chains for underutilised crops	
9:00 – 10:30	Keynotes: Market challenges for niche products  Food innovations and consumer acceptance of underutilised crops	Prof. Dr. Sebastian Hess, University of Hohenheim  Prof. Unathi Kolanisi, University of Zululand
10:30 – 10:45	Contribution 12	
10:45 – 11:00	Contribution 13	
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:30 – 13:00	Poster Session 3 with focus on value chains and discussion with authors at the posters	
13:00 – 13:30	Closing Session	
13:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch box to grab, departure excursion</i>	
14:00 – 19:00	Excursion to organic farms producing and marketing underutilised crops (e.g. organic farm of family Gansloser, Scharenstetten)	