

# BIODIVERSITY FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN AFRICA – NETWORKING SEMINAR



*The aim of the event is to provide short introductions into different activities in the field of the title and to give a possibility for discussions and creating new connections.*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, Finnish Museum of Natural History LUOMUS, Botanical Museum (Helsinki, Unioninkatu 44, Nylander Hall) and Kaisaniemi Botanic Garden

12.30 Coffee

13.00 Welcome (Dr. Aino Juslén, Luomus)

Prof. Emily Sessa (University of Florida): Exploring a paradox of global botanical biodiversity: why is Africa the "odd man out?"

Dr. Peris Kamau (National Museums of Kenya): Biodiversity in Agricultural Landscapes: A case study of James Finlay Tea Estates, Kericho, Kenya

Prof. Leif Schulman (Luomus): Restoration of ecosystem services and education on sustainable agriculture in one package: the botanic garden project in Taita Hills, Kenya

Prof. Jouko Rikkinen (Luomus): Ongoing Biodiversity Studies in Taita Taveta County, Kenya

*Short break for refreshments and snacks*

Dr. Péter Poczai (Luomus): African nightshades (Solanum sect. Solanum): origin, evolution and cultivation

Dr. Andrea Santangeli (Luomus): Understanding threats and ecosystem services provided by vultures in African livestock farming system

Dr. Maarten Vanhove (Luomus): Can worms and genomics contribute to sustainable fisheries in the African Great Lakes Region?

Dr. Gunilla Ståhls-Mäkelä (Luomus): FlyHigh – insights into biodiversity and new applications in producing insect protein

Ca. 15.15 – 17.00 Walk in the garden and the green houses guided by Henry Väre (Luomus), discussions and networking in the green houses, refreshments and snacks.

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