



# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME: SPEAKERS & EVENTS

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# CONCEPT

**The numerous unfulfilled global agendas underscore the urgency of viewing the 2030 deadline not as a distant point on the horizon, but as an imminent and pressing reality — demanding immediate attention, as though it were tomorrow.**

The **Tropical Summit** is a deliberate gathering of individuals committed to reassessing the *status quo* and developing sustainable and equitable solutions to address these persistent and systemic challenges. These solutions require an urgent yet distinctive forum—one broad enough to tackle the issues but agile and insightful enough to leverage the potential of the tropics. Half-hearted, piecemeal, or superficial strategies are no longer viable options. This is a call to galvanize the brightest and most motivated minds to craft pragmatic, winning solutions for the tropics—solutions that are globally networked and translated into measurable, on-the-ground objectives. The Summit's primary outcome will be a **Call to Action**, aimed at mobilizing critical mass to address the enduring challenges and uplifting opportunities of the tropics.

The Summit seeks to critically evaluate, within the remaining timeframe of the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs), what can realistically be achieved, with whom, and with what resources. It will assess the need for policy and strategy restructuring. The event will also promote knowledge transfer, catalyze stakeholder engagement, and foster multidisciplinary collaboration through diverse yet synergistic pathways. It aims to co-create innovative projects by building on and expanding existing collaborative initiatives, accelerating the implementation of tangible and robust solutions. The focus will be on driving investments, forging new partnerships, and advancing multi-actor actions through **South-South-North cooperation** across four key domains:

1. **PLANETARY HEALTH:**

Nurturing life within the global boundaries

2. **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Sustainability as a path to socioeconomic progress

3. **TERRITORIAL AND SOCIAL TRANSITIONS:**

Building resilient spaces and societies in every dimension

4. **HUMAN GROWTH:**

Empowerment and technology for the times ahead

**The event will take place from November 4 to 8, 2024, at the Lisbon Congress Center, featuring a variety of events and formats, including high-level interventions, plenaries, debates, thematic sessions, poster presentations, project showcases, study visits, and an exhibition hall. It will also include a social and cultural programme.**

The Summit will foster multilateral meetings, such as working groups, on-site knowledge/technology sessions, pitch & reverse pitch presentations, science-business interfaces, B2B and bilateral meetings, and networking sessions.

The multifaceted programme is designed to embrace diversity and promote inclusion, creating a welcoming environment for a broad range of stakeholders. It addresses the needs and interests of various participants, providing ample opportunities for interaction, sharing visions, and exchanging experiences and expertise. The target audience includes start-ups, investors, policymakers, consultants, associations, researchers, NGO professionals, educational institutions, and representatives from the private sector—from large corporations to medium and small enterprises. This ensures that the Summit functions as a dynamic platform where individuals from diverse backgrounds and sectors can come together for meaningful dialogue and collaboration.

The progress made at the Lisbon Summit is expected to be reviewed in subsequent meetings, all aligned with the 2030 goal.

# HIGH-LEVEL PANEL



**Marcelo  
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Minister of State  
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# PROMOTERS' INTERVENTIONS



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# PLENARY SPEAKERS & ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS

## PLANETARY HEALTH



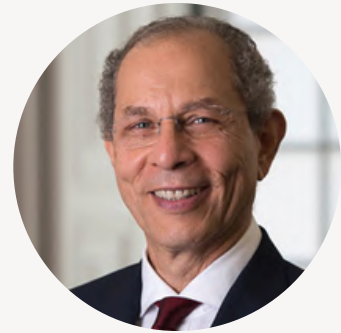
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University

# SELECTED SESSIONS

## **Catalyzing agro-ecological transitions in the tropics in the context of climate change**

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Promoter: FARA / CORAF / CCARDESA / RUFORUM / JRC-ISPRA / AE-TPP (CIROF - ICRAF) / IFAD

## **Training in health research: a way/path to promote national scientific systems. Experiences in the PALOP countries**

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Promoter: Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

## **Collaborative research in the tropics: Addressing global biodiversity challenges through capacity building - lessons learnt and future directions**

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Promoter: BIOPOLIS-CIBIO - Research Centre in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources

## **Animal genomics for sustainability in the tropical regions**

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Promoter: University of Évora

## **Ecology meets public health in the time of systems thinking**

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Promoter: School of Medicine, University of Lisbon

## **Integrating the different dimensions of security and conflict**

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Promoter: School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lisbon

## **Mobility exchange in research and higher education: promoting multilateral clusters of excellence**

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Promoter: School of Agriculture, University of Lisbon

## **Linking pharmaceutical and tropical sciences: from disease characterization to new therapeutic opportunities**

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Promoter: Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon

## **Thinking with the humanities in response to the current crisis**

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Promoter: School of Arts and Humanities, University of Lisbon

## **North-South and South-South migrations**

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Promoter: Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning & Faculty of Psychology, University of Lisbon



# SUMMARIES' SAMPLE

## **Indicator system for monitoring the 2030 Agenda at the micro level: strategies for public and private institutions in Brazil**

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Luciana Lima, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil

## **Building an inter-connected clinical research ecosystem for Africa**

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Adriaan Kruger, nuvotoQ, South Africa

## **Inclusive climate action: comparing grassroots and government approaches in Brazil and Kenya**

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Julia De Freitas Sampaio, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

## **Socio-spatial impact of governance models on refugee camps: A causal-comparative study of two camps in Jordan**

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Mahesh Keswani, University of Lisbon, United States of America

## **State of Sacred Forests in West Cameroon**

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Jessica Cyntia Zambou, ERAIFT, Cameroon

## **Agro-clustering as a pathway to agricultural development and commercialization: Ethiopia as a case study**

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Getachew Eshetu Gidelew, Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia

## **Redefining conservation: Climate change, 30x30, and other effective area-based conservation methods**

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Naomi Ploos Van Amstel, Griffith University, Australia

## **Transformative agri-food supply chains for climate resilience: which indicators are suitable to measure resilience and social transformation?**

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Christine Altenbuchner, BOKU University, Austria

# DIVERSITY OUTLOOK

## **WORKSHOP | Value Creation Wheel 4 the tropics - powered by AI**

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Promoter: School of Agronomy, University of Lisbon & NOVA School of Business and Economics

## **WORKSHOP | Using design thinking to break boundaries**

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Promoter: School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lisbon

## **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT | Voluntary Carbon Markets**

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Promoter: Abreu Advogados

## **PROJECT SHOWCASE | Transforming African farming and food systems through research and innovation – A presentation and discussion with six EU-H2020 projects**

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Promoter: ISEG - Lisbon School of Economics & Management

## **PROJECT SHOWCASE | Promoting excellence: the award-winning work and impact of portuguese students in the tropics**

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Promoter: Portuguese Ecological Society

## **EXHIBITION HALL | Biodiversity and digitalization**

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Promoter: LifeWatch ERIC - e-Science European infrastructure for biodiversity and ecosystem research

## **EXHIBITION HALL | Health and medicine in the tropics**

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Promoter: Global Health and Tropical Medicine Institute

## **PLANET LOUNGE | Biodiversity and ecosystem restoration**

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Promoter: Tropical Summit organising committee

## **PEOPLE LOUNGE | Demographic challenges for sustainable cities**

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Promoter: Tropical Summit organising committee

# NETWORKING & CULTURE

## **Reception at the Macau Cultural and Scientific Centre**

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Promoter: Macau Cultural and Scientific Centre

## **JOINING FORCES | Networking across sectors**

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Promoter: Tropical Summit organising committee

## **CULTURAL STAGE | Vibrant music from the tropics: Africa**

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Promoter: Tropical Summit organising committee & local cultural associations

## **CULTURAL STAGE | Vibrant music from the tropics: Latin and South America**

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Promoter: Tropical Summit organising committee & local cultural associations

## **OUTDOOR | Tropical (natural) heritage in Lisbon**

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Promoter: National Museum of Natural History and Science

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