



# How do we scale up Africa-Europe academic and scientific cooperation?

This is how Universities in South Sweden and our African partners want to contribute

Moderator: Sara Gräslund, Head of Unit – SLU Global, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

13:00 – 13:10 **Welcome**

Stephen Hwang, Rector, Halmstad University, Chair of Lärosäten Syd

13:10 – 13:30 **A snapshot of ongoing Horizon-funded collaboration**

*Educating the next generation of professionals in the agrifood system (NextFood):*  
Martin Melin, Researcher, Department of People and Society, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

*Smart Energy Solutions for Africa (SESA):* Abdellah Abarkan, Professor, Department of Spatial Planning, Blekinge Institute of Technology

13:30 – 14:10 **Panel discussion: What do our universities need, and what can we offer?**

Professor Ernest Aryeteey, Secretary General, ARUA (African Research Universities Alliance)

Cecilia Christersson, Vice-Rector for Global Engagement and Challenge-Based Learning, Malmö University & Board member SANORD Southern African-Nordic Centre

Per Björkman, Professor, Department of Translational Medicine, Lund University

Professor Adipala Ekwamu, RUFORUM (Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture)

Jonas Ewald, Senior Lecturer, Department of Social Studies, Linnæus University

14:10 – 14:20 **Break**

14:20 – 14:50 **EU-Africa cooperation in Horizon Europe and EU research & innovation policy**

Fadila Boughanemi, Deputy Head of Unit DG Research & Innovation, European Commission

14:50 – 15:20 **Moderated Q&A**

15:20 – 15:30 **Concluding remarks by moderator**