

## Call for posters for Prolinnova International Farmer Innovation Fair and Conference, 7–10 April 2024

Prolinnova in partnership with the 11th Hour Project, a program of the Schmidt Family Foundation will be hosting an International Farmer Innovation Fair and Conference (IFIF&C) on 7–10 April 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya. Eleven Prolinnova Country Platforms in Africa will be participating in this event, which will focus on recognising the invaluable contributions of small-scale farmers' ingenuity in keeping the world well fed and healthy. Other participants in the event will be from various organisations, associations, networks and research and academic institutions that are involved in agroecology and locally led adaptation in Africa. The fair and conference – through an exhibition of local innovations, panel discussions and poster presentations – will culminate in addressing the event's key issue

**How to ensure that formal agricultural research and development (ARD) integrates effectively farmer-led joint research as a key approach in partnership with all legitimate stakeholders.**

The IFIF&C organisers invite policymakers, research and development actors, students and farmers who are interested in presenting a poster at the event to submit their abstract not later than **16 February 2024** to the Prolinnova–Kenya Coordinator, Vincent Mariadho ([mariadhovincent@gmail.com](mailto:mariadhovincent@gmail.com) or [vmariadho@prolinnovakenya.co.ke](mailto:vmariadho@prolinnovakenya.co.ke)).

### **The objective**

The objective of the poster sessions is to share a diversity of perspectives on local innovation and locally led adaptation to change, as well as on experiences in facilitating farmer-led joint research or participatory innovation development (PID). The poster presentations should inform on the need for and possibility of integrating the PID approach into the ARD landscape in Africa and other parts of the world.

The posters should focus on experiences in facilitating initiatives and processes of local innovation, farmer-led joint research and locally led adaptation related to agroecology / ecologically oriented agriculture and natural resource management. They should highlight the key opportunities and challenges related to these initiatives and processes and should also give attention to issues of gender and youth.

The successful applicants will receive guidelines for making their posters. It will be expected that the presenters print their own posters; this will not be done by the IFIF&C organisers.

- **16 February 2024:** Submit abstract of the proposed poster to [mariadhovincent@gmail.com](mailto:mariadhovincent@gmail.com) or [vmariadho@prolinnovakenya.co.ke](mailto:vmariadho@prolinnovakenya.co.ke)
- **23 February 2024:** Feedback on abstract acceptance with recommendations if necessary, and guidelines on poster making.
- **29 March 2024:** Submission of final digital version of the poster.