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Workshop
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« FOOD SECURITY IN AFRICA: CHALLENGES, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION »
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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

13:00-13:05	Opening remarks by **Prof. Konstantin P. Kurylev**, Head of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University.
Session 1. Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Svetlana A. Bokeriya, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University, **Assoc. Prof. Vladislav V. Plyushchikov**, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University.	
13:05 – 13:20	**Dr. Jerry Tafotie**, PhD, Félix Houphouet Boigny University of Abidjan, Cocody (Côte d'Ivoire) *Les enjeux géopolitiques de la sécurité alimentaire en Afrique de l'Ouest: cas de la Côte d'Ivoire et les Etats de l' AES. (in French)*
13:20 – 13:35	**Dr. Numeri Chalumpha Geresomo**, PhD, Senior Lecturer in Human Nutrition, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Malawi) *Challenges of balancing economic growth, Nutrition and Food Security in developing Countries of Sub-Saharan Africa*
13:35 – 13:50	**Dr. Utibe Ukana Usendu**, PhD, Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Akwa Ibom State University (Nigeria) *An Untapped Reserve for Food Security: Analysis of Losses from Field to Fork, Economic and Technological Solutions, and the Role of Logistics and the Cold Chain*
13:50 – 14:05	**Mr. Rituparna Banerjee**, Senior Scientist, ICAR-National Meat Research Institute, Hyderabad (India) *Bridging food loss, safety, and value chains: Science-driven solutions for food security in emerging economies*

14:05 – 14:20	**Prof. Charles Emeka Ochem**, PHD, Dean, Student Affairs, Igbinedion University, Okada Edo State (Nigeria) *The African Continental Free Trade Area as a Driver of Food Security: Trade Barriers, Regional Food Reserves, and the Harmonisation of Standards*
14:20 – 14:35	**Dr. Hanson Arthur**, PhD, International Agri-Food Systems Consultant (Ghana) *Food Security in Africa - The Role of the Global University*
14:35 – 14:50	**Dr. Alex Sivalie Mbayo,** PhD, Department of Peace & Conflict Studies, Fourah Bay College (Sierra Leone) *An analysis of the current food security context in Sierra Leone, its challenges and coping strategies*
14:50 – 15:05	**Dr. Razo-Regino Shyatesa**, PhD, Senior Scientist (Balik Scientist), Department of Agriculture - Crop Biotechnology Center (Philippines) *Food Security in Southeast Asia: Prospects and Challenges amid the Middle East Crisis*
15:05 – 15:20	**Assoc. Prof. Lesley Macheka**, PhD, Executive Director - Research, Innovation, Industrialisation, and Enterprise Development, Chairperson - Scaling Up Nutrition, Research and Academia Platform (SUNRAP), Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologh (Zimbabwe) *Development of the Agro-Industrial Complex and Job Creation. Processing of products, development of local brands, integration of smallholder farms into value chains.*
15:20 – 15:35	**Dr. Nina G. Gavrilova**, PhD in Economics, Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Transition Economy, Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia) *Two Methodologies for Assessing Food Security in Africa: From Long-Term Malnutrition to Immediate Life-Threatening (in Russian)*
15:35 – 15:50	**Dr.Ndongo Nlate Jean Martial**, PhD, the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University (Russia) *Utilisation des réseaux sociaux par les groupes extrémistes en Afrique: propagande, recrutement et financement. (In French)*
15:50 – 16:05	General Discussion: **Dr. Ndongo Nlate Jean Martial,** Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University; **Assoc. Prof. Svetlana A. Bokeriya**, Associate Professor at the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University.

Session 2.

Moderator: *Sarah Machero*, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University

16:05–16:10	**Abubakal Yushawu**, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University **(**Ghana) *Terrorism and Food Security in the Sahel: Assessing the Impact of Insecurity on Agricultural Livelihoods*
16:10 – 16:20	**Sarah Machero & Tiyamike Mazaza**, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University (Malawi) *Grain, Aid, and Food Security: Russia's Soft Power Diplomacy in Malawi, 2000–2025*
16:20 – 16:30	**Karen Orwasa Chelangati & Mariel Mussera**, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University (Kenya) *Food Insecurity in Kenya: The case of Tana River County*
16:30 – 16:40	**Mike Okwoche**, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University (Nigeria) *Food Security in West Africa: Threats and Opportunities*
16:40 – 16:50	**Peace Stanley Matapira**, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Malawi) *Climate change and food security: risks and responses*
16:50 – 17:00	**Omodot Idiong**, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University (Nigeria) *Youth Empowerment and Agribusiness: The Future of Food Security in Africa*
17:00 – 17:15	General Discussion and Closing Remarks: **Dr. Konstantin P. Kurylev**, Head of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University; **Assoc. Prof. Svetlana A. Bokeriya**, Associate professor at the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University.