



MIASA Conference
**“Urban transformation pathways,
sustainable governance, and urban
resilience building”**

22-23 May 2024

**Centre for Biodiversity Conservation Research,
University of Ghana**

DETAILED PROGRAMME

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Time is scheduled in UTC (time in Accra/Ghana)

Wednesday, 22nd May 2024

8:30–9:00	Registration Venue: Centre for Biodiversity Conservation Research, University of Ghana
09:00–10:30	Opening Ceremony Welcome remarks by MIASA Directors Prof. Grace Diabah Prof. Mamadou Diawara Welcome remarks by Provost of College of Humanities Prof. Daniel Frimpong Ofori Keynote Address Prof. George Owusu Large-scale urban road corridor development and its implications on sprawl, agriculture, and food security in African cities
10:30–11:00	Cocoa Break
11:00–13:00	Panel I Theme: Urban Agriculture Resilience in West Africa Chair: Prof. Kwadwo Owusu (University of Ghana & MIASA IFG10 fellow) Presenter 1: Prof. Joelle Cruz (University of Colorado) Urban agricultural resilience in Dakar, Senegal: The case of women’s community gardens Presenter 2: Dr. Ousmane Niang (Université Cheikh Anta Diop & MIASA IFG10 fellow) Green soldiers in urban cities faced with the lack of blue weapons: between struggles, strategy, and what prospects for social innovation

	<p>Presenter 3: Dr. Sylvia Kruse (University of Freiburg) Untangling urban resilience: systematizing resilience concepts for transformation pathways at the water-food-nexus</p>
13:00–14:30	<p>Lunch Break Centre for Biodiversity Conservation Research, University of Ghana</p>
14:30–16:00	<p>Panel II Theme: Climate change adaptation and urban food security</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Joelle Cruz (University of Colorado)</p> <p>Presenter 1: Dr. Isaac Kwamena Arthur (University of Ghana) Building resilience against urban heating effect on vegetable production in Accra, Ghana</p> <p>Presenter 2: Dr. Musibau Oyeleke Azeez (Obafemi Awolowo University) Role of circular Agriculture in urban food security and Climate Change Adaption</p>
16:00–17:30	<p>Visit to Center for Climate Change and Sustainability Studies, University of Ghana</p>
18:00	<p>Conference Dinner (By invitation only)</p>

Thursday, 23rd May 2024

8:30–9:00	<p>Registration Venue: Centre for Biodiversity Conservation Research, University of Ghana</p>
9:00–10:30	<p>Panel I Theme: Urban transformation, water governance, and resilience building</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Sylvia Kruse (University of Freiburg)</p> <p>Presenter 1: Dr. Peter Bilson and Prof. Kwadwo Owusu (University of Ghana & MIASA IFG10 fellows)</p>

	<p>Water management strategies for urban/peri-urban agriculture and its implications on livelihoods</p> <p>Presenter 2: Dr. Joshua Ntajal (University of Bonn & MIASA IFG10 fellow) Urban transformation in Ghana: exploring the pathways, complexities, and implications on water and urban farm resilience</p>
10:30–11:00	Cocoa Break
11:00–12:00	Discussion with Representatives of WASCAL
12:00–13:30	<p>Lunch Break Centre for Biodiversity Conservation Research, University of Ghana</p>
13:30–15:30	<p>Panel II Theme: Water resources management and the role of institutional collaborations</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Isaac Kwamena Arthur (University of Ghana)</p> <p>Presenter 1: Dr. Emmanuel Obuobie (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Accra) Water resources management in Ghana: Challenges and opportunities for urban water and agriculture</p> <p>Presenter 2: Dr. Michael Tuffour (University of Environment and Sustainable Development, Somanya) Agriculture within a rapidly growing city: the challenges, opportunities and sustainability</p> <p>Presenter 3: Dr. Adrian, Almoradie (University of Bonn) Urban Resilience and Flood Disaster: perspectives from researchers, practitioners, decision-makers, and policy formulators in Accra, Ghana</p>
15:30–16:00	Cocoa Break
16:00–16:45	Final Discussion and Future Perspectives
16:45–17:00	<p>Closing Remarks (MIASA Directors)</p>