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Agricultural Technology Park Opens in Les Cayes, Haiti

On June 2nd, 2023 the University of Notre-Dame d'Haiti (UNDH) was able to launch its second Agricultural Technology Park (ATP) at their campus at Les Cayes. The project is funded by USAID through the Feed the Future program and executed by Kansas State University as part of the Haitian Agricultural University Partnership: Center for Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change in Haiti (HAUP-CEMARCH). Click the button below to read more.



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The Impact of Dual-Purpose Cowpea and Millet Varieties for Farmers in Senegal



In 2021, Ousmane Willane, a farmer who lives in a village in southern Senegal, demonstrated new dual-purpose millet and cowpea varieties as a contribution to the Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab's project entitled Senegal Coordinator. Ousmane became a de facto, community ambassador for these new varieties as he was impressed early on by the rapid growth of his crops. Local farmers visited his field intrigued to ask the varietal names. He since has begun including machinery to support increased production and reduce postharvest losses. Read Ousmane's full story below!

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Youth Engagement: Student Highlight



Sokhna Mame Khary Mbodj

West & Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development - Regional Study Center on the Improvement of Plant Adaptation to Drought (CORAF-CERAAS)

Sokhna is earning her Bachelor's degree in Agronomy from the Higher Institute of Agricultural and Training in Senegal.

Sokhna's research focuses on documenting the performance of agricultural innovations on groundnut, millet, and cowpea as new varieties compared with farmers' local varieties at the IREACH -CERAAS Agricultural Technology Park (ATP) at The National Center for Agronomic Research (CNRA) Bambey. Sokhna's newest dual-purpose varieties of crops had the best performance on all the parameters and have been considered to be the most compatible for local producers and their farming practices. Her next goal is to start farmer adoption of these new varieties which she hopes will increase local food and nutritional security for both the community and their livestock.

SIIIL Welcomes New International Communications Officer

Sanders Barbee has been serving the Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab (SIIIL) during her time as an Undergraduate student at Kansas State University since 2020. She has gotten the privilege to work for the SIIIL as both the Communications Assistant and the Senior Student Assistant. She has worked to draft different documents such as press releases and success stories for multiple of the SIIIL's projects and initiatives, she's also published the lab's newsletters and has developed a high level of understanding of Adobe applications.



Since graduating in May of 2023 with a degree in Agricultural Economics she had the opportunity to interview with the SIIIL and has taken an offer to serve in a new role for the lab as the International Communications Officer. For further details of her qualifications, background, and contributions feel free to contact her at sander3@ksu.edu.

Upcoming Events: See You in Senegal!

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AUGUST 1 - 3, 2023

SUSTAINABLE INTENSIFICATION INNOVATION LAB 2023 ANNUAL MEETING *Somone, Senegal*

We are excited to announce our upcoming annual meeting of the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Sustainable Intensification (SIIL). The event will feature presentations on future activities of SIIL, consortia, and research projects, and opportunities for collaboration and networking. SIIL sub-awardees, external advisory board, collaborators, host country partners, management entity staff, and USAID representatives will all be in attendance! The Mural platform will be utilized for our meeting. Details and more information to come soon. For potential questions or concerns contact Layne Davis at laynewilson@ksu.edu.



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