



CONCEPT NOTE

4TH EDITION GLOBAL SUMMIT WOMEN IN AGRITECH & BIO **THEME: “FEEDING THE WORLD THROUGH AGTECH AND BIO INNOVATIONS”**

September 24-27, 2025
Your Nature, Antoing - Belgium

The **fourth edition of the Global Summit Women in AgTech and Bio** is a major international event that will take place from **September 24 to 27** at Your Nature Antoing bringing together global leaders, AgTech and biotechnology experts, as well as women entrepreneurs and key stakeholders from the agricultural and organic sectors. This summit will provide a platform for in-depth reflection on the impact of innovations in these fields to **feed the world in a sustainable and inclusive way**.

In a context of global population growth, where food security is becoming an increasingly urgent issue, AgTech and biotechnology offer innovative solutions to meet these challenges.

However, their adoption is often hindered by technological, financial, and societal barriers. The role of women leaders in these sectors is essential to transforming agriculture into a more sustainable, equitable, and efficient model.

Theme and Focus

The central theme of the summit, **“Feeding the World through AgTech and Bio Innovations,”** aligns with a period of profound transformation in the agricultural sector. This transformation is driven by the emergence of cutting-edge technologies such as precision agriculture, biotechnology, artificial intelligence, and sustainable natural resource management—essential tools to strengthen the resilience of agricultural systems in the face of current environmental and socio-economic challenges.

In this context, **women entrepreneurs and leaders** will be at the heart of discussions and initiatives aimed at:

- **Promoting innovation in agriculture** through emerging technologies, while preserving the environment and biodiversity;
- **Strengthening women’s leadership** in the AgTech and Bio sectors by offering a platform to share experiences and practical solutions to global agricultural challenges;
- **Creating business and collaboration opportunities** between local and international stakeholders, with a focus on sustainable and inclusive development;
- **Empowering women as agents of change**, by improving access to resources, training, and the networks needed to succeed in these sectors.

Summit Program

The summit will feature a rich and diverse program, offering a blend of inspiring talks, in-depth discussions, and informal networking moments conducive to creating synergies. Highlights include:

1. Continental Roundtables

Dedicated roundtables by continent to address region-specific challenges related to food security, sustainable agriculture, and AgTech/Bio innovation. Participants will share their experiences and propose tailored solutions adapted to their local contexts.

2. Global Bio Women's Expo

A dedicated space for women entrepreneurs, innovators, and professionals in the organic and biotechnology sectors to showcase their products. This expo will serve as a privileged space for building partnerships, strengthening networks, and promoting organic agriculture.

3. Excellence Gala

A prestigious closing event honoring women leaders and outstanding initiatives in agriculture and biotechnology. The gala will be a moment of celebration, sharing inspiring stories, and encouraging continued collaboration toward a more sustainable and equitable future.

Partnerships and Collaboration

- **Foster international and local partnerships**, especially between European and global stakeholders, to encourage the exchange of best practices, joint innovation, and support for local sustainable development initiatives.
- **Strengthen synergies between European actors** (governments, companies, NGOs, researchers) and local initiatives to open new opportunities for cross-border collaboration and funding of innovative AgTech and Bio projects.

Expected Impact

- **Showcase women's leadership** in ethical and bio-based agri-industries by highlighting their essential contributions to sustainable and innovative transformation, and inspiring new generations of leaders.
- **Facilitate the creation of strategic partnerships** between European and global stakeholders, encouraging transnational cooperation to develop sustainable agricultural and bio solutions, while promoting the exchange of knowledge, technologies, and best practices.
- **Highlight local successes** and sustainable agriculture and biotechnology initiatives in Europe, while creating new pathways for access to international markets and supporting the global scaling of innovative projects.
- **Amplify the positive impact of the ethical bio industry** on public health and the environment by promoting the benefits of healthy, sustainable, and ecosystem-friendly products.

A Unique Global Platform

The **Global Women's Summit on AgTech and Bio** offers a unique platform to promote sustainable agriculture, technological innovation, and women's leadership. The event will serve as a catalyst to build strong international partnerships, reinforce local and European collaboration, and accelerate the transformation of the agricultural sector on a global scale.



PROGRAM

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September 24, 2025 -Tournai: Welcome Address Delivered by the Mayor of Tournai

A welcome program has been specially designed for the summit, during which the Mayor of the Tournai City will host VIP guests. This program includes a guided tour of the cathedral, a cocktail dinner reception, and a concert. It aims to create a warm and culturally rich atmosphere, respectful of local traditions, while encouraging networking and cultural exchange.

3h00 - 4h00: Private Tour of the Cathedral in Tournai

A guided visit exclusively reserved for VIP guests, offering a unique opportunity to discover the historical and architectural treasures of the city's iconic

5h00 –7h00: VIP Cocktail Dinner & Networking – By Invitation Only Location: The Gardens of the Château des Princes de Ligne in Antoing

An exclusive evening reserved for distinguished guests, set in the enchanting gardens of the historic Château des Princes de Ligne. This elegant cocktail dinner will provide a refined atmosphere for meaningful exchanges, networking, and the celebration of local heritage.

September 25, 2025 – Antoining: « Feeding the world through agtech and bio innovations »

09:00 – 09:30 | Opening of the Conference

- **Welcome speeches by:**
 - **Official Partner and President of the Summit**
 - **Mayor / Minister of Agriculture / Minister of the Environment of Belgium**

09:30 – 10:30 | Session 1 – International Policies and Commitments for the Organic Industry: A Global Vision

Speakers: Ministers, agricultural policy experts, representatives of international organizations

Objective: Introduce the importance of transforming the organic industry toward a sustainable and ethical future.
Key Takeaway: Collaboration among public, private, and educational sectors is crucial to address public health and environmental challenges.

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break & Networking

Includes: Guided tour of the exhibition hall -WOMEN IN BIO

11:00 – 12:30 | Session 2 – From Seed to Packaging: Revolutionizing the Organic Value Chain

Speakers: AgTech experts, researchers, executives from organic seed and sustainable packaging companies

Key Message: Innovation at every stage of the value chain is essential to ensure healthy food production that respects the environment and meets consumer expectations.

12:30 – 13:30 | Networking Lunch & Guest of Honor Speeches

An informal lunch allowing further exchanges and insights from distinguished guests.

13:30 – 15:00 | Session 3 – Scientific and Academic Education: Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders

Speakers: Academics, heads of biotechnology and AgTech research institutions

Key Message: A strong foundation in scientific education is vital to train the next generation of leaders and researchers driving innovation in the organic industry. Strengthening the link between academia and industry is key to accelerating applied research.

15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee Break & Networking

15:30 – 17:00 | Session 4 – Investor Engagement for a Responsible Future

Speakers: Investors, financial experts, AgTech entrepreneurs, and leaders in the organic sector

Key Message: The commitment of investors to ethical and sustainable projects is essential to accelerate the shift toward greener agriculture. Investment should support sustainable innovation, food security, and public health.

17:00 – 18:00 | Session 5 – Business Opportunities with Europe and Belgium: Innovative Strategies to Reach Conscious Consumers in the Organic Market

Speakers: Chamber of commerce representatives, brand leaders, distributors, and experts in organic marketing and branding

Key Message: Marketing organic products requires innovative strategies to reach health-conscious consumers while meeting demands for transparency, quality, and sustainability.

18:00 – 18:30 | Closing of Day One

Conclusion & Call to Action

Key Message: Reaffirming the importance of cross-sector collaboration to drive the transformation of the organic industry in response to the needs of tomorrow's consumers.

September 26, 2025 – WOMEN IN BIO EXPO & ROUNDTABLES BY CONTINENT

09:00 | Opening of the Conference

09:00 – 15:00 | The Future of the Health-Conscious Consumer: Expectations and Opportunities

Key Message: Consumers are increasingly aware of their health and the environmental impact of their dietary choices. This shift is generating strong demand for organic and sustainable products — from seed to packaging.

🌟 European Excellence Gala Awards: Honoring Women Leaders in the Organic Industry

19:00 – 22:30 | Château des Princes de Ligne, Antoin

19:00 – 19:30 | Red Carpet Photo Session

A glamorous moment to welcome distinguished guests!

19:30 – 20:00 | Cocktail Reception

Opening Ceremony with Representatives of the Gala Partners

Key Messages:

- Congratulations to the awardees and recognition of their commitment to building a more sustainable, ethical, and inclusive industry across sectors such as organic agriculture, agri-food, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and textiles.
- Emphasis on supporting responsible innovation and positive social impact in all areas of activity.
- A call to action for the collective transformation of industries toward more sustainable and inclusive models.

20:00 – 22:00 | Gala Dinner & Networking

A gourmet dinner featuring 100% organic and locally sourced products, accompanied by biodynamic wines and beverages. The meal will showcase the diversity of organic agriculture and highlight innovations in sustainable food systems.

🏆 Excellence Awards Ceremony

Award Categories:

1. **Women Leader in Organic Agriculture & AgTech Innovation**
Recognizing companies or projects that have demonstrated sustainable technological innovation in organic production and agricultural technologies.
2. **Women Leader in Organic Agri-Food**
Honoring agri-food companies that have integrated sustainable practices throughout their production chain while meeting high organic, environmental, and ethical standards.
3. **Women Leader in Organic Cosmetics**
Recognizing cosmetic companies using organic ingredients and sustainable, eco-conscious practices, while upholding social responsibility standards.
4. **Women Leader in Biopharmaceuticals**
Celebrating pharmaceutical initiatives using organic ingredients to develop ethical, sustainable therapeutic solutions.
5. **Women Leader in Eco-Friendly Packaging**
Honoring companies committed to environmentally responsible packaging solutions.

22:00 – 22:30 | Closing of the Ceremony

September 27, 2025 - Your Nature: Wellness Activities
