



# Science for Better Shea

**Venue:**

**Splendid Hotel** ([le-splendidhotel.com](http://le-splendidhotel.com))

**Location:**

**Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso**

**Date:**

**24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

The INNOVKAR project studies management and use of the shea (*Vitellaria paradoxa*) resources in Africa. Focus is on threats to the natural resource, market constraints, improved quality in production, and new products. The project is a joint effort between partners from nine countries, coordinated by CIRAD and supported by the EU. At this final INNOVKAR conference all new findings and their practical implications will be presented and discussed. Beside the official program there will be possibilities for informal discussions with scientists and presentation of posters.

**Please note:** that all participants need to cover their own costs for travel, accommodation and subsistence. The size of the meeting is limited. In case of too many interested, the organizers will select participants based on affiliation and stated interests in order to ensure a good mixture of scientists and stakeholders. After the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, we will confirm participation subject to available room.

To participate in the conference send an e-mail with your Name, Title, Organisation, Address, E-mail, Affiliation, and Interests to [jvind@life.ku.dk](mailto:JVIND@life.ku.dk) no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2011.

**General Program** (detailed program will be handed out on arrival)

24 <sup>th</sup> October	25 <sup>th</sup> October	26 <sup>th</sup> October
Time: 09:00 am <b>Registration &amp; Opening</b>	<b>Domestication for improved productivity and quality</b> [Presentation related to WP3, WP4 and WP5]	<b>New technologies, products and markets</b> [Presentation related to WP5 and WP7]
<b>Shea distribution, regeneration and climate change: is shea an endangered natural resource, and are actions needed?</b> [Presentation related to WP1 and WP2]	<b>Post harvest processing and shea quality assessments</b> [Presentation related to WP8]	<b>Traceability, trade and up-grading of value chains</b> [Presentation related to WP6 and WP9]
<b>Genetic resources, farmers varieties</b> [Presentation related to WP3, WP4 and WP5]		<b>Future directions</b>  <b>End of the Conference</b>

**More information will be launched soon at the INNOVKAR webpage: [inco-innovkar.cirad.fr](http://inco-innovkar.cirad.fr)**

