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Black Food Sovereignty Transformational Leadership Roundtable

Hybrid event connects Ghana and Canada to advance community-led food systems

Date: October 16, 2025

Time: 1:00–4:00 p.m. EDT (Toronto) / 5:00–8:00 p.m. GMT (Ghana)

Locations: Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU), University of Ghana, and Virtual.

Toronto/Accra — October 8, 2025. The Black Food Sovereignty Alliance (BFSA), the University of Ghana, and TMU's Centre for Studies in Food Security will host a cross-continental Roundtable on October 16, convening thought leaders, practitioners, scholars, and community members from Ghana, Canada, and the U.S. in a hybrid format to broaden participation and impact.

The Roundtable will deepen understanding of Black Food Sovereignty, highlight transformational leadership, examine case studies that build community capacity and influence policy, and explore collaboration pathways to address racial inequities in food systems while strengthening governance across Black-led organizations.

Featured speakers & moderators

- **Anan Lololi**, Executive Director, Black Food Sovereignty Alliance
- **Chef Bashir Munye**, Senior Advisor, Black Food Sovereignty Alliance
- **Nicole Austin**, Black-Led Programs Coordinator | Urban Farm, TMU
- **Malik Yakini**, Former Executive Director, Detroit Black Community Food Sovereignty Network
- **Janice Bartley**, Founder & Executive Director, Foodpreneur Lab
- **Elle Asiedu**, Executive Director & Co-Founder, The Re-Seasoning Coalition
- **Shareef Shabazz**, Operations Manager, KASI
- **Moderators: Kweku Baffour** (KNUST, Ghana) and **Ginelle Skerritt** (Adrinkafarm, Toronto).

Speaker and moderator biographies are available in the event materials.

Community impact

This initiative advances BFSA's commitment to community-led research and leadership development by building governance capacity, promoting shared responsibility, strengthening policy influence and economic opportunity, and creating a platform for knowledge exchange between communities in Ghana, Canada, and beyond.

Partners & supporters

This event is made possible through the generous contributions of funders and partners, including the Government of Canada – Public Health Agency of Canada (Intersectoral Action Fund), Metcalf Foundation, Mazon Canada, and HABESHA, Inc.

Registration

In-person attendance will be hosted at TMU (Toronto) and the University of Ghana (Accra), with a virtual option available for broader accessibility. You can find the registration hyperlinks for [Toronto](#) (in person), [Accra](#) (in person), and [Virtual](#). Registration information is also available via Instagram and LinkedIn.

Media & contact

For interviews, media access, and additional information, please contact info@bfstoronto.ca or visit bfstoronto.ca.

About the Black Food Sovereignty Alliance (BFSA)

BFSA advances food justice and equity in Black communities through research, advocacy, and leadership development, championing community-led solutions that promote economic dignity and influence public policy.

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