



First Announcement & Call for Titles

Transforming Rural Livelihoods in Africa: How can Land and water management contribute to Enhanced Food Security and address climate change adaptation and mitigation?

Nakuru, Kenya 20-25 October 2013

A conference of public and private sector organizations and projects accelerating delivery of needed Land and Water Management Technologies to African farmers

Conference Purpose

The Soil Science Society of East Africa (EASSS) in collaboration with African Soil Science Society (ASSS) invite participation at a conference intended to critically analyze Land and Water Management (LWM) technologies, innovative products and services, and strategies benefiting small-scale agriculture in Africa. This will be the 6th ASSS Conference following the previous 5th Conference held on 22-28 November 2009 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, and the 27th EASSS following the 26th meeting held at Jinja Uganda on 21-25 November 2011. The EASSS and the ASSS have this time decided to pool resources and have a joint Africa-wide conference.

A particular focus of this joint conference deals with the contribution of LWM in the Agricultural Production Value Chains, addressing threats and opportunities associated with climate change, and scaling of proven technologies for transformational impact on the livelihoods of African small-scale farmers. In addition, Land Use Planning and Policy will be addressed during this conference.

In line with the comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP's) goal of eliminating hunger and reducing poverty through agriculture, the conference touches on the pillars relating to sustainable land management; market access; increasing food supply and reducing hunger. This will be achieved through presentations on research findings, technology dissemination and adoption. Outputs from the conference will also contribute towards informing the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN).

The conference will feature invited keynote speakers in plenary sessions, followed by sessions of related thematic oral and poster presentations. The output will be electronic/bound proceedings that will include oral presentations and posters. In addition, a summary of exhibited products and services will be synthesized as short papers.

Theme

Transforming Livelihoods in Africa through Soils Research and Development by Climate Change Adaptation/Mitigation, Enhanced Food Security and Market Access

Areas of Focus

- a. *Enhancing applications of adaptation and mitigation to climate variability and change*
- b. *Enhancing the status of human nutrition and food security in Africa through Integrated Soil Fertility Management (ISFM), and small scale irrigation*
- c. *Exploring options for sustainable intensification and diversification of Crop Soil Livestock Systems*
- d. *Land Use Planning for sustainable food security and climate change adaptation in Africa*
- e. *Commercialization aspects in Land and Water Management: Markets and private sector engagement*
- f. *Scaling, Socio-economics and Policy Options in Land and Water Management*
- g. *Capacity Building in Land and Water Management within the Agricultural Product Value Chains (APVC) Approach*

Venue

Nakuru is home to Lake Nakuru, one of the Rift Valley soda lakes, which forms part of the Lake Nakuru National Park. The area surrounding the town is known for its vast agricultural potential with numerous small farms and vast agricultural enterprises. The town has the second largest surviving volcanic crater in the world, Menengai Crater, a dormant volcano, where small fumaroles and steam vents can regularly be observed within the forested caldera from above.

Language: English or French

Deadlines

The Deadline for Titles submission is **10 December 2012**. Titles indicating area of focus should be submitted to Dr. Cyrus Githunguri, Organizing Committee, SSSEA/ASSS, email: soilseakenya@gmail.com. Other deadlines concerning the Abstract and Full paper submission will be circulated by January 2013.

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