



TARSPRO
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Call for Abstract

Abstract submission for the Symposium on the State of f Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability in West and Central Africa

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 15th August, 2024

Introduction

West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF) is an international non-profit association of national agricultural research systems (NARS) of 23 countries, covering over forty percent (40%) of Africa's population, thus making it the largest sub-regional research organization on the African continent. CORAF, based in Dakar, Senegal, was created in 1987 and assigned the responsibility to coordinate and facilitate ground-breaking and cutting-edge research outputs needed to unlock the agricultural potential of West and Central Africa.

CORAF implements the TARSPRO project (***Agricultural Technologies and Innovations Scaling Up Project for Increasing the Resilience of Production Systems and Family Farms in West and Central Africa***). This project aims to increase the food, nutritional and economic security of the populations of its areas of intervention in West and Central Africa, precisely in five countries namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Chad.

The project is committed to several activities to achieve its various objectives. In order to ensure a coalition and a synergy of actions among the actors in the transformation of agriculture, it is planned, among other things, to organize an annual meeting on the state of agricultural research, and environmental sustainability as well as a Research-Policy dialogue. It is in this context that this Symposium on the State of Agricultural and Environmental Sustainability in West and Central Africa is initiated.

Organized around the theme entitled "**Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability: The Pathway to transforming agrifood systems in West and Centra Africa**", the symposium will be held in Accra Ghana, from 19th - 21st November, 2024. The symposium will be hybrid (both physical and virtual), with the option of participating remotely via Zoom.

Call for abstract submission

The Organizing Committee of the Symposium on the State of Agricultural and Environmental Sustainability in West and Central Africa is currently accepting abstracts for presentations in the following categories:

- Technical presentations (15 min)
- Poster presentations (10 min)

Abstracts must be written in French or English (Word format). Selected abstracts should address one

of the following symposium themes:

- **Theme 1:** Climate Change/Agroecology: *Mitigation Strategies to Biotic and Abiotic Stresses in Agriculture.*
- **Theme 2:** Bio-Diversity, Bio-Risks and Bio-Safety: *Application of Biotechnology for Sustainable Agricultural Productivity: Gaps, Challenges and Policies.*
- **Theme 3:** Fertilizer and Soil Health: *Sustainable Practices for Nutrient Recycling and Soil Health Consciousness*
- **Theme 4:** Sustainable Agricultural Input System (seeds): *Innovative Models for Enhanced Seed Access*
- **Theme 5:** Partnerships: *Global Initiatives, Academic Research and Public -Private Partnership for Improved Local Agrifood Systems.*
- **Theme 6:** Market, Policy, Private sector: *Value Addition for Reduction in food Wastage and Enhanced Market Opportunities.*

Submission Document Format

Proposals for papers should be based on a scientific article, study or research in the field related to the main theme. They must contain the following information:

- Article title (similar to the article, study or research conducted);
- Name(s), title(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of the author (s);
- Name(s), title(s), institutional affiliation(s) and contact information of the presenter (if different from the author);
- An abstract of no more than 300 words describing the study's background, including geographic coverage, applied research methods, a summary of the findings and conclusions, and policy recommendations.

Please submit abstract or a promotional description of your exhibit here:

<https://ee.coraf.org/x/5NvZskRr>

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Notice of acceptance of abstracts: Applicants whose abstracts have been selected for the symposium will be notified by email by 30th August, 2024

Deadline for submission of full papers: 15th September, 2024

Deadline for submission of corrected manuscripts: 15th October, 2024

Symposium Date: 19th -21st November, 2024, Accra, Ghana.

Any questions regarding this call should be sent to the following e-mail address: a.nadinga@coraf.org