IBMA 2024 - Overview Abstract Submission

Open Call for Abstracts

The IBMA 2024 organisers are pleased to call for abstracts for all conference tracks from any and all interested parties.

Abstract Submission Dates: Authors should upload their abstracts via the <u>submission platform on the event website</u>

Should you have difficulties navigating the platform, please contact the administrator on <u>caro@exbo.co.za</u>

<u>Opening of call</u>: Abstract submissions will open on **17th October 2023**

<u>Submission deadline</u>: The abstract submission deadline is **30th November 2023 at 23h59' Central Africa Time (GMT+2)**

No abstracts will be accepted past the official due date.

THEMES AND NARRATIVES

Theme 1: Unlocking the Potential of Agricultural Innovation in the Exports of High Value Agricultural Produce

Theme 2: Impact of Climate Change on Agricultural Production and its Mitigation Strategies

Theme 3: Accelerating Food Systems for Safe, Nutritious and Affordable diets

Theme 4: Transforming Africa's agricultural sector through innovations in the Livestock, Horticulture, Crops, Agroforestry and Fisheries Sub-sectors

Theme 5: Women and Youth in SMART agriculture

Theme 6: Evaluation of the Implementation and Relevance of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services in Africa

Theme 7: Building Resilience Agricultural Value-Chain through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Theme 1: Unlocking the Potential of Agricultural Innovation in the Exports of High Value Agricultural Produce

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:

- ✓ High Value Crops such as Sugar Cane, Maize, Wheat, Millet, Cassava, Rice, Irish Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Plantains, amongst others
- ✓ Innovative Technologies for Agriculture Production (Water & Irrigation Technologies, Conservation Agriculture, Horticulture, Floriculture and Aquaculture)
- ✓ Post harvesting Technologies, Processing and food Technologies
- ✓ Innovative Technologies in Animal Production and By-products
- ✓ Organic Farming and Bio-products
- ✓ Cash Crops and Pre-exports Technologies

Theme 2: Impact of Climate Change on Agricultural Production and its Mitigation

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:

- ✓ Climate Change, extreme Weather Conditions and Agriculture
- ✓ Hydro-meteorological hazards (flood, drought & landslides) and Mitigation Strategies
- ✓ Climate Change and its Impact on Livestock
- ✓ Climate resilient and Smart Agriculture
- ✓ Agriculture and Climate Adaptation Strategies
- ✓ Water Harvesting and Storage Technologies for Smallholder Farmers

Theme 3: Accelerating Food Systems for Safe, Nutritious and Affordable diets

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:

- ✓ Rethinking Global Architecture of Global Food System
- ✓ Measuring Transformation in Global Food Systems through participation in Agricultural Value Chains
- ✓ Revisiting Governance and Policies in global food systems
- ✓ Advancing Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture or Resilient, Sustainable and Inclusive Food Systems
- ✓ Local-based Strategies to Sustain Food Systems targeting Household Food and Nutrition Security in Africa
- ✓ Advancing Benefits of Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture for the Transformation of Urban Food Systems

Theme 4: Transforming Africa's Agriculture Sector through Innovations in the Livestock, Horticulture, Crops, Agroforestry and Fisheries Sub-sectors

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:

- ✓ Measuring transformation in Livestock, Crops (e.g Horticulture, etc), Agroforestry and Fisheries Sub-sectors
- ✓ Harnessing the potential of Livestock, Crops (e.g Horticulture, etc), Agroforestry and Fisheries Sub-sectors in Africa to become sustainable

Theme 5: Women and Youth in Climate SMART Agriculture

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:

- ✓ Capacity Building and Education for Women and the Younger Generation on Climate SMART Agriculture
- ✓ Gender-Response and Youth-Inclusive Policy Development
- ✓ Market Access and Value Chain Development in Climate SMART Agriculture
- ✓ Community-based Climate Adaptation and Resilience for underprivileged Youths
- ✓ Financial support and access to credit for Women and Youths on Climate SMART Agriculture

Theme 6: Evaluation of the Implementation and Relevance of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services in Africa

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:

- ✓ Effectiveness of Advisory Services in Sub-Sahara Africa (SSA)
- ✓ Adequacy of Resources for the people of Africa
- ✓ Farmers' Participation and Feedback from different regions of Africa
- ✓ Sustainability and Scalability including the Role of Public and Private Partnerships in African Countries
- ✓ Policy Issues surrounding Extension and Advisory Services
- ✓ Innovative Extension Service Models

Theme 7: Building resilient Food and Agricultural value chain through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:

- ✓ Priority Food and Agricultural Value-Chains in the AfCFTA

- ✓ Major Challenges confronting the AfCFTA in building Resilient Agriculture Value-Chains
- ✓ AfCFTA and its roles in tackling Food Insecurity
- ✓ Strengthening regional Value Chains within the AfCFTA
- ✓ AfCFTA: What has worked and the way forward on Agricultural Trade

Abstract Structure

Word count: The abstract should not exceed **300 words** (Not including the title, key words, list of authors and their addresses).

- Provide the organisational affiliations of the first author and all co-authors
- Indicate **the corresponding autho**r with an Asterix* and provide their email address and telephone number plus their alternate contacts
- Key words: **include 4 – 6 key words**

Title: The title should be informative and concise

Introduction/Background: Address the scientific background, rationale for the study, as well as the significance to the theme

Explain why your study is important and state the research question (s) addressed. A clearly stated background sets the stage and should include:

- A brief description of the topic and its significance
- Study objectives
- Research questions or study hypothesis if applicable

Methods:
Summarise the methods used for the study. Essential points to be included are:
- Study design
- Study population
- Sample size and sampling methods
- Data management and analysis

Results: Present the significant findings directly related to the study objectives. This section should not include discussion of the results only major descriptive and statistical results.

We stress that this section should not include such statements as "Data will be discussed" If considerable work is still pending before the conference submission, please indicate that the results are preliminary.

Conclusion/policy implications: Be as concise as possible. Do not re-state data included in the results. This section may include:
- An interpretation of key findings and their implications for the theme
- Actions that are recommended and/or have been implemented as a consequence of the study

Evaluation Process

All abstracts submitted will be reviewed by a minimum **of two reviewers**
Acceptance: Applicants will be notified of acceptances by **31st January 2024** (at least 1.5 months prior the conference date)
Accepted abstracts will be presented as Oral or Poster presentation at the IBMA 2024 conference on **25- 28 March 2024 at Kigali Convention Centre.**

Evaluation criteria

Each abstract will be evaluated by **two independent reviewers using the following criteria:**

- Rationale of the study
- Appropriateness of methods
- Interpretation of results and policy implications
- Relevance to conference theme

Decisions and next steps

Electronic Version of all accepted abstracts will be published not later than 30th April 2024 on IBMA website: https://www.ibmaconference.org/

Contacts

More information about this event can be found at the event website.

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