



ISTRC
International Society for
Tropical Root Crops



The 19th International Triennial Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops (ISTRC)

Date: 21st to 25th November 2022.

Venue: Safari Park, Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

2nd Announcement and call for papers

The African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF) (<https://www.aatf-africa.org/>) and the Government of Kenya are delighted to co-host the 19th International Triennial Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops (ISTRC) to be held from **21 to 25 November 2022** at the Safari Park, Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

The event will provide an opportunity for scientists from all over Africa and around the world to come together for networking, information exchange and innovative ideas, and to initiate new collaborative studies. It will also create an opportunity to bring together buyers, investors, key decision makers, to show case the latest technologies, products, and services and to create new ideas and partnerships for various stakeholders. Please register on the website: <https://istrc.aatf-africa.org/>

Nairobi is a perfect venue for those seeking a balance between business and a brush with nature. Referred to as the green city in the sun, it is a vibrant hub that also boasts as one of Africa's only first-rate introductions to a wildlife and safari experience right within the city at the Nairobi national park. The shopping experience, nightlife, and food is varied with a wide choice of shopping malls and restaurants serving African and exotic menus.

The 2022 19th ISTRC Symposium will be an excellent opportunity for those interested in root and tuber crops from around the world especially Sub-Saharan Africa, to showcase their expertise and share and compare knowledge on how they can contribute to transforming the global agri-food systems. The Symposium will give an opportunity to interested participants to exhibit their agricultural products alongside presentations of research findings. This announcement provides an update on the theme of the Symposium and details on the call for abstract for presentations during the conference.



Symposium Theme:

“Technological and business innovations for strengthening root and tuber crops for resilient food, nutrition and industrial systems towards sustainable economic development”

Sub-Themes:

1. Ag. Biotechnology: Molecular tools, transgenics and genome editing;
2. Crop improvement;
3. Climate smart agriculture and climate smart compliance;
4. Agribusiness: Market system approach, finances, extension, input systems
5. Sustainable seed systems;
6. Enabling environment: Infrastructure, policy, regulatory, institutions;
7. Pests, disease and weed management (both invasive and endemic species);
8. Agro-processing: Post harvest loss management, public-private-partnerships, nutrition, linkages between production and processing, industrialization;
9. Technology transfer, adoption and stewardship;
10. Inclusivity: Gender and youth engagement; and
11. Digital Solutions

IMPORTANT DATES

- 30 June 2022 – Deadline for submission of abstracts
- 31 July 2022 - Early bird registration deadline
- 20 September 2022 – On-line registration of participants and accommodation request
- 30 September 2022 – Submission of full Papers /Participation in Exhibition
- 20 November 2022 – Arrival of Participants
- 21st – 25th November 2022 – Symposium

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION

Submission of the abstract will be done online on the website before 30th June 2022. Please use Microsoft Word software and specifically indicate the program used – For details, see abstract submission [guidelines](#) on the website.

Guidelines for Full Paper Preparation

It is essential that all prospective authors follow these style guidelines to ensure quality, uniformity, and timely completion. Non-compliance may result in delays or rejection. All questions are welcome. **Deadline for Full Paper submission: 30th Sep 2022.** For details, see [call for papers and submission instructions](#) on the website.



SYMPOSIUM CHARGES AND REGISTRATION

Please register early through the Symposium website on the link provided above. Early bird registration is open up to **31 July 2022** for ISTRC members at **20 per cent discount**. Kindly check out more details [here](#) on Symposium packages and payment details.

EXHIBITION AND POSTER DISPLAY GUIDELINES

The 19th ISTRC Exhibition booths and Poster Displays provide an excellent and effective opportunity for Researchers and Research Institutions and other value chain players to showcase their research work, products / services to the Symposium participants. A limited number of exhibition booths (in various categories) and poster stands are available at a minimal cost. Allocation of space will be done on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Exhibitors are therefore invited to register to showcase their work at the Symposium. See more details [here](#) on exhibition and poster display guidelines.

More information on the event including logistics such as airport pick up, accommodation, COVID-19 requirements, invited guests and speakers and the programme, will be shared in due course.

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