



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

Final Announcement

Registration closes in 4 weeks!

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.

Registration for participation is still ongoing on the website: <https://istrc.aatf-africa.org/> until 28th October 2022

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

- 5 October 2022 – Deadline for submission of abstracts
- 28 October 2022 – Deadline for registration and hotel reservation
- 20 November 2022 – Arrival of Participants
- 21st – 25th November 2022 – Symposium

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

We have extended the deadline for submission of abstracts to **5th October 2022**, to allow those who still wish to submit abstracts to do so. The submission is done online on the website. For details, see abstract submission [guidelines](#) on the website.

SYMPOSIUM CHARGES AND REGISTRATION

Please note that registration deadline has been extended to **October 28th, 2022**. 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-serve” basis. Exhibitors are therefore invited to register to showcase their work at the Symposium. See more details [here](#) on exhibition and poster display guidelines.

Accommodation

The ISTRC Secretariat has negotiated special rates at the meeting venue (Safari Park Hotel), and other hotels in the vicinity for alternative accommodation. Participants are advised to quickly arrange for their accommodation as soon as possible to secure their spaces. **This should be done no later than Oct. 28th, but preferably much earlier, as reservation will be first come, first serve basis.** More details on the list of various hotels, their indicative rates, and contact information can be found [here](#)

Logistics

Please note that participants are responsible for purchasing their own tickets including airport transfer. You may enquire from the hotel you will be staying if they provide the service. Alternatively, you may engage Uber or airport taxis, but ensure you have enough local currency to settle the charges. More information on symposium logistics can be found [here](#)

Programme

The draft programme for the Symposium indicating suggested guests of honour, Keynote and session speakers has been drafted and still under review. The final programme will be posted on the website in due course. Please see [here](#) for an indicative programme for the event. Depending on your schedule, you will have at your disposal featured plenary and parallel sessions throughout the Symposium that will also offer opportunities for field trips to make the most of your time at the meeting.

Please visit the [website](#) for more information on the event regarding visa requirements, travel insurance and weather



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