Second Announcement

13th AFRICAN CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY CONFERENCE

BUILDING AFRICA'S FUTURE:
Crop Research and Innovation for Agricultural Transformation, Resilience, and Inclusion

16 th – 19 th September 2024

Venue: Eduardo Modlane University Main Campus Maputo - Mozambique

Participate !

Conference Objectives

Share state-of-the-art knowledge and innovations along the most important crop value chains in Africa in a context challenged by climate change and other stressors.
Present latest results from crop science research & technology innovation.
Discuss the way forward for achieving more resilient livelihood opportunities, increased food and nutrition security and agribusiness growth for economic and social development.
Provide an opportunity to further enlighten both young and senior academics on key issues that threaten agricultural development on the continent.

Theme 1

Agricultural Production Systems

Agricultural production systems for a sustainable, viable and efficient production from planting to processing, marketing and consumption.

Topics:
- Plant breeding, biotechnology and seed systems.
- Food systems and nutritional security.
- Agro-processing.
- Modern production systems and technologies (digital agriculture, mechanization).
- Crops for clean energy.
- Under researched and emergent crops.

Theme 2
Resilience

Resilience for reduced impact of climate change, natural hazards and climate-related disasters.

Topics:
- Breeding for climate stress-tolerant varieties.
- Climate change and agricultural systems resilience.
- Soil health, fertility and management.
- Sustainable and regenerative agriculture.
- Crop protection, integrated pest management and biosafety. Water management.

Theme 3
Inclusion

Inclusion for market involvement of women and youth in agriculture.

Topics:
- Agribusiness, entrepreneurship and inclusive market systems.
- Smallholder farming and market inclusion.
- Gender inclusive approaches for technology adoption and financial literacy.
- Gender inclusivity on access to resources, training and market opportunities.
- Youth engagement in agriculture.
- Agricultural knowledge systems.
- Policies for agricultural transformation.

Program Format and Highlights

To achieve its objectives , the conference will facilitate a dynamic and interactive learning environment, where opportunities will be created for researchers, innovators, farmers, entrepreneurs, academics, students and policy makers to share research and innovation results, as well as discuss strategic recommendations around the conference themes.
The conference will combine the traditional in-person experience with online participation, where both groups can interact.

Tentative Program

	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19
Morning 1 08:30am – 10:30am	Registration	Opening session Keynote speaker	Symposium II	Symposium III
Morning 2 11:00am – 01:00pm		Symposium I	Special and thematic parallel sessions II	Special and thematic parallel sessions III
Afternoon 1 02:00pm – 04:00pm		Special and thematic parallel sessions I	Presentation session by students	ACSS General Assembly
Afternoon 2 04:00pm – 05:00pm		Exposition		
		Poster session I	Poster session II	Closing session
Evening		Cocktail		Gala dinner

Ways to participate in the conference

You can participate as:

- Presenter in any scientific session (oral or poster) - please register online and submit your abstract on the conference website https://acss2024.uem.mz
- Organizer of a special session - please download the submission form from the conference website and send your proposal to the email acss2024@uem.mz
- Exhibitor - please download the boot request form form the conference website and send to the email acss2024@uem.mz
- Participant in all conference events - please register online on the conference website
- Ponsor - please contact the conference organizers by email acss2024@uem.mz or phone +258 867800264

Submission of abstracts for oral presentations or posters

Submission of abstrats should be done online during the registration process until June 30th, 2024. Instructions for submission of abstracts for oral presentations and posters can be dowloaded from the conference website.

Conference venue

The conference will take place on the main campus of Eduardo Mondlane University, in the city of Maputo.

Maputo is the capital and largest city in Mozambique. It is located in the south of the country and is inhabited by almost one million people. Maputo has a hot and humid summer, with a rainy season that lasts from November to March and a colder, drier winter from June to August. It is a bustling city, full of multicultural and fun life, seaside restaurants and hotels, offering international food and typical local dishes. The city is an easy and convenient place, with daily international flights to South Africa, and regular flights to Angola, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Qatar and Kenya.

Hotels with preferential offers for participants (in the vicinity of the conference venue)

Radisson Blu – Otia hotel – City lodge Maputo – Southern sun Montebelo Indy – Bongavilla guest – Kutenga gest house

For more information about hotels and ways to access special rates, contact the conference organizers.

Registration Fees

The face-to-face fee includes participation in all sessions, the Conference folder, the welcome cocktail, the gala dinner and coffees.

In USD

Type of participation	Early registration			Late registration		
	ACSS member	Not a member of ACSS	Student	ACSS member	Not a member of ACSS	Student
In person	250	350	50	300	400	75
Virtual	100	200	30	150	250	40

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In person	16,000	22,400	3,200	19,200	25,600	4,800
Virtual	6,400	12,800	2,000	9,600	16,000	2,560

Main Deadlines

Abstract Submission	June 30th, 2024
Submission of proposals for special sessions (workshops, short-term side events)	June 30th, 2024
Exhibitor registration	June 30th, 2024
Early registration	June 30th to July 31st, 2024
Late registration	August 1th to September 17 ht, 2024

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

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