



11th African Crop Science Society conference
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“Sowing innovation for sustainable African crops production to meet food and nutrition security under climate change”



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14 - 17 October 2013 Yaounde, Cameroon

The African Crop Science Society and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) cordially invite you to attend the 11th African Crop Science Conference to be held in Yaounde from October 14th to 17th, 2013.

The African Crop Science Society (ACSS), established in 1993 to encourage crop production and food security in the Africa continent, is a society for researchers, producers, business people and technicians around the world. The ACSS organizes one international conference in every odd year in one of the African countries. The overall goal of the conference is to promote the active exchange of crop sciences information, innovation, and new ideas. Usually, it is attended by experts and distinguished keynote speakers and eminent scientists from Africa and of the entire globe.

The General Assembly of the ACSS held in Maputo, Mozambique, on 2011, decided that the 11th conference will be held in Yaounde, Cameroon, the first Central African country to host an ACSS conference. Therefore, on behalf of the ACCS council, the Conference Organizing Committee is pleased to welcome you to join us in this unique scientific experience.

The city of Yaounde

Yaounde, is the capital city of Cameroon. It is located in the centre of the country and is inhabited by nearly one million three hundred people. Yaounde has four seasons, with two rainy seasons and two dry seasons. It is a busy city, full of multicultural and entertaining life, restaurants and hotels, offering international food and typical local dishes. The city is an easy and convenient place, with international daily flights to East Africa, West Africa, South Africa and Europe.

Date of the Conference

The conference opens on October 14th, 2013, and the closes on October 17th, 2013.

Conference Venue

The conference will take place at one of the convenient conference centers well situated in the city.

Program Highlights

The conference will have a four-day program of events, which will include several scientific and technical sessions. Plenary sessions, with keynote speakers, three to four parallel sessions and poster sessions will be included. There will also be special sessions, such as **(urban and peri-urban agriculture)** which may include workshops, symposia, short courses, and round table discussions. Interested persons are strongly encouraged to indicate. Exhibitors will be accommodated and organized upon request.

The Conference will emphasize the role of research and indigenous African crops on providing for new and improved livelihood opportunities for farmers in Africa, which will impact on their income generation and food security. Thematic areas will include:

- Agronomy, crop physiology and cropping systems
- Agricbusiness
- Horticulture
- Crop improvement and genetics
- Post harvest handling and food sciences
- Agricultural extension and education
- Agricultural economics
- Biotechnology
- Integrated crops and livestock systems
- Crop protection
- Soil and water management
- Environment, climate change in agriculture

The official language of the conference is English.

Excursions and Field Trips

There will be field trips to relevant crop production sites in the vicinity of Yaounde city. Excursions and social programs to some touristic places will be available at an additional cost.

Transportation

The Nsimalen Airport, for international flights, is located about 20 km from the city center and about 45 minutes (busiest hours) from the city. A shuttle service will be operating between the airport and hotels, during the main arrival and departure dates.

Accommodation

All delegates will be accommodated in high standard hotels, with easy distance and transport to the conference venue. A list of hotels and other accommodation will soon be made available and also in the second notice.

Registration

The registration fee is \$250 (US) for early registration and \$300 (US) for late registration. The fee for includes a conference bag, welcome function, lunches, teas, field trip, gala dinner and transport (from and to the airport).

Key Deadlines

Abstract submission:	30 th April 2013
Special sessions submission:	31 st March 2013
Exhibitors registration:	31 st May 2013

Early registration:	31 st August 2013
Late registration:	1 st September to 17 th October 2013
Full Papers submission:	17 th October 2013

Additional Information

More information on the program, registration, accommodation, social events, visa and health requirements, guidelines for abstracts, posters, full papers and special sessions, will be updated in the conference website: <http://www.acssconference.com/> in the subsequent calls. Please check in again later.

We expect you to come and enjoy your attendance to the 11th ACSS Conference in Yaounde

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