
The conference is aimed at providing for presentation of keynote and scientific papers, and success stories. Additionally, it will accommodate exhibition of technologies, innovations, products and information materials emanating from research and related development programmes. Lead papers will be presented by persons with wide experience on topical issues of concern in relation to the theme in order to stimulate discussions that will lead to drawing recommendations. The four-day conference will therefore consist of keynote addresses, thematic panel and group discussions during plenary sessions, as well as parallel break-out sessions.

Emphasis is to be put on evidence based dialogue on the practical issues on agriculture, with special focus on innovations for agro-industrialization, and to create opportunity for audiences to show case advances in research and innovation that can contribute to development and transformation of the agricultural sector. This conference therefore seeks to engage stakeholders including government, research and innovation systems and development partners to find options towards accelerated agro-industrialization on the African continent.

Conference Sub-Themes

1. Challenges and Opportunities in Mechanization and Agro-Industrialization
2. Modernizing Post-Harvest Management and Food Safety Systems
3. Intensification Crop Productivity and Seed Systems
4. Accelerating Development of the Livestock-Based Industry
5. Managing Interactions among Agriculture, Fragile Ecosystems and Changing Environment
6. Embracing ICT-Based Innovations for Agricultural Transformation

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