

CALL FOR PAPERS & WORKSHOP
PROPOSALS

THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION
SPECIALISTS (IAALD) – AFRICA
CONFERENCE

30 May – 1 June
2018

Pretoria,
South Africa



Conference Theme

AGRICULTURAL INNOVATIONS,
INFORMATION AND
KNOWLEDGE: CATALYZING THE
ATTAINMENT OF THE 2030
AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT AND THE
AFRICAN UNION AGENDA 2063



IAALD Africa Chapter Conference

The International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD) Africa Chapter (www.iaald-africa.org) and the Information Training and Outreach Centre for Africa (ITOCA) (www.itoca.org) invite proposals for papers and workshops/seminars to be presented/organized at the 4th IAALD Africa Conference in Pretoria, South Africa, 30th May – 1st June 2018.

Papers should reflect and explore the conference theme - “Agricultural Innovations, Information and Knowledge: Catalyzing the Attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union Agenda 2063” and address any of the following sub-themes:

Sub-themes

1. Knowledge Generation, Management and Sharing

- Documenting experiences, lessons learned & good practices and sharing agricultural knowledge;
- Agricultural innovations systems and advisory services targeting small-holder farmers and rural communities;
- National and institutional initiatives and frameworks for agricultural knowledge sharing;
- Capacity development for agricultural knowledge generation, management and sharing.

2. Women, Youth and Agriculture

- Engaging and empowering women and youth in agriculture and rural development;
- Rural transformation, agribusiness, entrepreneurship and women and youth;
- Capacity development for women and youth in agriculture.

3. Open Data and Open Science

- Open data standards and software platforms;
- Regional, national and institutional open data and open science initiatives and frameworks in agriculture;
- Regional and national multi-stakeholder processes/platforms/forums for open data and open science in agriculture;
- Entrepreneur opportunities in open data and open science;
- Capacity development for open data and open science in agriculture.

- ICT adoption and use by smallholder farmers (especially women and youth) and rural communities;
- ICT applications in agriculture and rural development including Apps, services, etc. targeting smallholder farmers and rural communities;
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) (drones) in agriculture and rural development – applications and services, cases, challenges, policies, research, etc.;
- Social media in agriculture and rural development;
- Capacity development for ICT in agriculture and rural development, especially for women and youth.

Guidelines

PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS

Proposals for papers should be sent to **Gracian Chimwaza** (gracian@itoca.org cc. itoca@itoca.org) no later than 30th September 2017 and should include the following details:

- Name, titles, affiliation of presenters and contact information
- Brief biographical information of presenters
- Title of paper
- Abstract (maximum 300 words)
- Sub-theme being addressed

Please note that expenses of attending the conference, including travel, hotel, and conference registration fees will be the responsibility of the authors. In case of more than one author, at least one of them must attend the conference to present the paper. Otherwise the paper will not be included on the conference programme or any other conference related promotion or dissemination platforms/media.

PROPOSALS FOR WORKSHOPS

Capacity development is a major component of the IAALD Africa Conference and we invite proposals for interactive workshops intended to convey knowledge or skills to agricultural information professionals in areas relating to the sub-themes of the conference. Workshops can be organized as 2/3-day pre-conference events (27th-29th May) or half-day event (31st May). Proposals for workshops should include the following:

- Names of organizers, affiliation and contact information;
- Organization(s) funding, supporting the workshop;
- Description including objectives, and an indication of knowledge, skills, tools, or insights participants might expect to gain from the workshop;
- Target audience;
- Number of participants;
- Duration and tentative dates;
- Requirements, i.e. workshop rooms, equipment, etc.

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Review of Proposals

Proposals for papers and workshops will be reviewed by the Conference Organizing Committee. Selection for both the papers and workshops will be based on how well they fit the theme of the conference and address the sub-themes. Communication of acceptance and further details will be sent out **by 30th November 2017**.

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