



THE 1st ALL AFRICA POST HARVEST CONGRESS & EXHIBITION

Reducing food losses and waste: Sustainable solutions for Africa

Save The Date

28th to 31st March 2017 Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya



BACKGROUND

According to the United Nations, the world population is predicted to hit the 10 billion mark by the year 2050. Africa's population is expected to double from the current 1.2 billion to 2.5 billion during the same period. To meet the food and nutrition needs of this rising population, food production (under the current trends) will have to increase by 70% and 83 billion of annual agricultural investments in developing countries to cope with the growth.

This requires additional resources (land, water, energy, and other agro-inputs) which are scarce and inelastic. It is estimated that one third (30%) of the food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted along the supply chains globally resulting in 15% in income for 470 million smallholder farmers, intermediaries, processors and buyers.

Proportionately this translates into 1.3 billion metric tons of the total volume of the food produced. Food Losses and Waste (FLW) negatively impact food security, nutrition and economic stability. Reduction of FLW is therefore an important and viable strategy to ensure food and nutritional security in efficient and sustainable. The good news is that there are some concerted efforts to reduce FLW as reflected in the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 12.3) and the Malabo Declaration by the African Union. In both cases, there is a commitment to halve the postharvest losses from the current levels by the years 2030 and 2025 respectively. Further, there are a number of proven technologies and strategies to effectively reduce the postharvest losses. However the technologies remain largely under-utilized due to various factors including lack of awareness; unaffordability; and lack of access due to limited distribution and emergent policy constraints.



Republic of Kenya
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries



Website: africa-postharvestconference.uonbi.ac.ke

ABOUT THE CONGRESS

The First All-Africa Post Harvest Congress and Exhibition will discuss and showcase actionable strategies for reducing food loss in Africa and how different stakeholders in the food supply chain can work together to ensure proper and better utilization of the food that has been produced in the continent.

The event is being organized by the University of Nairobi and a consortium of leading African Universities and Research & Development Institutions in conjunction with the World Food Preservation Center® LLC (WFPC).

The Congress will bring together over 500 researchers, academics, farmers, captains of industry, development agencies, civil society and policy makers to learn, share information, build networks and partnerships with the overall objective of identifying effective interventions to reduce FLW on the continent.

INVITED SPEAKERS

They include the following;

- Mr. Willy Bett - *Kenyan Minister for Agriculture and Livestock*
- Mr. Mamadou Biteye - *Managing Director for Rockefeller Foundation*
- Dr. Charles Wilson - *CEO, World Food Preservation Center*
- Dr. Lisa Kitinoja - *CEO, Post harvest Education Foundation*
- Dr Elizabeth Mitcham - *Director, Horticulture Innovation Engine*
- Mr. Vimal Shah - *Managing Directors, BIDCO*
- Mr. Gerald Masila - *Executive Director East African Grain Council*
- Dr Agnes Kalibata - *President of Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)*
- Mrs Anne Mbaabu - *AGRA*
- Mr. Tony Nsanganira - *Minister of State in Charge of Agriculture, Rwanda*
- Mr. Bob Collimore - *CEO, Safaricom*
- John Logan - *Country Director, Technoserve*
- Dr. Robert van Otterdijk - *Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)*
- Dr. Roberta Lauretti-Bernhard - *Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)*
- Dr. Toine Timmermans - *FUSIONS*
- Dr. John Bowman - *USAID, Washington*
- Dr. Linus Opara - *Stellenbosch University*
- Dr. Amare Ayalew - *PACA (African Union Commission)*
- MsNorah Odwesso - *Director Corporate Affairs, Coca cola*
- Director Corporate Affairs, Nestle

DATES & VENUE:

The Post Harvest Congress and Exhibition

28th to 31st March, 2017.
Safari Park Hotel,
Nairobi, Kenya

Critical dates to note include the following:-

Date	Activity
1st June 2016	Call open for abstract submission
31st November 2016	Deadline for abstracts submission
31st December 2016	Notification to authors
31st January 2017	Deadline for revised abstract/full paper submission
28th February 2017	Deadline for early bird registration
28th to 31st March 2017	Congress and Exhibition

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: The call for abstracts is now open. Details for abstract preparation and submission can be found on the congress website

Category	Fees (USD)	Early Bird Registration
Non-students	400	350
Students	150	100
Exhibitors (per booth)	600	500
Spouses/Guests (per day)	150	100

MODE OF PAYMENT

Details on the payment options can be found on the congress website

CONTACTS: Additional information on the Congress is available on the Congress [Website: africa-postharvestcongress.uonbi.ac.ke](http://africa-postharvestcongress.uonbi.ac.ke)

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