Call to Communications

Abstract submission for the Symposium on the State of Agricultural Products Processing in West and Central Africa

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 31st August, 2023

Introduction

West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF) is an international non-profit association of national agricultural research systems (NARS) of 23 countries, covering over forty percent (40%) of Africa’s population, thus making it the largest sub-regional research organization on the African continent. CORAF, based in Dakar, Senegal, was created in 1987 and assigned the responsibility to coordinate and facilitate ground-breaking and cutting-edge research outputs needed to unlock the agricultural potential of West and Central Africa.

CORAF implements the TARSPro project (Agricultural Technologies and Innovations Scaling Up Project for Increasing the Resilience of Production Systems and Family Farms in West and Central Africa). This project aims to increase the food, nutritional and economic security of the populations of its areas of intervention in West and Central Africa, precisely in five countries namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Chad.

The project is committed to several activities to achieve its various objectives. In order to ensure a coalition and a synergy of actions among the actors in the transformation of agriculture, it is planned, among other things, to organize an annual meeting on the state of agricultural products processing and hold a Research-Policy dialogue. It is in this context that this Symposium on the State of Agricultural Products Processing in West and Central Africa is initiated.

Organized around the theme entitled « Promoting research on the transformation of agricultural products: achievements and opportunities available to the private sector for the creation of jobs and wealth in West and Central Africa », the symposium will be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from October 23-27, 2023. The symposium will be hybrid (both physical and virtual), with the option of participating remotely via Zoom.

Call for abstract submission

The Organizing Committee of the Symposium on the State of Agricultural Products Processing in West and Central Africa is currently accepting abstracts for presentations in the following categories:

- Technical presentations (15 min)
- Poster presentations (5 min)

Abstracts must be written in French or English (Word format). Selected abstracts should address one of the following symposium themes:
• **Theme 1**: Non-timber forest products: harvesting / processing / marketing;

• **Theme 2**: Fruit and vegetables: preservation / processing;

• **Theme 3**: Cereals and grains: preservation / processing;

• **Theme 4**: Roots and tubers (cassava and potato): conservation / processing / marketing;

• **Theme 5**: Livestock (meat and milk): preservation / processing / marketing;

• **Theme 6**: Safety and quality standards/legislation in the agri-food industry (production, preservation, processing and marketing).

**Submission Document Format**

Proposals for papers should be based on a scientific article, study or research in the field related to the main theme. They must contain the following information:

- Article title (similar to the article, study or research conducted);
- Name(s), title(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of the author(s);
- Name(s), title(s), institutional affiliation(s) and contact information of the presenter (if different from the author);
- An abstract of no more than 300 words describing the study's background, including geographic coverage, applied research methods, a summary of the findings and conclusions, and policy recommendations.

Please submit abstract or a promotional description of your exhibit here: [https://cutt.ly/SymposiumCORAF](https://cutt.ly/SymposiumCORAF)

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**Notice of acceptance of abstracts**: Applicants whose abstracts have been selected for the symposium will be notified by email by 7th September, 2023

**Deadline for submission of full papers**: 14th September 2023

**Deadline for submission of corrected manuscripts**: 30th September, 2023

**Conference Date**: 23rd – 27th October, 2023, Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Any questions regarding this call should be sent to the following e-mail address: [a.nadinga@coraf.org](mailto:a.nadinga@coraf.org).