IBMA 2025 – CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

TOPIC: Unlocking Food and Nutrition Security through Value Addition and ICT Transformation in Agribusiness

Strategies for a Resilient Global Food System: Navigating the Intersection of Food Security and Global Shocks

Dates: March 10th - 13th 2025
Venue: Naivasha Country Hotel Ltd T/A Sawela Lodges, Kenya

The IBMA 2025 organisers are pleased to call for abstracts for all conference tracks from any and all interested parties.

Abstract Submission: Authors should upload their abstracts via the online submission platform here. No emailed abstracts will be accepted.
Opening of call: Abstract submissions will open on **09 August 2024**
Submission deadline: The abstract submission deadline is **20 November 2024** at **23h59' Central Africa Time (GMT+2)**

No abstracts will be accepted past the official due date.

THEMATIC AREAS

Theme 1: Managing Food Systems Initiatives for Safe, Nutritious and Affordable Diets amidst Geopolitical Tensions, Pests and Disesase Outbreaks

Theme 2: Impact of Climate Change on Agricultural Production and its Mitigation Strategies

Theme 3: Unlocking the Potential of Agricultural Innovation in the Exports of High Value Agricultural Produce

Theme 4: Transforming Africa's Agriculture Sector through Innovations in the Livestock, Crops (e.g. Horticulture), Agroforestry and Fisheries sub-Sectors

Theme 5: Harnessing ICT in Transforming Food Systems among Youth and Women in Developing Countries

Theme 6: Evaluation of the Implementation and Relevance of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services in Africa

Theme 7: Building Food Systems Resilience for Value-Chain Transformation to enhance public and private sector partnership through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

BREAK-DOWN

Theme 1: Managing Food Systems Initiatives for Safe, Nutritious and Affordable Diets amidst Geopolitical Tensions, Pests and Disease Outbreaks

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:
- Alternative Proteins
- Food Safety
- Traditional Foods
- Handling/Recycling food grade wastes for sustainable food systems
- Rethinking global architecture of global food system
- Measuring transformation in global food systems through participation in agricultural value chains
- Revisiting governance and policies in global food systems
- Advancing urban and peri-urban agriculture or resilient, sustainable and inclusive food systems
- Local-based strategies to sustain food systems targeting household food and nutritional security in Africa
- Advancing benefits of urban and peri-urban agriculture for the transformation of urban food systems
- How the food system is affected by the ongoing geopolitical tensions. E.g. Russia-Ukraine war, China -US trade war
- How internal riots, uprisings/conflict affect the food system. E.g. the July riots in South Africa, the recent strikes in Kenya, the case in Sudan & Ethiopia
- How countries responded and coped with the covid-19 outbreak to sustain food supplies
- Understanding the impact of animal and disease outbreaks on the food systems. e.g. army fall worm in Southern Africa, locust in East Africa, the recurrent outbreak of Foot & mouth disease & Avian flu in South Africa
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Theme 2: Impact of Climate Change on Food Production and its Mitigation Strategies
In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:
- Climate Change, Extreme Weather Conditions and Agriculture
- Hydro-Meteorological Hazards (flood, drought, and landslides) and Mitigation
- Climate Change and its Impact on livestock
- Climate resilient and Smart agriculture
- Agriculture and Climate Adaptation strategies
- Water harvesting and storage technologies for smallholder farmers

Theme 3: Unlocking the Potential of Agricultural Innovation in the Exports of High Value Agricultural Produce

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:

- High value crops such as sugar cane, maize, wheat, millet, cassava, rice, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, plantains, amongst others
- Innovative technologies for agriculture production (water and irrigation technologies, conservation agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, and aquaculture)
- Post harvesting technologies, processing and food technologies
- Innovative technologies in animal production and by-products
- Organic farming and bio-products
- Cash crops and pre-exports technologies
- Standardization issues
- Food laws and legislation across nations and continents

Theme 4: Transforming Africa's Agriculture Sector through Innovations in the Livestock, Crops (e.g. Horticulture), Agroforestry and Fisheries sub-Sectors

- In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:
- Measuring transformation in livestock, horticulture, crops, agroforestry and fisheries sub-sectors
- Harnessing the potential of livestock horticulture, crops, agroforestry and fisheries sub-sectors in Africa to become sustainable

Theme 5: Harnessing ICT in Transforming Food Systems among Youth and Women in Developing Countries

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:

- Women and youth engagement in SMART Agri-through the use of AI, precision farming, IOT,
- Collective actions in transforming agriculture value chain among smallholder farmers
- Nutrition transition in Africa and the psychology of food choices among the youth in an ever-growing youthful population

Theme 6: Evaluation of the Implementation and Relevance of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services in Africa

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:

- Indigenous Farming Systems that align with Food Security
- Developing Smart Villages for Food Systems Transformation
- Sustainable Seed Systems Development, and Seed Quality in Food Systems Transformation

Theme 7: Building Food Systems Resilience for Value-Chain Transformation to enhance public and private sector partnership through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

In this theme, we expect professionals and researchers with interest in:
- Sustainability and distribution of food throughout Africa
- Ability of countries in Africa to trade free though enabling policies
- Food Value-chain transformation
- Biotechnological transformation of GM crops/foods/organisms
- Indigenous Knowledge on Traditional Delicacies for Food Systems Enhancement
- Providing standards and compliance training and consulting services
- Institutions that play active role in inspecting, monitoring and or evaluating compliance to requirements
- Individuals and or institutions that are certified to provide either certification or accreditation services.

ABSTRACT STRUCTURE

Platform: Authors should upload their abstracts via the online submission platform here.

Word count: The abstract should not exceed **300 words** (Not including the title, key words, list of authors and their addresses).
● Provide the organisational affiliations of the first author and all co-authors
● Indicate **the corresponding autho**r with an Asterix* and provide their email address and telephone number plus their alternate contacts
● Key words: **include 4 – 6 key words**

Title: The title should be informative and concise
Introduction/Background: Address the scientific background, rationale for the study, as well as the significance to the theme
Explain why your study is important and state the research question (s) addressed. A clearly stated background sets the stage and should include:
● A brief description of the topic and its significance
● Study objectives
● Research questions or study hypothesis if applicable

Methods:
Summarise the methods used for the study. Essential points to be included are:
● Study design
● Study population
● Sample size and sampling methods
● Data management and analysis

Results: Present the significant findings directly related to the study objectives. This section should not include discussion of the results only major descriptive and statistical results.
We stress that this section should not include such statements as "Data will be discussed"
If considerable work is still pending before the conference submission, please indicate that the results are preliminary.

Conclusion/policy implications: Be as concise as possible. Do not re-state data included in the results. This section may include:
● An interpretation of key findings and their implications for the theme
● Actions that are recommended and/or have been implemented as a consequence of the study

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each abstract will be evaluated by **two independent reviewers using the following criteria:**
● Rationale of the study
● Appropriateness of methods
● Interpretation of results and policy implications
● Relevance to conference theme

IMPORTANT DATES

20 November 2024	Deadline for abstract submissions
15 December 2024	Notification of acceptances
30 January 2024	Deadline for participants registration
10 to 13 March 2025	Conference days

Electronic Version of all accepted abstracts will be published not later than 30th April 2025 on IBMA website: https://www.ibmaconference.org/

CONTACTS

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