



FIRST Announcement and Call for Abstracts

5th Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) Scientific Conference

KEFRI invites submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentation for the conference under reference.

Date: 17 - 19 April, 2018

Venue: KEFRI Headquarters, Muguga, KENYA.

Objective:

Provide a platform for exchange of scientific knowledge relevant to forestry and allied natural resources.

Conference Theme:

“Contribution of Forestry Research to Sustainable Development”

Conference Sub-Themes:

- 1.** Forest Productivity and Improvement covering: Forest resource assessment; Biotechnology; Tree domestication and livelihoods; Germplasm production and conservation; Tree improvement and silviculture; Diversification of tree species; Forest fire management; and Forest health.
- 2.** Forest Biodiversity and Environment Management covering: Forest rehabilitation and restoration; Wetlands and riparian ecosystem management; Forest hydrology; Climate change research; Sustainable management of natural forests and woodlands; Management of invasive tree species; and Soil and water management.
- 3.** Socio-economics, Policy and Governance covering: Forest and land tenure; Gender and forestry; Forest conflict resolution; Participatory Forest Management (PFM); Research in forest extension; Policy and governance; Forest valuation and Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES); Livelihood improvement; and Marketing and trade in forest products.
- 4.** Forest Products Development covering: Forest harvesting, logging and handling; Forest products processing and efficient utilization; Forest products development, incubation and linkage to industry/Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs); Characterization of wood and non-wood forest products; and Bio-prospecting.
- 5.** Information and Knowledge Management covering: Knowledge management and dissemination; Biometrics and forest resource assessment; and Information Communication Technology (ICT).
- 6.** Partnerships, Networks and Resource Mobilization for Research.

Guidelines for submission of abstracts:

KEFRI invites submission of abstracts for any of the six sub-themes. Guidelines for developing your abstract will be in accordance with East African Agricultural and Forestry Journal. *For guidelines for preparing abstracts. please visit: <http://www.kefri.org/wpcontent/uploads/PDF/Corporate Announcements/guidelines to authors.pdf>* Please note that abstracts may be accepted for oral or poster presentation.

Papers:

Author(s) whose abstracts will be accepted will prepare their full papers using guidelines of EAAFRO journal. Selected papers will be published in a special issue of the Journal. *For guidelines for preparing papers. please visit: <http://www.kefri.org/wpcontent/uploads/PDF/Corporate Announcements/guidelines to authors.pdf>*

Registration:

The cost of registration is KES 3,000 for local students, KES 7,500 for OTHER local participants and USD 100 for foreign participants. The fees will cover cost of refreshments, meals and conference materials.

Payment may be made by cheque, cash deposit, Swift transfer or Mpesa to:

KEFRI Revenue
Account No. 1107 0635 58
KCB Sarit Centre
Swift Code KCBLKEN 016
Mpesa: Pay Bill no.: 522 095, Account no: KF3

Transport:

Return transport will be provided at no extra cost for participants who may wish to commute to the Conference venue daily by bus from Nairobi Central Business District (CBD). A pick-up and drop-off schedule will be provided.

IMPORTANT DATES

Activity	Deadline
Submission of abstracts	1 December 2017
Authors notified of acceptance of abstracts	15 January 2018
Submission of full papers with revised abstracts	16 February 2018
Authors notified of acceptance of full paper	15 March 2018