

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 1st CROSAT SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON
7th - 8th NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE MORENA HOTEL, DODOMA, TANZANIA**

The Crop Science Association of Tanzania (CROSAT) established in 2023 aims at bringing together crop scientists and other professionals in related fields by facilitating the exchange of knowledge and ideas concerning the science and practices in crop value chains. To share scientific developments, innovations, and technologies useful in different aspects of crop sciences, CROSAT is organizing a scientific conference to facilitate interaction and knowledge sharing within crop sciences and related fields.

The Conference Organizing Committee is pleased to inform you that the 1st CROSAT Scientific Conference will be held at Morena Hotel, Dodoma, Tanzania from 7th - 8th November 2024.

The conference will comprise oral and poster paper presentations.
Kindly save the dates and note the following key information:

CONFERENCE THEME:

Surmounting Climate Change in Crop Production Technologies

SUB-THEMES

1. Approaches to managing plant health challenges
2. Growth and trends in the crop sub-sector for food and income security
3. Innovative approaches to plant breeding and seed technologies for enhanced crop production
4. Soil health trends and challenges in crop management
5. Agronomic practices including challenges in relation to crop production
6. Climate smart technologies for sustainable crop production
7. Trends of financing, marketing system and extension services in crop production
8. Involvement of women and youth in agricultural development in Tanzania
9. E-technologies in extension and outreach services in crop production

Abstracts submission

Call for abstracts submission will be open from 15th May 2024 and the deadline for abstract submission will be on 15th July 2024. Abstracts should be limited to a maximum of 300 words for both oral and poster presentations. Specifically, the abstract should be short with **clear title, name(s) of author(s) and affiliations/ addresses, (the correspondent author should be indicated for easy communication)**, brief background and objectives of the study, methodology, results and conclusion. Key words should not be more than five words arranged in alphabetical order. Author(s) of accepted abstracts for oral/poster presentation will be notified by August 30th, 2024.

Important: Kindly submit your abstract through the conference email: conference@crosat.or.tz

Symposia, Side Meetings and Round-Table Discussions

Time will also be set aside for, Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Government Institutions, Local Government Authorities, Business Entities, Farmer Groups, individual researchers and all those who may wish to organize **special symposia, side meetings, agricultural exhibitions and Round Table Discussions.**

Important: These Symposia, Exhibitions, Workshops and Seminars will be organized during *the main Conference dates in late afternoon hours*, while those who wish to organize short round table discussions will be arranged in the **evening after conference hours.**

Kindly book earlier, for symposium, organizers should indicate the title of the symposia/workshop/seminar. Abstracts should be submitted before 15th July 2024 to allow smooth arrangement and event planning. Any submission that will not comply with the set criteria will not be accepted. Do not hesitate to contact the Organizing Committee if you need any clarification.

Contact email

All conference emails, enquiries and correspondences, that include submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentation as well as symposia, workshop and seminars, should be sent to conference@crosat.or.tz.

Important: For easy follow-up of your submissions, please use the conference email; submission to individual emails will not be considered.

Presentations and submission of full papers

Oral presentations at the conference will be subject to submission of full manuscripts. ***Deadline for submission of full manuscripts will be on 30th September 2024.*** The length of each full manuscript should not be more than 12 pages including references (single-spaced). For poster presentation, the poster size should not exceed **90 cm (Length) x 75 cm (width).**

Instructions to authors during preparation of full papers will be shown in the conference time table.

Virtual Video Presentation

Virtual video-presentation for those who will not manage to travel to Tanzania will be organized. Allocated time will be 15 min for video presentation and 5 min for discussion.

All virtual presenters will have to send their recorded videos before conference dates through, conference@crosat.or.tz and will have also to include: Title, name of the author/presenter and Institutional affiliation.

Registration

Kindly be informed that the registration window will be open soon.

Registration fees

The conference registration fee indicated will cover costs for meals and conference facilities for two days of the conference. The following registration fees will apply per person:

A. Early bird registration fee			
i.	EAC or SADC members	TZS	150,000.00
ii.	Non-EAC or Non-SADC members	USD	100.00
iii.	Tanzania Students	TZS	50,000.00
iv.	Non-Tanzanian students	TZS	100,000.00
v.	Farmers	TZS	100,000.00
B. Late or onsite registration			
i.	EAC or SADC members	TZS	200,000.00
ii.	Non-EAC or Non-SADC members	USD	150.00
iii.	Tanzania Students	TZS	75,000.00
iv.	Non-Tanzanian students	TZS	150,000.00
v.	Farmers	TZS	150,000.00

Important notice on registration

- i. Early bird registration is open from 30th May – 30th August 2024
- ii. Tanzanian students must send to CROSAT supporting letters from their Institutes/Universities/Colleges and a copy of their student ID.
- iii. EAC and/or SADC members should provide evidence of their identity (i.e. submitting a copy of the Passport cover and information pages)

Important: The above registration fees will also apply to Virtual/Online presenters to cover costs of associated technology.

Payment of registration fee: Mode of payment

Following the current government payment guidelines, before making any payment please ask for a control number from CROSAT accounts office by sending an email to conference@crosat.or.tz

Language

The conference language will be mainly English. When deemed necessary, Kiswahili will be used with translation.

Venue

The conference will be held at the Morena Hotel in Dodoma City, Dodoma, Tanzania

Accommodation

We recommend participants to make their own hotel booking.

We look forward to seeing you during the conference in Dodoma.

Please note that there will be no deadline extension.

CROSAT SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

