



Tropentag 2017

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About

Tropentag is an annual international conference on food security, natural resource management and rural development.

It is jointly organised by the Universities of Berlin, Bonn, Göttingen, Hohenheim, Kassel-Witzenhausen, Hamburg, ZALF e.V., ETH Zurich (Switzerland), CULS Prague (Czech Republic), BOKU Vienna (Austria) and the Council for Tropical and Subtropical Research (ATSAF e.V) in co-operation with the GIZ Advisory Service on Agricultural Research for Development (BEAF).

Tropentag is a development-oriented and interdisciplinary conference. It addresses issues of resource management, environment, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, food, nutrition and related sciences in the context of rural development, sustainable resource use and poverty alleviation worldwide. The conference brings together scientists, students, graduates, development experts, funding organisations and experts from international partner organizations around the world.

Tropentag 2017 is organised by the University of Bonn, Germany. All students, PhD students, scientists, extension workers, decision makers and politicians interested and engaged in agricultural research and rural development in transition and developing countries are invited to participate and to contribute. We encourage particularly young scientists (PostDocs and PhD students) to present their work.

We look forward to welcoming you in Bonn in September 2017.

Conference theme

“Future Agriculture: social-ecological transitions and bio-cultural shifts”

Agricultural systems in developing countries are currently undergoing drastic changes. System-immanent attributes such as visions, aspirations,

cultural specifics and production factor availability shape the response of land users to growing external pressures such as climate change, market demands, land degradation, emerging diseases and policies. In addition to such social-ecological transitions, substantial bio-cultural shifts occur and are imposed by centrally-planned establishments of large-scale intensification corridors and protection zones, or are associated with infrastructure development and urbanization processes.

The wide array of resulting response pathways and land use or production strategies may include intensification, diversification, and specialization, but can also lead to abandonment of land, migration and conflicts. What are the implications of such developments and change processes for food security, resource base quality, rural well-being, and in general for the future of agriculture? These questions and related topics will be addressed in plenary presentations and key note lectures in thematic sessions.

Featured: The World Agroforestry Centre

Special emphasis in this year will be given to agroforestry systems with contributions of this year's CGIAR feature partner, the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), through a plenary keynote and invited guest lectures in thematic sessions.

The World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) is a CGIAR Consortium Research Centre. ICRAF's headquarters are in Nairobi, Kenya. The Centre's vision is a rural transformation throughout the tropics as smallholder households increase their use of trees in agricultural landscapes to improve their food security, nutrition security, income, health, shelter, social cohesion, energy resources and environmental sustainability.

The World Agroforestry Centre is guided by the broad development challenges pursued by the CGIAR. These include poverty alleviation that entails enhanced food security and health, improved productivity with lower environmental and social costs, and resilience in the face of climate change and other external shocks.

www.worldagroforestry.org/

Conference structure

The topic of future agriculture will be introduced by invited international guest speakers and pursued further by key note speeches in parallel thematic sessions. Thematic sessions cover the diversity of research fields connected to food security, natural resource management and rural development and will be addressed by both oral presentations and thematically-related guided poster sessions. Pre-conference workshops will enable participants to improve their skills in related fields. A post-conference excursion will be organised for September 22. All *Tropentag* participants are cordially invited to participate and to attend. More information on workshops and the excursion will be available at www.tropentag.de in June.

Furthermore, there will be a special pre-conference focusing on research and innovation in Central Asia "Central Asia Conference of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research" with invited guests from academia, development and policy (in German). More information on the Central Asia pre-conference will be available at www.internationales-buero.de in June.

The Aperó social evening on September 20 and the informal conference dinner on September 21 will provide opportunities for networking, discussion and exchange among participants.

Preliminary program

19.09.	pm	Pre-conference focus session Pre-conference workshops
20.09.	am	Pre-conference workshops
	pm	Plenary talks Fiat panis plenary session Poster sessions Aperó social evening
21.09.		Parallel thematic sessions Poster sessions Conference dinner
22.09.	am	Parallel thematic oral sessions Poster sessions Plenary closing
22.09.	pm	Post-conference excursions

Submission procedure

The conference language is English. Abstracts of original research on the featured topics containing 250-350 words must be submitted using the online form at www.tropentag.de by **May 15, 2017**. Please ensure that abstracts submitted are meeting a proper level of quality regarding content and language. A panel of referees will decide if an abstract will be accepted, and if yes, as a poster or as an oral presentation. A program committee will allocate the accepted contributions to interdisciplinary sessions. Acceptance of abstracts will be sent by June 15, 2017. Contributors must confirm their participation by June 30, 2017 and pay their conference fee before July 15, 2017. Poster contributions will be grouped into thematic clusters and addressed in guided poster sessions. All presented contributions will be contained in the Book of Abstracts, both in print and online.

Workshops

We encourage you to organise your own workshop! You can either network targeting a specific topic (related to food security, natural resource management and rural development), or you offer capacity building, task forces for projects and follow your own initiative. Workshops can take place mainly in the afternoon of September 19 and morning of September 20, before the conference. You need to describe the objective and topic of the workshop and send your application by **May 15, 2017** to info@tropentag.de. In the case of approval, we help you to find an appropriate venue. For more information, see www.tropentag.de.

Dates and deadlines

Submission of abstracts	15.05.2017
Submission of workshops	15.05.2017
Acceptance of abstracts	15.06.2017
Acceptance of workshops	15.06.2017
Reconfirmation of participation	30.06.2017
Payment of conference fee for contributors	15.07.2017

Conference fees

	By July 15, 2017	Later
Full Participants	100 €	150 €
PhD candidates	60 €	90 €
ATSAF PhD Members	30 €	90 €
Students	10 €	20 €

Conference dinner: 25 €; reduced 15 € (students)

Please transfer your conference fee to:

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