



Tropentag 2023

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Call for papers

**Competing pathways for
equitable food systems transformation:
trade-offs and synergies**

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About Tropentag

Tropentag is an annual international conference on research in tropical and subtropical agriculture, natural resource management and rural development.

Tropentag is jointly organised by the universities of Berlin, Bonn, Göttingen, Hohenheim, Kassel-Witzenhausen, ZALF e.V. (all Germany), Ghent University (Belgium), Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (Czech Republic), BOKU Vienna (Austria), and the Council for Tropical and Subtropical Research (ATSAR e.V.) in cooperation with the GIZ Fund International Agricultural Research (FIA). It brings together scientists, students, graduates, development experts and funding organisations from several countries in central Europe and their various international partner institutions.

Tropentag is a development-oriented and interdisciplinary conference. It addresses issues of resource and environmental management, agricultural production, forestry, fisheries, food, nutrition and related sciences in the context of international rural development, sustainable resource use, hunger and poverty alleviation worldwide.

Tropentag 2023 will take place at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and invites all scientists, students and experts addressing topics in the above-mentioned fields. Young scientists are particularly encouraged to present their research projects and results.

**We look forward to welcoming you in Berlin
in September 2023**

IFPRI is this year's featured CGIAR Centre

In 2023, we spotlight the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) (www.ifpri.org/).

IFPRI provides research-based policy solutions to sustainably reduce poverty and end hunger and malnutrition in developing countries. Established in 1975, IFPRI currently has more than 600 employees working in over 50 countries. IFPRI's vision is a world free from hunger and malnutrition.

The 2023 conference theme

Competing pathways for equitable food systems transformation: trade-offs and synergies

The need to transform food systems is ever more pressing. COVID-19, climate change, conflicts, wars, and growing social and income inequalities are exposing the vulnerabilities of our food systems. Although food systems are producing as much food and calories as ever before, global crop and dietary diversity are steadily declining. This has increased the vulnerability of our environment and food production to climatic shocks, with negative impacts on human nutrition and health. Rising food and fuel prices make healthy diets less affordable, particularly for the most marginalized. Food systems provide many jobs, but many of these jobs, especially those held by women, are insecure, underpaid and unsafe. The importance of looking at food systems as a whole and transforming them to be just, equitable and sustainable has been widely recognised.

But what such a transformation of food systems should and could look like remains hotly contested. Some argue for more technical solutions, such as climate-smart agriculture and biofortified crops, while others call for a paradigm shift in the way we think about and practice the underlying relationships of our food systems, such as agroecology and alternative food networks. Despite the ongoing debate on the direction and solutions for food systems transformation, it is clear that priorities differ across countries, regions, and households, with different trade-offs and synergies.

Tropentag 2023 invites a debate on competing pathways for food systems transformation, drawing from diverse perspectives, disciplines and methodologies. Plenary discussions, thematic sessions, guided poster tours, and workshops will engage participants in a lively debate on the benefits and costs of different food systems transformation pathways and the associated trade-offs and synergies for different stakeholders.

Conference structure

The theme of Tropentag 2023 will be introduced by invited international guest speakers and developed by keynote speeches in parallel thematic sessions. The latter will cover the diversity of research areas related to barriers to sustainable resources management at biological, technical, social, economic and political levels, and ways to overcome them. These aspects will be addressed through both oral presentations and thematically-related guided poster sessions, and each contribution should highlight its relevance to the overarching theme.

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

Most parts of the conference (keynotes and parallel thematic sessions, as well as special online-only poster sessions) will be available to online participants.

Programme structure

19 Sept pm	Pre-conference workshops
20 Sept am	Pre-conference workshops
pm	Opening and Keynote session fiat panis session Poster sessions
21 Sept am	Poster sessions Parallel thematic oral sessions
pm	Parallel thematic oral sessions Poster sessions
22 Sept am	Poster sessions Parallel thematic oral sessions Keynote session and closing
pm	Post-conf. workshops / excursions

Submission procedure

The conference language will be English. Abstracts of 250-350 words of original research on the featured topic must be submitted by 3 May 2023 using the online form at www.tropentag.de. Please ensure that the abstracts are of an appropriate level of quality in terms of content and language. A panel of reviewers will decide on the acceptance of an abstract as a poster or oral presentation. A programme committee will allocate accepted abstracts to interdisciplinary sessions. Acceptance of abstracts will be notified by 20 June 2023. Participants must confirm their participation by 15 July 2023 and pay the conference fee by 1 August 2023. Poster contributions will be grouped into thematic clusters and presented in guided poster sessions. All presented contributions will be included in the book-of-abstracts, both in print and online.

Organise your own Workshop

You can either network around a specific theme (related to tropical agriculture) or you offer capacity building, task forces for projects and follow your own initiative. Workshops can be held before or after the conference. You need to describe the aim and theme of the workshop and send your application to info@tropentag.de by 20 May. You will receive feedback on your application by 20 June 2023. More information: www.tropentag.de.

Photo competition

The non-profit association "Let's Plant", in collaboration with Tropentag 2023, is organising a photo competition on the theme "Visualise the restoration of degraded land through a holistic landscape management approach in the tropics or subtropics"! This includes tree planting, forest and landscape rehabilitation, and, of course, the local people who live in and use such landscapes. Each entry (single photo or photo story of up to ten pictures) should be accompanied by a short text describing the project or idea behind it. <https://lets-plant.org/projects#photocontest>

Dates and Deadlines

Submission of abstracts	3 May 2023
Submission of workshops	20 May 2023
Acceptance of abstracts	20 June 2023
Acceptance of workshops	20 June 2023
Reconfirmation of contribution	15 July 2023
Early bird payment of conf. fee	1 August 2023

Conference fees (presence and online)

	by 1 August 2023	later
Full Participants	150 €	195 €
PhD candidates	85 €	110 €
ATSAF PhD Members	60 €	85 €
Students	20 €	25 €
Conference dinner		35 €
reduced conference dinner (students)		20 €

Printed version of the book of abstracts 5 €

Please transfer your conference fee to:

Name: DITSL Witzhausen
Bank: Sparkasse Werra-Meissner
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Indicate **Your Tropentag ID** and **your name** on the fund transfer.

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More detailed information will be published on the Tropentag website: www.tropentag.de.