



THIRD AFRICA CONGRESS ON CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE (3ACCA)

5 – 8 June 2023, Rabat, Morocco

Call for Condensed Papers

Theme:

**"Building a Resilient Future in Africa through
Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Mechanization"**

Deadline **15th March 2023**

Background

The African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT) jointly with the Kingdom of Morocco, the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency, the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the UN, INERA and ICARDA, in collaboration with IAVH2, AMAC, ONCA and Sponsors, invite you to the Third Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture (3ACCA), in Rabat, Morocco, from 5 to 8 June 2023.

The objective of the 3ACCA is to enable experts, practitioners, and policy makers across different sectors and interest groups at all levels of agriculture development from the public, private and civil society sectors to share best practices and exchange knowledge, and information that expand the Africa-wide adoption of CA and SAM as basis for building resilience to climate change amid the increasing food and energy prices and disruptions in distribution systems. They should come with more effective and coherent action to help the most vulnerable populations cope with the drastic hikes in food bills, negative impacts of climate change and assist African countries with strategies to increase agricultural productivity in the implementation of the Malabo Declaration's Vision 25 x 25 and the Agenda 2063. In addition, the 3ACCA aims to consolidate the African position on CA and SAM and enhance the effective participation at the 9th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture (9WCCA) to be held in South Africa in July 2024.

Thus, the purpose of the 3ACCA is to facilitate diverse and open sharing of experiences and information on CA and SAM, thereby fostering learning and widespread awareness and interest in their uptake and spread. This includes CA & SAM's roles in: enhancing sustainable agricultural productivity and economic return, strengthening environmental and social resilience, and fostering efforts to provide for food and nutrition security as well as jobs and economic opportunities, especially for rural communities, including youth and women. The 3ACCA initiative provides a "neutral space" for networking, collaboration and partnership to support the scaling-up of CA and SAM systems for building a resilient future in Africa.

This **call for condensed papers** is extended to all potential participants who wish to make an oral or a poster presentation relevant to the Congress theme and any of the specific sub-themes as stated below. Authors should indicate whether they wish to do oral or poster presentations. Specifications for the posters are 90 cm

wide, 120 cm high, with letter sizes readable from 2 m and with a good mix of photos, diagrams, tables and maps.

Theme: The theme of the congress is “Building a Resilient Future in Africa through Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Mechanization”.

Sub-themes:

1. **Sub-Theme 1.** Promoting CA and SAM knowledge, research and innovation system management.
2. **Sub-Theme 2.** Strengthening effective pan-African national and regional networks, partnerships and cooperation mechanisms.
3. **Sub-Theme 3.** Mobilizing “green” developmental private sector investments for prioritised CA and SAM for women and youth.
4. **Sub-Theme 4.** Enhancing public sector investments and the creation of an enabling environment.

Template for Condensed Paper submission to 3ACCA

This MS Word.doc file has been formatted using the style-sheet required for your condensed paper. Use the styles as presented in this template or follow the formatting instructions below or in the annexed ‘**sample paper**’.

Important notes to all authors

- In the normal course, editors will not accept more than one opportunity for revision.
- Condensed papers are limited to a maximum of 3 pages including text, tables and or figures and references.
- The Title should be brief but specific to the subject of your paper.
- The condensed papers should be structured in the following sections: Introduction, Methods, Results & Discussion, References, Graphs and Tables (though variations might be accepted).
- Authors’ names and addresses should be shown below the title, as specified under Author’s names and Author’s addresses below.
- A selected number of the best condensed papers will be identified for publication as full papers in a range of scientific journals or a book.

Language

Condensed papers must be in either English or the French language.

File name

Name your completed Word document as follows:

3ACCA2023*underscore* last name *plus* initials.doc (e.g., **3acca2023_mkomwas.doc**). Use all lowercase.

Text

- Use “**Times New Roman**” for all text including headings. Left align all text, images and tables.
- Use the **Normal** style for all text (style-normal) where possible in preference to "Body text" styles. Normal text should be font size 12, with single line spacing.
- Do not indent the first line of a paragraph. Leave one blank line between paragraphs and before new section headings.
- Authors’ email and web addresses may be hyperlinked. Hyperlinks to external web references should be placed in the References section, rather than in the body of the paper.
- Use List Bullet or List Number styles where appropriate for dot point or numbered lists.

Headings and sections

- **Paper title:** 14 font size, bold, sentence case (capitals for proper nouns only). If the title extends to a second line, do not use “enter” to break the line. Leave one blank line below the title.
- **Authors' names:** 12 font size. First name initials should come after the family name for each author. Highlight the **presenting author** in bold. Use superscripts to indicate different addresses.
- **The Email address of the corresponding authors should be provided** below the affiliation.

- **Section Headings:** 12 font size, bold, not italic for Headings 1, and 11 font size italic for Headings 2. Use descriptive names for Section headings where appropriate but **Introduction, Material and Methods, Results and Discussions and References.**
- **Keywords heading:** 11 font size, bold.
- **Keywords:** (style-keywords) 11 font size, not bold. Up to five key words not used in the Title. Leave one blank line below the key words.
- **References:** A simplified form of the Harvard system (also known as the author-date scheme) with minimal punctuation is suggested.

Figures and images

- No colour printing will be available in the book of abstracts, so make sure that your graphs, symbols and figures are readable in a black and white print.
- Figures and images should be placed in the additional page following the references. Figures and images should be self-explanatory e.g. should include caption description.
- Images in either colour or black and white are acceptable. Images files can be inserted using **Insert>Picture>From File**. Suitable formats include JPG, GIF, BMP and TIFF. Images should be cropped and reduced where possible to produce a file size of around 300kb or less before inserting into Word.
- A table with borders removed can be used to arrange two or more images or figures side by side.
- If the drawing tool is used to create a diagram, group the objects using the **Select Objects** arrow on the **Drawing toolbar** and then choose **right-click>Grouping>Group**.
- **Captions** for Figures and images should be 11 font size, left aligned, placed below the image.

Symbols

- As far as possible use **Insert>Symbol** and select a character from the "normal-text" font set at the top of the Font drop-down list rather than the "Symbol" or "Wingdings" font set.

Tables

- Use tables, do not use tabs or spaces to align images and text. Remove borders from tables and insert horizontal lines only as illustrated (Table 1) using **Format>Borders and shading**.
- Use the **Insert Table** button on the Standard toolbar and left align tables. Keep formatting simple.
- Captions should be placed above the table using the same Caption style and 11 point.
- Data columns should generally be centered or left aligned.

Page Layout

- Margins should be set at 2 cm all round.
- Do not indent paragraphs.

The papers will be studied in strict confidence by pre-selected members of the scientific committee. In case of acceptance, the author will be notified of the acceptance of the paper and/or any requested adjustments. All contributions will be summarized in a book in French and English versions, which will be distributed to participants before the beginning of the congress. The best contributions will be selected and authors requested to refine their texts into full papers for publication.

Paper submission

Submit condensed papers for consideration to the following address: cacongress@act-africa.org
A number of selected distinguished posters and videos will be honoured during the Congress.

Calendar and key deadlines

- **1 February** 2023: Registration (online) opens
- **30 March** 2023: Deadline for submission of condensed papers
- **30 March** 2023: Early bird registration deadline
- **30 April** 2023: Deadline for submission of revised condensed papers
- **5 - 8 June** 2023: Congress and field tour

The Congress programme will include: Plenary Keynotes and Panel Sessions; Case Studies; Special working groups (thematic parallel sessions); Field Visits; Poster/video sessions; Open time and information kiosks; Special Farmers' Session; stalls and display of equipment and machinery.

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