

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - SACDEP KENYA

CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM PAPER

1. Background

Sustainable Agriculture Community Development Programme – SACDEP Kenya is celebrating 30 years of existence. The Organization is inviting partners, collaborators and networks to join them in the celebrations. To mark this important milestone, the Organization has planned a number of events. One of the key events will be a **Symposium** titled: **Sustainable Ecological Agriculture: Solution to Climate Change effects.**

The Symposium aims to cause an exchange of information and knowledge among development agencies, technical personnel, farmers, youth and Sustainable Ecological Agriculture professionals. This is to advance the understanding, collaboration and capabilities to respond to the impact of climate change in a rapidly changing global environment. It will also draw on lessons learnt and solution provision to challenges brought about by negative effects of climate change. This is to enhance the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises that impact on agriculture and food security.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the symposium are to:

- i) To disseminate knowledge and information on Sustainable Ecological Agriculture approaches.
- ii) To draw solutions to challenges brought by the negative effects of climate change.
- iii) To enhance partnership and collaboration of various stakeholders in Sustainable Ecological Agriculture.

3. Topics

The symposium will address the above title and cover the following topics:

- i) Natural soil fertility enhancement as a method of soil-water retention and production enhancement
- ii) Indigenous seeds conservation and multiplication for enhanced climate change adaptability
- iii) Water harvesting and conservation in response to recurrent droughts
- iv) Building crop diversity as a coping mechanism against climate change
- v) Increase in Vegetation Cover for enhanced livelihoods among small holder farmers.
- vi) Youth Innovations in Sustainable Ecological Agriculture as a way of coping with the negative effects of climate change.
- vii) Bio Cultural diversity

4. Audience

The symposium is aimed to draw participants from and including:

- i) Farmers
- ii) Member Organizations of Networks
- iii) Government representatives.
- iv) Agriculture/environment professionals
- v) Students.
- vi) Youth out of school

SACDEP welcomes and encourages the participation of youth, women, early career professionals and individuals. The Symposium will have a total of 180 participants.

5. Call for Papers

SACDEP is calling professionals and experts wishing to present a paper at the Symposium — either orally, or in the form of a write up/poster — must submit a synopsis in an electronic format through info@sacdepkenya.org by **10th February 2024**. A panel will select write-ups to be presented orally on **16th February 2024**.

Instructions on presentations: -

- i) Should be in English
- ii) Have a title
- iii) Should not be beyond 5,000 words.
- iv) Should be of Times New Roman font 12, 1.5 spacing
- v) To include not more than 30% photographs
- vi) The author should attach a passport size photograph

Venue: Kilimambogo at the SACDEP's College of Sustainable Agriculture for Eastern Africa – 20 Kms from Thika along the Thika-Garissa Highway.

Date: 16th February 2024 starting at 8.30am

6. Exhibition

A limited amount of space will be available for displays/exhibits during the symposium. Interested parties should contact the panel chairperson through the above email by **5th February 2024**.

For further information please contact:

Symposium Chair

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