

PRESENTATIONS

Introduction

From 12-15 November 2019, the 5th West African Organic Conference (WAOC) will be held in Accra, Ghana. The WAOC is an initiative of the West African Organic Network (WAfrONet) which serves as a platform for sharing knowledge, experiences and views on various issues of concern in organic and ecological agriculture.

The conference aims to create a unique opportunity and experience for people in diverse roles in the organic and ecological agriculture value chain, including agencies, organizations and individuals, passionate about growth and development of the organic sector. There will be three days of interactions between participants including presentations. Please find below how to submit your contribution.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Participants of the conference are encouraged to submit an abstract either under:

- a) RESEARCH TRACK or**
- b) FARMERS TRACK**

Abstract submissions can be accepted from Ecological Organic Agriculture Platform-Ghana (EOAP-G) Members, Academia, Government Institutions, Farmers, Experts in Organic Agriculture and closely related fields, NGOs and Industry Players, preferably, within the West African sub-region, but also the African continent and elsewhere.

Authors are encouraged to submit their original work based on primary research findings or fieldwork or a review in a particular field of Organic Agriculture in relation to one or more of the following conference sub-theme(s) for consideration for publication into the 5th WAOC proceedings. Submissions will be made to either the Research or Farmers track.

Outstanding contributions from the Research Track may be selected for submission for publication in a peer-reviewed journal in the field of Organic Agriculture (optional).

Conference Sub-Themes

1. **RESEARCH**
Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) research and its impact on life for all and its overall sustainability
2. **TECHNOLOGIES**
Innovative technologies that make the operation of EOA activities easier and more effective
3. **LIVESTOCK**
The contributions of EOA to a thriving organic livestock industry
4. **MARKET & BUSINESS**
EOA market research and its impact on businesses and livelihoods
5. **INPUTS**
Facilitating the access to suitable inputs for organic producers
6. **POLICIES**
How can policies positively influence the growth of the organic sector

A) RESEARCH TRACK

Abstract format for scientific papers

Title: Author(s); authors' institutional affiliation; address, email and telephone number of corresponding author.

Maximum of **300** words summary of your work, highlighting the background information, main objective, methodology and key findings. Please provide up to 5 key words. Font Size: 12 pt; Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing.

Authors of accepted abstracts of the scientific papers may be asked to submit full version of manuscript for consideration for publication into a conference proceedings and/or peer-reviewed journal publication.

Guidelines for submission of full paper

Full paper must follow sub-sections: introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, conclusion, acknowledgments and references. Font Size: 12 pt; Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing. Reference style must follow the American Psychological Association (APA) Referencing System. There is a limit of 6000 words.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15th August 2019

Notification of authors on accepted abstracts: Now until 15th September 2019

Deadline for submission of full version of manuscript: 30th September 2019

B) FARMERS TRACK

Presentation shall be accepted from Farmers in Organic Agriculture within West Africa and elsewhere, in cooperation with the Inter-continental Network of Organic Farmers Organization (INOFO), to showcase practices in the areas highlighted below under the various sub-themes. Farmers are encouraged to submit original work based on what they have practiced on their farm on Organic Agriculture related to one of the conference sub-theme(s) for consideration for publication into the 5th WAOC proceedings –farmers track version.

Abstract (concept note) format for farmers track

Title: Name, organisation, address, email and telephone number.

Length of abstract must range between **100-150** words; Font Size: 12 pt; Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing. The concept note (abstract) should offer a summary of what will be presented in **a 10-slides power point presentation** with mostly pictures showcasing an idea or technology to other farmers, Below is a simplified version of the conference sub-themes for the farmers to indicate where their presentation will align.

Areas of Presentation for farmers track

Livestock

Livestock Rearing
Management of Animal Pests and Diseases

Crop Production

Climate change adaptation/resilience practices
New and unique farming practices in Organic Agriculture
Agroforestry practices
Pests and diseases management
Production maps and production plans

Soil Fertility

Innovative recycling methods for organic fertilizer production and application
Maintaining soil fertility and crop nutrition
Other practices

Marketing

Farmers Access to Market Skill Development
Farmers Business Planning Skill Development

Seed Saving

Traditional seed production and conservation

NOTE

Please indicate whether the abstract submitted is meant for

Poster presentation

or

Oral presentation

Indicate the appropriate **sub-theme** for the Research Track under which it will be presented.

All abstracts for both Scientific and Farmers tracks should be submitted by e-mail to the Chairman of the Scientific and Editorial Committee:

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Guidelines for poster presentation

Poster size should be A0 paper size (1189 mm x 841 mm). Use portrait for layout. There should be a title of the paper, followed by author(s) affiliations, and contact email of corresponding author. The following sub-sections: introduction, methodology, results, conclusion(s), acknowledgements and references is recommended for posters. Posters should not have too much text and photos with font size that makes them readable.

