

APA

AFRICAN POTATO ASSOCIATION

LEVERAGING POTATO AND SWEETPOTATO'S CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE, NUTRITIOUS FOOD SYSTEMS

The African Potato Association's (APA) core objective is to promote production and utilization of potato and sweetpotato for food and nutrition security in Africa. Additionally, the APA facilitates knowledge sharing by bringing together diverse stakeholders in the potato sector across Africa and other countries. Drawing scientists, practitioners and entrepreneurs from over 20 African countries and abroad, the APA members represent an extensive range of expertise in research and development of these promising crops.

The African Potato Association local organizing committee together with the Rwanda Ministry of Agriculture (MINAGRI) and the International Potato Center (CIP) announces the dates and venue of the 11th triennial conference 2019. The APA conference will be held at the Kigali Convention Center from 25-29th August 2019. Delegates should plan to arrive by 15:00 on Sunday the 25th August to be able to participate in the opening event. The 29th of August will be a field day.

Conference themes:

Papers and posters to be presented at the conference should fall within the following six sub-themes.

- THEME 1** Increasing Productivity and Nutrition Quality through Breeding and Crop Management

- THEME 2** Addressing the Seed System Bottleneck

- THEME 3** Assuring Healthy and Safe Diets in a Changing World

- THEME 4** Innovating Solutions to Post-harvest Management, Processing Technologies, and Marketing Systems

- THEME 5** Exploiting the Digital Revolution for Technology Delivery, Communication & Advocacy Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning

- THEME 6** Reaching End Users at Scale, Youth, and Gender Engagement

Abstracts are being received until March 14th, 2019.

Abstract submission guidelines are available on the APA website. Authors will be required to specify their preferred mode of presentation during abstract submission. We expect a wide range of exhibitors ranging from scientists, private sector, farmer associations, and development agencies. Special symposia and exhibitions can be arranged in consultation with the APA 2019 secretariat.



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11th Triennial Conference KIGALI-RWANDA








The African Potato Association (APA) is a non-profit organization formed in 1983 and its core objective is to promote the production and the use of potato and sweetpotato in Africa. Currently, most APA members are scientists and practitioners drawn from 20 African countries. Every three years, the APA holds a meeting to review progress in potato and sweetpotato research and delivery in Africa. Rwanda is the selected country for the 11th Triennial APA Conference because of the critical role potato and sweetpotato contribute towards its food security, nutrition, and income generation. The Rwanda Board of Agriculture and the International Potato Center have joined hands to host this international event for an expected 400 participants. The meeting begins on the evening of 25th of August through the 29th of August 2019. This includes 2.5 days of presentations at the Kigali Conference Center in the capital and 1.5 days for Field Trips.

The APA needs to raise funds to cover the costs of this meeting to support African scientists and farmer innovators who are selected for keynote speeches, oral presentations, posters, or participation in the marketplace exhibitions. The estimated cost per participant varies by region. The figures below cover air travel (when relevant), accommodation and meals, the registration fee and participation in the meeting and a field trip.

Region	Cost (USD)	Cost (Rwandan Francs Rwf)
Rwanda	600	538,000
East and Central Africa	1,900	1,672,000
Southern & West Africa	2,700	2,376,000
North Africa	2,800	2,464,000

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