



TROPENTAG 2015
BERLIN

Management of Land Use Systems for Enhanced Food Security

- Conflicts, Controversies and Resolutions

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Call for Papers

Conference organisation

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Faculty of Life Sciences

Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research

Institute of Socio-Economics

**Council for Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural
Research (ATSAF e. V.)**

www.tropentag.de

About

Tropentag is an annual international conference on research in food security, natural resource management and rural development.

Tropentag is jointly organised by the universities of Berlin, Bonn, Göttingen, Hohenheim and Kassel (Witzenhausen), ZALF e. V. Müncheberg, ETH Zurich (Switzerland), CULS Prague (Czechia), BOKU Vienna (Austria) and the Council for Tropical and Subtropical Research (ATSAF e. V.) - in cooperation with the GIZ Advisory Service on Agricultural Research for Development (BEAF).

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.

Who should attend?

Tropentag invites all scientists, students and experts addressing topics in the above fields. Young scientists are particularly encouraged to present their research projects and results.

Contributions pertaining to rural development, hunger and poverty alleviation, their environmental repercussions and influences of globalisation on these topics are particularly welcome.

IITA is this year's featured CGIAR Centre

In 2015, we spotlight the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture IITA (www.iita.org/home).

The 2015 conference theme:

Management of Land Use Systems for Enhanced Food Security: Conflicts, Controversies and Resolutions

Food security has become a major worldwide concern and key policy issue. It will be increasingly challenging to feed the rapidly growing population in a declining area of arable and fertile land under unfavourable and unpredictable climatic conditions. Land has become a precious resource. A growing land use competition for the production of food, fodder & forage, biofuels or forestry goods is creating tensions and conflicts. Especially the poorest nations in tropical regions have the highest prevalence of malnutrition – caused by inconsistent food availability, accessibility, utilisation and stability. The mainly rain-fed, subsistence-oriented smallholder farming systems are extremely vulnerable to environmental stressors and often lack access to inputs and resources, institutional support and, ultimately, adaptive capacity. The highly complex state of vulnerability needs to be addressed encompassing economic and socio-political factors which play a pivotal role in ameliorating food insecurity. Thus, effective adaptation and intervention strategies need to pursue a holistic approach and an array of objectives, including social and economic viability, gender empowerment, improvement of infrastructure and market access as well as soil health, minimum use of scarce water and fossil energy or conservation of natural resources and biodiversity. The issue is marked by a high degree of complexity; interests of stakeholders collide, and strategic concepts diverge. Creating a sustainable roadmap for the future will be a challenging task for our global community. We invite you to discuss possible solutions in an effort to enhance food and nutritional security in the tropics.

Conference structure

Tropentag is organised into six parallel themes with four sessions held under each theme. We may widen the session number in case the need arises.

Each theme will be opened by an invited lecture, to be followed by four original papers.

During the guided poster sessions, every poster author will introduce her/his topic (3 minutes talk).

Submission procedure

The conference language is English. Please ensure that abstracts submitted are written in a high level of English – poorly written abstracts will be excluded.

Abstracts of original research containing 250-350 words must be submitted using the online form at www.tropentag.de by May 1, 2015.

A panel of referees will decide which contributions to accept based on the abstracts. Whether a contribution is accepted as a poster or as an oral presentation is determined by the panel of referees.

A programme committee will allocate the accepted oral contributions to interdisciplinary sessions. Notifications of acceptance are sent on July 1, 2015. Contributors must confirm their participation by July 15, 2015 and pay their conference fee before August 1, 2015.

Poster contributions will be grouped into thematic clusters and addressed in guided poster sessions. All presented contributions will be contained in the Book of Abstracts, both in print and online. Authors of presented contributions are encouraged to submit a four-page version of their contribution by October 30, 2015, for online publication.

Organise your own Workshop

You can either network targeting a specific topic (related to tropical agriculture), or you offer capacity building, task forces for projects and follow your own initiative. Workshops can take place before or after the conference. You need to describe the objective and topic of the workshop and send your application not later than July 31 to

info@tropentag.de. In the case of approval, we help you to find an appropriate venue. For more information see www.tropentag.de.

Programme structure

Day 1 pm	Plenary Session					
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	Poster Sessions					
Day 2 am	Poster Sessions					
	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	S 5	S 6
	Poster Sessions					
Day 2 pm	S 7	S 8	S 9	S 10	S 11	S 12
	S 13	S 14	S 15	S 16	S 17	S 18
	Poster Sessions					
Day 3 am	Poster Sessions					
	S 19	S 20	S 21	S 22	S 23	S 24
	Plenary Session					

“Roadmap.”

Submission of abstracts:	May 1, 2015
Notification of acceptance:	July 1, 2015
Reconfirmation of contribution:	July 15, 2015
Submission of workshops:	July 31, 2015
Payment of the conference fee:	Aug. 1, 2015
Submission of full paper:	Oct. 30, 2015

Conference fees

	by August 1, 2015	later
Full Participants	100 €	150 €
PhD candidates	60 €	90 €
ATSAP PhD Members	30 €	90 €
Students	10 €	20 €

Please transfer your conference fee to:

Name:	DITSL Witzhausen
Bank:	Sparkasse Werra-Meißner
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Tropentag 2015 will be held at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. A map indicating the venue and facilities will be posted on the conference website: www.tropentag.de.

Social activities and services

The Apéro on Day 1 provides the opportunity to meet and get to know each other.

The social evening on Day 2 will be an informal conference dinner to facilitate discussions and exchange among participants. For food and drinks a fee of 10 € (students), and 20 € (other participants) will be charged.

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

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