

Welcome note to participants

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I have the pleasure to invite you to this year's Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Agricultural Economics Society of Tanzania (AGREST).

AGREST is an association set up for furthering development and application of systematic knowledge of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness in Tanzania. It is a registered entity since 1999 with registration number SO. 9877.

One of the primary goals of AGREST is to facilitate scientific research and provide a common forum for academician and practitioners to disseminate knowledge and information in agricultural economics through, among other things, meetings and publications on annual basis. Since its inception, AGREST has successfully held 11 annual conferences on various themes of interest to the development of Tanzania's economy.

The popularity of AGREST is growing. Participants, members and non-members alike, have acknowledged that AGREST Conference is a proven-effective way of contextualising complex issues pertinent to the fight against poverty among agricultural communities in Tanzania.

The 11th annual conference will be held on **13-15 November 2019 at St. Gaspar's Conference Centre in Dodoma** with the theme ***"The fourth Industrial Revolution: Implications for Agricultural and Agro-processing Development in Africa"***.

This theme will give participants an opportunity to discuss conceptual and practical issues pertinent to industrial revolution.

I look forward to meeting you soon in Dodoma.

Yours truly,

Dr. Elibariki Emmanuel Msuya
AGREST Chairperson

Conference sessions

The program will consist of an opening session including keynote papers and a series of plenary sessions addressing relevant sub-themes. Arrangements are underway in collaboration with SUGECO to complement activities of the conference with exhibitions of activities of graduate entrepreneurs along the food processing chain and food system.

The theme of the conference will allow participants to discuss a number of interesting issues related to production, marketing and support services in relation to the industrial revolution. Emerging issues from these sub-themes will contribute to the government efforts aimed at achieving industrial revolution.

The plenary sessions will centre on seven sub-themes:

- Technological Innovation and Sustainable Intensification
- Innovations in Agricultural Markets
- 4IR implications to gender roles
- Entrepreneurship education for 4IR
- The influence of Institutions on the growth of Agro-processing in Africa
- Impact of intermediaries on Agricultural Marketing in Developing economies
- The digitalization and Agriculture Transformation in Africa

This year's conference will bring about 100 participants drawn from different field related to the agricultural sector from both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar. About 40 scientific papers including 2 keynote papers from experienced experts will be presented. Those who have not yet submitted their full papers are requested to finalise and submit them as soon as possible. In order to simplify further editing and processing of the papers, authors are requested to closely follow the "Guide to Authors" presented below and in the letter of acceptance of the paper.

Conference sessions

1. The manuscript should include an abstract of not more than 500 words and three to five key words.

2. The paper should be divided into sections as follows: Title of the paper followed by Abstract, Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion (or results and discussion), Conclusion, Acknowledgements (if any), References, and Appendices
3. Manuscripts should be typed on one side of A4 paper and double spaced. A paper manuscript including all tables, figures, etc should not exceed 30 typed pages.
4. All papers should be in English. Non-English words or phrases must be italicised. All measurements should be given in metric system.
5. Headings should be numbered consecutively according to the decimal system (1, 1.1, 1.1.1, etc) except for the abstract which should not be numbered. Headings should not be written in capital letters.
6. Tables and figures should be referred to in the text. Tables should produced using table command and not Tabs. Use endnotes instead of footnotes, and keep them to minimum.
7. Reference should be arranged alphabetically from A to Z. All referenced authors should be cited in the text, and all cited authors should appear in the reference list.
8. Use American Psychological Association (APA) citation Style; e.g. "Carnemark, C. J., K. Biderman and D. Bovet, (1976). Economic Analysis of Rural Road Projects. World Bank Staff Working Paper No. 241. Washington, D.C, USA"; Diewert, W. E. (1992), Fisher Ideal Output, Input and Productivity Indexes Revisited. *Journal of Productivity Analysis* Vol. 3: 211-248.

Important Dates

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| Aug. 22 – Sept 30, 2019: | Call for Abstracts |
| Sept. 2 - Nov. 5, 2019: | Submission of full papers and confirmation |
| Nov. 13 - 15, 2019: | Scientific Conference & Annual General Meeting |
| Dec. 2019 – March. 2020: | Editing and publication of conference proceedings |

Organisation and Management of AGREST

AGREST is managed by an Executive Committee whose members are elected every three years by

the Annual General Meeting from among its members. The Executive Committee consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Editor and Directors. Current office bearers are:

- Chairman – Dr. Elibariki Msuya
- Vice-Chairman – Ms. Annette Goodluck
- Secretary – Dr. Felix Nandonde
- Treasurer – Dr. Daniel Ndyetabula
- Acting Chief Editor – Dr. Daniel Ndyetabula
- Directors – To be announced in the forthcoming conference.

Membership to AGREST

Membership to AGREST is open to persons having interest in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. If you intend to join AGREST for the first time, the current registration fee is TShs. 40,000 for regular membership, TShs. 30,000 for junior membership, and TShs. 250,000 for industry membership, and TShs. 600,000 for life membership. This year, those who are already members are reminded to pay a subsidised annual membership fee of TShs. 25,000

Payment is either by cash upon arrival or by bank transfer to AGREST, Account No. 01J2075790900, CRDB Bank, SUA Branch.

Conference Materials

Proceedings of the previous conferences and Journal of Agricultural Economics and Development (JAED) will be available for sale at TShs. 12,000 per copy. In addition free publications from partner organisations such as REPOA, ESRF, BOT, BET, PASS, BRELLA, etc, will be available.

Conference Costs

Due to limited funding, AGREST cannot meet all the costs for participants; it can only afford to meet conference package that will include midmorning team lunches and conference materials. We therefore request you to support AGREST by meeting your travel and lodging costs.

Conference Contacts

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