

# Call for Abstracts

Conference title: Changing Food Systems in Africa: Agro-ecology, Food Sovereignty and their Roles in Nutrition and Health

**Venue:** Mosaic Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Date:** 24-26 November 2016

**Organization:** Organized by Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), the Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative for Africa (EOA-I), AfrONet, IFOAM – Organics International and others.

**Nature of Conference:** A 3-day conference on changing food systems in Africa in the context of agro-ecology and nutrition. Presentations, plenary discussions, group work sessions and seed/food fairs organized by farmers' groups.

**Purpose of the Conference:** To build knowledge and generate compelling narratives around agro-ecology as a genuine and holistic alternative to industrial food systems, and to strategically engage key stakeholders, including government actors, to support alternative food systems for better health and nutrition.

**Participants:** The conference will bring together research and development networks, scientific experts, farmers, consumer associations, research institutions, governments, and nongovernmental organizations working at Global, Regional and National level on the linkages between food production, nutrition and health.

The conference will discuss the following five thematic areas:

1. Food systems (production and process) and policies;
2. Ecological organic agriculture and African agriculture challenges (climate change adaptation, biodiversity, soil health, poverty reduction etc.);
3. Seed systems and food sovereignty;
4. Land access and rights, knowledge and investment capital for smallholder farmers;
5. Agriculture, nutrition and health.

Please submit abstracts to one of the thematic areas mentioned above.

Abstracts written in English or French, should be no longer than 3000 characters. The authors of the selected abstracts are invited to present their work.

The abstract submission is open till 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2016. The abstract will be reviewed by the editorial committee composed of academia and civil society. The authors will get

information of the acceptance status of their abstract(s) on October 15, 2016.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Abstract Book or/and made available on the website.

To submit an abstract, please send it to: Yonas Alemu, pennykingovyski@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you in Addis Ababa!

Sincerely,

Dr. Million Belay, Conference Convener.

Dr. David Amudavi, Conference Co-convener, WEEC 2015

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