You are invited to send your abstract to the 5th Global Science Conference on Climate-Smart Agriculture 2019.

We welcome abstracts which demonstrate practical approaches as well as the introduction of new dimensions and perspectives on climate-smart agriculture.
Presentation formats

Presentation format options available at the conference are as follows:

- **Oral presentations** (10 mins presentation)
  Oral presentations will be organized into the six sub-themes (see page 3). The sessions will take place in parallel with a duration of 90 minutes. Each session will provide opportunities for in depth discussions.
  
  Please note that oral presentations will be limited to 3 per session, and should last no longer than 10 mins: 7 mins allocated time for the presentation and 3 mins for clarifying questions.

- **Speed talks** (5 mins presentation)
  The objective of this format is to spark dialogue. You will have a limited period of time (5 mins) to present a result, outcome, approach or concept in an accessible manner.
  
  In this very short presentation, the aim is to inspire the audience and help them learn about the area of science that you are presenting on. Typically, speed talks are a short vignette of key findings or methods for projects or on-ground actions or plans. There can be a maximum of three supporting slides plus one title slide to accompany the talk.
  
  For this session, the audience will be large, offering speakers the opportunity to ensure maximum exposure of their work.

- **Posters**
  Posters will be on display during the entire conference. In addition, there will be a dedicated poster session. Posters must be A0 size (84x119 cm) and should be in portrait format.
  
  The committee will also select a few abstract submissions for posters to be presented as a “Hot Topic” talk during the conference.

Key dates for submitting abstracts and papers

- Call for abstracts open :  29th October 2018
- Final abstract submission deadline :  28th February 2019
- Abstract review process :  1st March – 30th April 2019
- Confirmation of successful abstracts :  15th May 2019
Abstract submission guidelines

The following guidelines are provided to assist you in submitting your abstract. All abstract submissions should link to one of the conference sub-themes:

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<th>PROPOSED CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES</th>
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<td>1. Strong farmer and consumer organizations and networking</td>
<td>Collective actions by farmers and consumers are key to driving transformational change in food systems. This sub-theme focuses on lesson learning from actions that build capacity and empower farmers and consumers and their networks as part of the efforts to drive demand-driven solutions.</td>
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<td>2. Digitally enabled climate-informed services</td>
<td>Agriculture is behind many sectors in the application of information and communication tools. This sub-theme focuses on addressing this gap, and generating lessons for application of digital tools, disruptive technologies and big data, in extension, early response systems and adaptive safety nets.</td>
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<td>3. Climate-resilient and low-emission practices and technologies</td>
<td>Technologies and practices which enhance resilience and enable farmers to take low emissions development pathways are crucial, and the focus of this sub-theme is to identify emerging innovations and lessons from their application, including innovative ideas for scaling up technologies and practices.</td>
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<td>4. Innovative finance to leverage public and private sector investments</td>
<td>This sub-theme focuses on mobilizing the finance needed to drive a food systems transformation, identifying financial mechanisms to de-risk private capital (for example, blended finance) including incentives for technology uptake.</td>
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<td>5. Reshaping supply chains, food retail, marketing and procurement</td>
<td>This sub-theme takes cognizance of the need for system-wide actions to drive transformation, and focuses on reshaping supply chains from farm to fork, including new models of business-to-business coordination, new diets and consumer choices and efforts to manage food loss and waste.</td>
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<td>6. Gender equality, capacity and enabling policy and institutions</td>
<td>This sub-theme recognizes the central and complementary role that gender equality, capacity and enabling policy and institutions play to support transformation. The focus will be on innovative approaches to gender equality, capacity enhancement, policy design and implementation, land governance and reforms, and trade rules.</td>
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Please read and follow the instructions below:

- Abstracts should be no more than 200 words
- Complete the online abstract submission form
- Your abstract should be submitted in English
- We encourage you to send an abstract which is a summary of a paper’s substance including background, purpose, methods/approach, results, and conclusion.
- **Abstract information cannot be altered after the submission site is closed.** Please note that the presentation format (oral/speed talk/poster) selected during the submission process is a **request only**; the selection committee will make the final selections.
- It is the responsibility of the lead presenter to submit the abstract. They will be the primary corresponding author whose responsibility it is to communicate with other members of the presenting team.
- If your abstract is accepted, you will be invited to register for the 5th Global Science Conference on Climate-Smart Agriculture. You will need to register and pay the registration fees for the conference by **15th June 2019** to be included in the final program.

### Abstract selection criteria

The selection committee will seek to accommodate the preferred presentation format for all delegates. However, it may also recommend a different presentation format deemed more appropriate for the abstract, in order to build a diverse and interesting program.

The criteria used to assess abstracts may include:

- Relevance of the abstract to the conference theme and sub-themes
- Clear statements regarding (i) the motivation for the work, (ii) the results/findings, and (iii) conclusions/implications
- Research merit, innovation, originality and interest
- Quality of the abstract, in terms of content and language
- Fit with the presentation format preferred

### Contact

Please do not hesitate to direct any questions you may have regarding the conference to: abstract@globalcsaconference.org