



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TOURISM
TANZANIA FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE



3RD INTERNATIONAL TAFORI SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

11TH - 13TH DECEMBER 2024



CONFERENCE THEME

“Restoring forest landscapes for sustainable development and climate change mitigation”.

DATE

11TH - 13TH
December 2024

LOCATION

Arusha International
Conference Centre (AICC)

More information is on
<https://tafori.or.tz>



ABOUT

The Organizing Committee is pleased to inform you that the 3rd International TAFORI Scientific Conference will be held at Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), Arusha, Tanzania from 11th – 13th December, 2024.

The conference will involve a wider range of information sharing through paper presentations in terms of oral and posters. There will also be exhibitions of various forestry and beekeeping innovations/technologies as well as forest and bee products.

For this special event, we would like to bring your attention to the following important updates:-

CONFERENCE THEME

“Restoring forest landscapes for sustainable development and climate change mitigation”.

SUB THEMES

- I. Financing forestry and beekeeping
- II. Forest degradation, biodiversity conservation and nature based solutions
- III. Innovations and technologies in forest and beekeeping industries
- IV. Forest and bee products value chains under climate change scenarios
- V. Gender perspective in forest and beekeeping industries
- VI. Green and blue economy policy and governance
- VII. Clean energy solutions for sustaining forest landscapes
- VIII. Forest landscape restoration governance and management



ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

Call for abstracts is open from 1st March, 2024 and the deadline for abstract submission will be on 31st August, 2024. Abstracts should be limited to a maximum of 300 words for both oral and poster presentations. Specifically, the abstract should be **clear with a short and clear title, name(s) of the author(s) and affiliations/ addresses, (the correspondent author should be indicated for easy communication)**, brief background and objectives of the study, methodology, results and conclusion. Keywords should not be more than five words arranged in alphabetical order. Authors of accepted abstracts for oral/poster presentations will be notified by 10th September, 2024. The abstract should also mention the related sub-theme as per this advert.

CONTACT

All conference emails, enquiries and correspondences that include submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentation should be sent to conference2024@tafori.or.tz.

Important: For easy follow-up of your submissions, please use the conference email; submission to individual emails (i.e. to TAFORI staff personal emails) is discouraged.

PRESENTATIONS AND SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPERS

Oral or poster presentations at the conference will be subject to submission of full papers. *The Deadline for submission of full papers will be on 30th September, 2024.* The length of each full paper should not be more than 12 pages including references (Arial 12 single-spaced). For poster presentation, the poster size should not exceed **90 cm (Length) x 75 cm (width)**. The full papers will consist of the following sections abstract, introduction, methodology, results and discussions, conclusion and policy recommendations. The accepted full papers are expected to be published in a conference proceedings.



CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Prof. Verdiana Masanja

Topic: Innovations and technologies in forest and beekeeping industries

Prof. Verdiana Grace Masanja is a Tanzanian mathematician specializing in fluid dynamics. She is the first Tanzanian woman to earn a doctorate in mathematics. Currently she is a retired Full Professor of Applied Mathematics. She is a Professor Emerita by the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), Tanzania. Prof. Verdiana is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI). She is also a member of the Basic Sciences Committee of the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH). She is also the Vice President of the Africa Mathematical Union (AMU) for Eastern Africa Region. Prof. Verdiana has written papers relating to the fluids work that she undertook for her doctoral thesis, and she has also written papers on gender issues and mathematical education.



Prof. Dos Santos Silayo

Topic: Forest landscapes restoration in the AFR100 targets

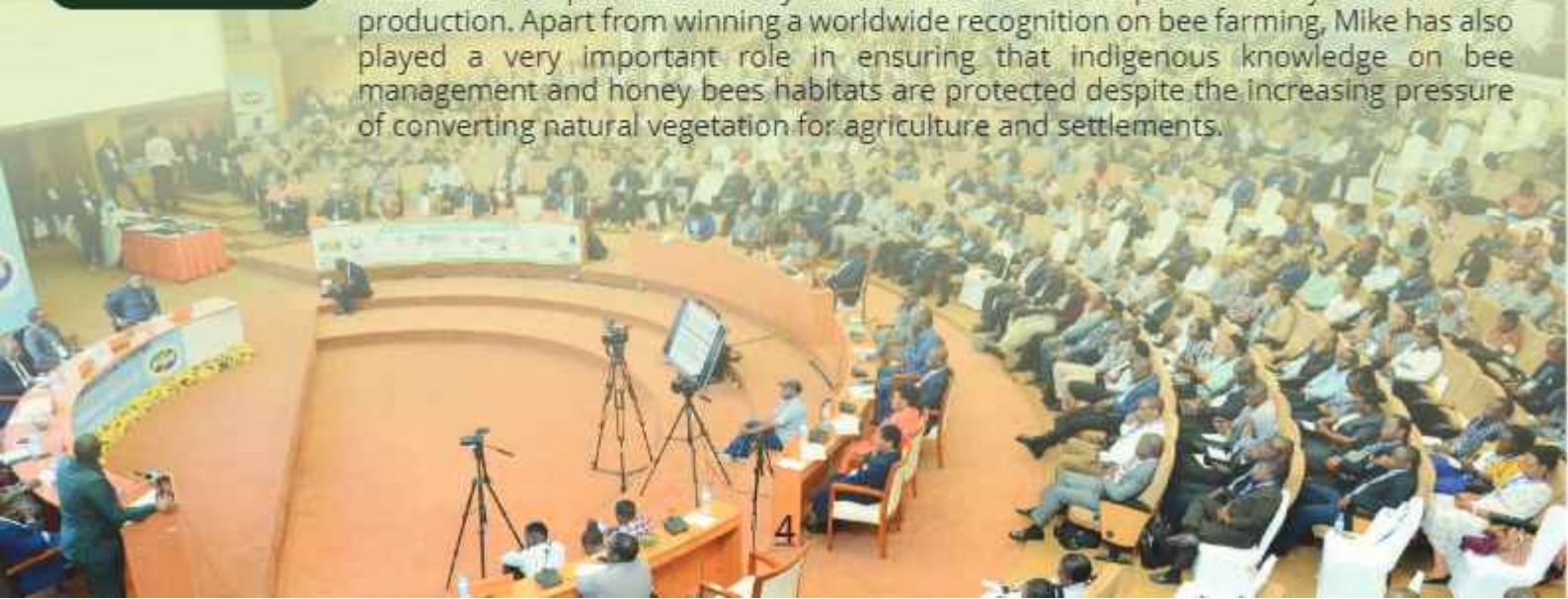
Prof. Dos Santos Aristaricky Silayo is the Conservation Commissioner - Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS). He is a member to various Board Committees including the Board of Directors of the Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI). Before being appointed as Conservation Commissioner, Prof. Dos Santos worked with Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) at the Department of Forest Engineering and Wood Science. He is a Professor in forestry science specializing on forest engineering. He has done various research studies in the field of forest engineering as well as biodiversity conservation. He was also involved in REDD+ piloting projects in Tanzania.



Dr. Mike Allsopp

Topic: Bee products value chains under climate change scenarios

Mike Allsopp has 40 years of experience in bee research and is head of the Agricultural Research Council's Bee Research Unit in Stellenbosch. He is currently South Africa's only honeybee researcher outside of academia, and he is also the leading authority on South African honeybees in agricultural settings. Mike has a very strong passion for bee farming and he is among the few bee specialists that are exploring various opportunities to make bee farming a success conservation industry in sub-Saharan Africa. He has published widely on the influence and impact of honey bees on food production. Apart from winning a worldwide recognition on bee farming, Mike has also played a very important role in ensuring that indigenous knowledge on bee management and honey bees habitats are protected despite the increasing pressure of converting natural vegetation for agriculture and settlements.





Prof. Suzana Augustino

Topic: Gender Perspective in Forest and Beekeeping Industries

Prof. Suzana Augustino is a distinguished academic leader and is the current Deputy Vice Chancellor Planning, Finance and Administration at the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology (NM-AIST). Apart from the administrative position, Prof. Suzana has been involved in forestry and beekeeping research activities in gender perspectives. She has also been involved in research related to climate change adaptation in the country as well as medicinal plant parts and practices used by communities around the miombo woodlands.



Ms. GISELA NGOO

Topic: Clean energy solutions for sustaining forest landscapes

Ms. Gisela Ngoo, is a Gender and Energy Expert, working with and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) known as the Tanzania Association of Clean Cooking Stakeholders. She has over 16 years' experience in the gender and energy fields in Africa, particularly in gender analysis and mainstreaming in energy, women empowerment in productive use of energy and engagement with local communities, private - solar mini-grid projects, developers, energy and non-energy government entities and civil societies. Ms. Gisela, is a graduate with an MSc. in Forestry from Sokoine University of Agriculture in Tanzania.



Prof. Paxie Chirwa

Topic: Forest landscape restoration governance and management

Paxie Wanangwa CHIRWA is a Professor of Forest Science in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at the University of Pretoria. He is also a Forest Chair for the Forest Science Postgraduate Programme in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the same university. His expertise lies in socio-ecological systems in forests and resource use in agroforestry systems. Prof Chirwa works in different forest ecosystems in Africa, including the Miombo dry forests and woodlands of Southern Africa. He has supervised over 24 PhDs and 43 Masters Students. His scholarly contributions include publication of over 150 scientific articles in peer-reviewed international journals; 21 Book Chapters and Edited 3 Books. He has acted as Guest editor for three special issues of forestry journals; the International Forestry Review, Agroforestry Systems, and the Southern Forest: A Journal of Forest Science. He recently was one of the co-editors of the book "Miombo Woodlands in a Changing Environment: Securing the Resilience and Sustainability of People and Woodlands by Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-50104-4_1 Ribeiro N.S., Katerere Y., Chirwa P.W., Grundy I.M. (eds) (2020).



Dr. Urs Schaffner

Topic: Forest degradation, biodiversity conservation and nature based solutions

Dr. Urs is the head of the 'Ecosystem Management' section at CAB International Europe-Switzerland. He is coordinating projects in the 'Ecosystem Management' section deal with grassland ecology and management, environmental impact of invasive species, evolutionary ecology of invasive species, and regulation of non-native species in Switzerland and the European Union. He is also working in various projects in the 'Biological Control of Weeds', which includes field work in Asia (Turkey, Iran, Uzbekistan) and close collaboration with weed managers and scientists in North America.

VIRTUAL VIDEO PRESENTATION

Virtual video presentation for those who will not manage to travel to Arusha, will be organized. Allocated time will be 15 min for video presentation and 5 min for discussion. All virtual presenters will have to send their recorded videos before conference dates through, conference2024@tafori.or.tz and must also to include:- title, name of the author/presenter and Institutional affiliation.

REGISTRATION

Online Registration is available through the following link: [Click here to Register](#)
About registration updates kindly visit TAFORI website (www.tafori.or.tz).

Registration Fees

A. Early Bird Registration Fee

Kindly be informed that, due to increased costs of almost every service provided and materials, the conference registration fee has been increased to accommodate the changes in costs. The participation fee indicated will cover costs for meals, venue conference materials and all the services for three days of the conference. The following registration fees will apply per person:-

- i. East African: TZS 300,000.00
- ii. Non East African: USD 300.00
- iii. Tanzania Students: TZS 200,000.00

B. Late or onsite registration

- i. East African: TZS 400,000.00
- ii. Non East African: USD 350.00
- iii. Tanzania Students: TZS 250,000.00

Important Notice on Registration

- I. Early bird registration is open from 30th March – 30th August, 2024
- II. Tanzanian students must send to TAFORI supporting letters from their Institutes/Universities/Colleges and a copy of their student ID.
- III. East Africans should provide evidence of their identity (i.e. submitting a copy of the Passport cover and first pages.

Important: The above registration fees will also apply to Virtual/Online presenters to cover costs of associated technology.

Payment of Registration Fee Mode of Payment

Following the current Government payment guidelines, before making any payment please request for the payment control number from TAFORI accounts office by sending an email to conference2024@tafori.or.tz or nancy.mwakalundwa@tafori.or.tz.

Important: Do not make any payment through any other means, only the Government Electronic Payment Gateway (GePG) is allowed to settle all the bills. For further clarification on payments, kindly contact CPA Nancy Mwakalundwa - Chief Accountant. Email: nancy.mwakalundwa@tafori.or.tz Cellphone: +2557 567 064 09

Language

The conference language will be English.

Venue

The conference will be held at Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), Arusha, Tanzania

Accommodation

We recommend participants to make their own hotel booking. Arusha has a range of good hotels and lodges. Alternatively, contact the TAFORI Conference Organizing Committee in case you need assistance with hotel booking through; - conference2024@tafori.or.tz.

Tourism and Sight Seeing

Arusha is a hub of tourism activities in Tanzania, with a several nearby tourism attractions including Arusha National Park, Kilimanjaro National Park, Lake Duluti Forest Reserve, Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Tarangire National Park, as well as some other cultural tourism centers. Participants interested in participating in tourism activities before or after the conference should contact TAFORI Conference Organizing Committee in case of a need of assistance in booking through conference2024@tafori.or.tz. A joint tour to one of the tourism sites will be arranged by the Conference Organizing Committee on the 14th December, 2024.

We look forward to seeing you during the conference in Arusha, Tanzania.



Contacts and Location

**ARUSHA INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE CENTRE**



JMJW+QCF Afrika Mashariki Road, Arusha

CONTACT US

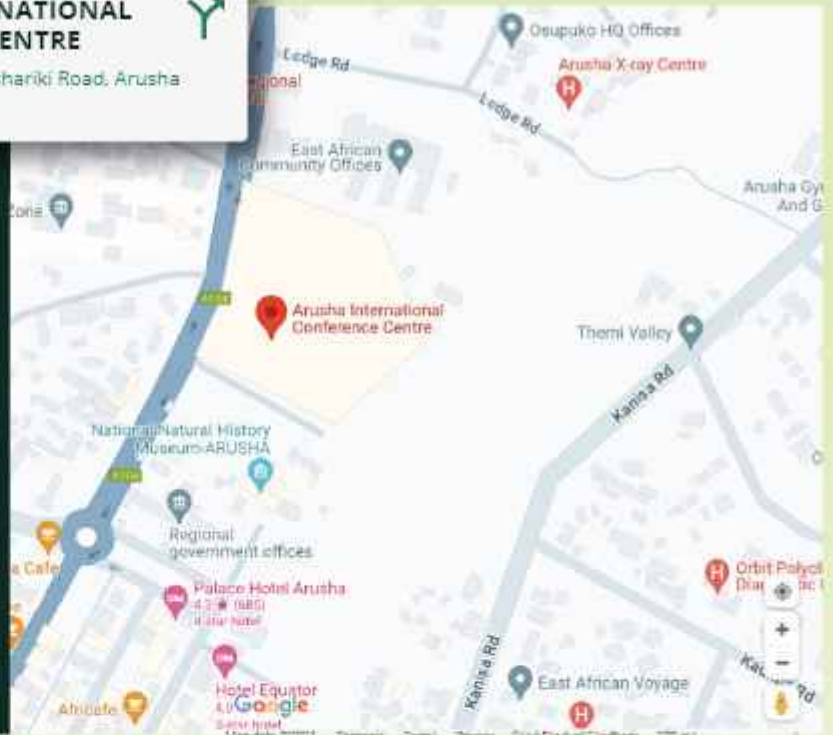
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