

ANNOUNCEMENT

Yams 2013

3 – 6 October
Accra, Ghana



The First Global Conference

'to harness research innovations to unleash the potential of yam'

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The First Global Yam Conference "Yams 2013" will be held in conjunction with the 12th Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops (ISTRC)-African Branch, from 3 to 6 October 2013 in Accra.

Yams 2013 will explore the recent innovations on yam improvement, share lessons learned, identify R&D needs and develop global alliances to unleash potential of the crop. It will provide a platform for consultation and development of a global strategy for improving the yam sector based on genetic enhancement; crop protection and mitigation of risks due to pests, diseases and climate change; conservation of genetic resources; prevention of post-harvest losses;



improved seed systems; crop diversification; enhancing industrial potential of yam and improved market access. The ultimate goals of this event is to establish (i) a global alliance for yam improvement; (ii) gain more investments to advance and expand yam R&D agenda globally, and (iii) contribute to the strengthening of R&D capacity and human resource development for sustainable yam improvement.

This event will bring scientists working on all disciplines on yams, policymakers, donors, traders and business leaders. This event will be organized as various sessions, including review of the status of knowledge through invited presentations

and offered papers (oral and posters), thematic discussions on key strategic issues and an optional field visit. This symposium is open to students, scientists, donors, extension specialists, policy makers, processors, food industry, government and inter-governmental agencies, NGO's, private sector, traders and any others. Please express your interest by sending an e-mail to: IITA-Yams2013@cgiar.org

Registration fees

-US\$ 250 for delegates from public and non-profit organizations

-US\$ 200 for current students (proof required)

-US\$ 300 for delegates from private sector

Registration fee covers,

- Your airport transfers (Arrives on 2nd or 3rd October and departures from 6th October onwards);
- Transportation for all conference related events; Access to all conference presentations
- Conference tote bag with materials; free internet access in the conference venue
- Meals and refreshments provided during conference (two breaks per day with beverages and snacks); Lunch: 4 to 6 October; Welcome reception with cocktail on 3 October.
- **Registration fees for Accompanying Persons/Guests: US\$200.** Coverage, same as participants; symposium tote bag and materials not provided.
- **Participants pay for** Airfare, accommodation, visa expenses, vaccination, health insurance, dinner on 4 to 6 October; Sightseeing, Safaris, Tours, and other travels and incidentals.



Payment of registration fees is due by August 20, 2013. Late registration fees of US\$50 apply for registrations from 20 AUG 2013 to spot registration during conference period. Cancellations attract 30% levy to cover transaction costs; no refunds after 25 SEP 2013.

Guidelines for abstract submission

Abstract should include a title, list of authors, affiliations and a text description of 300 words maximum. Please visit yams2013 website for complete guidelines and submission details.

Attending Yams 2013 and the 12th Symposium of the ISTRC-African Branch

Those registered for the Global Conference on Yams (Yams 2013) can also attend the 12th ISTRC-AB symposium (from 30 SEP to 5 OCT) held in the same venue in Accra, by paying additional registration fees of US\$50 per day of interest.

Venue

The Conference will take place at the **Alisa Hotel, Accra, Ghana** (www.alisahotels.com). Participants should plan to arrive at Accra on 2 or 3 October 2013. Transportation to symposium venue and accommodation (arrivals October 2 and 3, 2013) and airport (departures from 6 to 7 October 2013 only) will be provided and is included in the registration fee.

Visit <http://www.iita.org/web/yams2013> for information on accommodation.

Visit Ghana: <http://ghanaweb.com> and <http://www.touringghana.com/> for travel tips and other useful information.

We request your input on yam R4D future agenda:

We request you to participate in the 'Strategic Assessment of Research Priorities for Yam Improvement' survey organized by the CGIAR Research Program on Roots, Tubers and Bananas (RTB) to identify research options that can result in highest impacts on poverty, food security, nutrition and health, gender equity and environmental sustainability. On-line form is accessible at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SurveyYamResearchPriorities2012?wave=web>

It takes no more than 10 min of your time. Results of the survey will be discussed in 'Yams 2013'. Please participate and make your opinion counted.

Important Dates

Registration & abstract submission opens on: 15 APR 2013

Deadline for abstract submission: 12 AUG 2013

Intimation of abstract acceptance: 16 AUG 2013

Conference: 3 - 6 OCT 2013

Optional field visit: 7 OCT 2013



Venue

Alisa Hotel, Accra, Ghana

Organizer

The **International Institute of Tropical Agriculture** (www.iita.org) and partners, in conjunction with the 12th Triennial Symposium of the **International Society of Tropical Root Crops** (ISTRC) Africa Branch (www.istrc.org)



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