



# 19<sup>th</sup> African Fine Coffees Conference & Exhibition

The Kigali International Convention Center, Kigali,



## **CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

### **Conference Brief**

Kigali will play host to the **19th African Fine Coffee Conference and Exhibition**. The event will be held from **Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th February 2023** at the Kigali International Convention Center, Rwanda.

### **Call for Presentations**

The 19th African Fine Coffee Conference & Exhibition Presentation Committee calls for technical presentations on the main theme “**Shared Value for Sustainability in the African Coffee Industry**” to be made during the Conference.

*This year AFCA would like to invite all members to submit their abstracts in line with the theme. Key themes include:*

- 1. African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Opportunities for the Coffee Industry:**
  - a) What are the opportunities
  - b) What needs to be done to ensure smooth coffee business between the countries in the continent
  - c) What's the role of private sector ( coffee Industry) in the contributions of the development of the Enabling Policies of AfCFTA
- 2. Coffee industry shared value proposition amidst the current global economic challenges**
  - a. Shared value, how can it be achieved in light of current coffee prices fluctuation
  - b. How has the current Global Economic Performance affected the Coffee industry and what needs to be done.
  - c. Lessons drawn from these challenges that can help mitigate the same in the future.
- 3. Emerging Regulations in the international market and its effect in the sustainability of the coffee industry**
  - a. What are some of the emerging International regulations in the international scenes and how it affects the coffee business .,the how and the what
  - b. Country specific regulations that require alignment to the AfCFTA and the Emerging international Regulations
- 4. Climate change and real impact on the coffee production and what must be done to mitigate in the long run**
  - a. Current impact of the climate change on the production and the quality of coffee, pests and diseases, output, quality etc
  - b. Past climate change adaptation measures, are they working? To what extent?
  - c. Coffee and forests? Are coffees plantations considered Forests? Do they count to the Forest cover? Can they co-exist?

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## Abstract Requirements

An abstract is a single paragraph, without indentation, that summarizes the key points of the manuscript in 150 to 250 words. Should contain the Full name and title and the organization/Institute of the Presenter

Please send your abstract for evaluation by the organizing Conference Committee and if abstract is accepted, the submitter must provide a Full power-point presentation. Your abstract only will be published in the Conference Proceeding. Company promotional presentations will not be accepted.

Presentations should be relevant, practical and offer solutions and information on emerging issues in the Coffee Industry. Country and or regional specific presentations will be accepted.

### Important Datelines:

<b><i>Submission of Abstracts:</i></b>	<b><i>10<sup>th</sup> November 2022</i></b>
<b><i>Selection &amp; Communication:</i></b>	<b><i>30<sup>th</sup> November 2022</i></b>
<b><i>Notification of the Selected presentations</i></b>	<b><i>30<sup>th</sup> December 2022</i></b>
<b><i>Receiving of the Selected Presentation:</i></b>	<b><i>20<sup>th</sup> January 2023</i></b>

### IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

**Contact information:** Please, provide the following information about yourself: name; job title; company/organization; address; phone, cell phone, skype and e-mail contact.

**Profile of presenters:** Include a biography and brief teaching/speaking experience of all the presenters. These should not exceed 100 words in total for each individual and should be accompanied by a recent high-resolution photograph.

- **Presentation Title:** The summary (abstract) should have a title, **and** should state the target audience, the learning goals for the audience and the key points.
- **Audiovisuals:** Available equipment is limited to LCD projector and sound output/speakers. Short videos are accepted subject to equipment capabilities.
- All presentations must be submitted in **Microsoft PowerPoint 1999 – 2010 version only.**
- All presentations must not last more than 15 minutes.

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Please note that there are several obligations and deadlines regarding presentations. AFCA reserves the right to cancel presentations by those who prove unable to fulfil these obligations:

- The Presentation Committee does not always accept proposals as submitted. All presenters must adhere to at least one of the subthemes for it to be considered.
- Presentations should be about technical issues and NOT company promotions.
- In the event that the presentation committee wishes to make changes, presenters will be contacted, advised on the committee’s wishes and given the opportunity to either participate or decline.
- The committee will offer discounts on the early bird registration fees to the selected presenters. However all presenters must register as **Full Conference Delegates** by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Everyone participating in a presentation is responsible for completing and submitting his or her conference registration online.
- All presenters are responsible for their own hotel and travel arrangements and expenses. AFCA will not meet any of these costs.
- Selected presenters will be notified in writing by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- Complete presentations must be submitted electronically to AFCA not later than 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Presenters who do not meet the date will not be considered in the final presentation panels.

**I hereby understand and agree to comply with the Call for Speaker guidelines and information as outlined above to be considered to present at the 19<sup>th</sup> African Fine Coffee Conference & Exhibition.**

Send your complete presentation proposals to the AFCA Secretariat to the attention of the Executive Director at [nancy.chelangat@afca.coffee](mailto:nancy.chelangat@afca.coffee) and [phiona.mbabazi@afca.coffee](mailto:phiona.mbabazi@afca.coffee) by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

