

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Introduction

Cashewnut Board of Tanzania (CBT) is organizing a three-day International Cashew Conference (ICC) to be held on **11th - 13th October 2023** at Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre, Dar es salaam, Tanzania.

The Conference will bring together diverse actors including Researchers, Investors, Processors, Buyers, Roasters, Logistic Companies, Cooperatives, input Suppliers, Warehouse Operators, Machines Manufacturers, Regulators, Consumers, Associations, Financial Institutions, Development partners, Extensionist, Policy Makers, Farmers, Investors, NGO's and other Cashew value chain actors from both public and private sectors to share knowledge, investment opportunities and experiences and propose strategies to stimulate increased production, productivity, processing and investment in cashew. In addition, the conference will enable the various actors to dialogue, network and establish collaborative partnerships.

Objectives of the conference

- To promote Tanzania cashew industry in international market;
- To create awareness on the economic opportunities in the cashew industry;
- To promote Raw Cashew Nut and Kernels market;
- To share available technology and techniques in cashew processing
- To promote consumption of Kernels and use of other by-products;
- To create networks among local and foreign stakeholder's;
- To formalize best way of data collection and sharing in the industry.

- To strengthen networking among cashew stakeholders

Expected Conference Outputs

- An increase of processing capacity of cashew and its products.
- A broaden market for cashew and its products.

Participants

The conference is expected to bring together 500 participants actively working and/or interested in cashew. The conference is open to participants from sectors and institutions involved in any aspect of the cashew value chain including research organizations, advisory and extension service providers, farmers, processors, farmer organizations, academics, government officials, policy makers, private sector, strategic partners, civil society and media.

All participants must register and pay registration fee of US \$ 200 for none Tanzanian and TZS 300,000 for Tanzanian.

Sponsorship/Funding

The conference organizers will provide special incentives to participants presenting papers to the conference

The Organizing Committee has negotiated a group rate for accommodation near conference venue and will assist participants to access this rate.

The conference will cover the costs of refreshments during health breaks, lunches and one cocktail dinner for all participants.

Conference Approach

The conference will be highly participatory, with a keynote address for each of the conference theme, plenary presentations, a debate session, side events and a networking session. Space will be provided for displaying posters and exhibit products. Room space or booth for commercial displays/demonstrations will be available at US \$ 500/ unit. Details about the commercial displays will be provided later.

Conference Themes/Topics

The general objective of Tanzania International Cashew Conference is to bring together

various local and international stakeholders to share investment opportunities, achievements, discuss challenges and come up with way forward on sustainable cashew industry. The papers that will be presented during the session from different stakeholders together with panel sessions for important topics includes:

- Cashew production & Agro-mechanisation
- Technology transfer in cashew value chain
- Investment opportunities in cashew industry in Tanzania
- Financing mechanism in cashew industry
- Processing technology and techniques
- Enhancing marketing of cashew and value-added products globally
- Digitalization in cashew industry
- Incentives and fiscal policies in cashew Industry

Theme 1: Raw cashew production & Agro-mechanisation

Papers under this theme can include but are not limited to:

- Papers under this theme can include but are not limited to: Crop improvement (Breeding and genetic conservation, propagation and nursery management, Planting material production, Tissue culture, micropropagation and other *in vitro* culture studies, Marker technology and Genomics or Metagenomics).
- Soil characterization and crop nutritional requirements.
- Advanced in agronomic practices.
- Crop protection including use of AI/ML, Use of drones, nano technology and all means that help in reducing the cost of production and enable faster production capability.

Theme 2: Technology transfer in cashew value chain

Submissions under this theme can include but not limited to:

- The effective method on cashew technology dissemination
- Effective method on how to get feedback from technology transferred
- Modern and advanced approaches for technology dissemination in cashew value chain

Theme 3: Investment opportunities in cashew industry in Tanzania

Papers under this theme can include but are not limited to:

- Opportunities in cashew farming, inputs supply and storage facilities.
- Opportunities in raw cashew nut processing and value addition.
- Opportunities in supply of machineries, equipment and spare parts for cashew processing.
- Incentives in cashew value chain (production, processing & marketing).

Theme 4: Financing mechanism in cashew industry

Papers under this theme can include but are not limited to:

- Analysis of current Financing situation in Cashew value chain.
- Provide & compare various Financing Models in cashew sector.
- Setbacks of the existing financing models in cashew value chain in Africa.

Theme 5: Processing technology and techniques

Papers under this theme can include but are not limited to:

- Current/new cashew processing technology and technical available.
- Advantages & Challenges in adopting new cashew processing technologies.
- The impact of cashew processing technology and technic on processing cost.

Theme 6: Enhancing marketing of cashew and value-added products globally

Papers under this theme can include but are not limited to:

- Domestic cashew marketing and urban consumption patterns in India & African countries.
- Production trends Vs Consumption trends forecast by 2035.
- Food safety requirements of cashew kernels by importing countries.
- Importation trends of cashew kernels & Other value added products in USA, China, UAE, Asia & European.
- Dynamics of pricing in Cashew business.

Theme 7: Digitalization in cashew industry

Papers under this theme can include but are not limited to:

- Wireless sensor network in cashew farming
- Drones and crop monitoring in cashew farming
- Smart cashew farming based on Interest of Things (IoT) and cloud computing
- Automation and Artificial Intelligence in cashew value chain
- Digital Agricultural Extension tools; perspective from extension Agents in Cashew

Theme 8: Incentives and fiscal policies in cashew Industry

Papers under this theme can include but are not limited to:

- Access current situation of Taxes in Cashew value chain in Tanzania in Comparison with other Countries that are engaged in Cashew Industry.
- Access all levies in Cashew value chain.
- Cost-benefit analysis in relation to management practices for both raw cashew production and processed across countries.
- Avail incentives scheme available in Cashew industry in Africa (production, processing & marketing)
- Access challenges facing cashew processors (production processes, technical know-how and policy) through compare and contrast between countries.
- The paper should access the cashew production trends regional or country wise and address the challenges (if fiscal issues should critically be cited).
- Paper should come up with Fiscal policies suggestion and Incentives if any with vivid examples from various Countries that have been adopted.

Important dates and deadlines:

Date	Activity
14 th July 2023	Conference announcement and call for abstracts
15 th August 2023	Abstract submission deadline
25 th August 2023	Notification of acceptance of abstracts and call for full papers
15 th September 2023	Paper submission deadline
25 th September 2023	Notification of acceptance of papers
30 th September 2023	Submission of final draft of the paper

For further information and details regarding the TICC please contact the conference secretariat through: ticc@cashew.go.tz.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The call for abstracts for the Tanzania International Cashew Conference is now open.

Submission of abstracts for oral papers and/or posters are invited from researchers, processors, academicians, policy makers, farmers, farmers' organizations, advisory

and extension service providers, development agencies, non-governmental organizations and Private Sector.

Submission Guidelines

Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to submit an abstract and must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Be written in English, one paragraph and not more than 250 words
- Include a title of 20 words maximum (Do not use abbreviations in the title.)
- Provide the main author's name and contact information, including their institution, email address and /or phone number/mobile number.
- **Font: Title:** Arial, 12 points, Upper case, centered text in bold. **Body:** Arial, 11 points; Line spacing: 1, one column of text
- Include 05 key words (be written in lowercase letters (Not applicable to names/scientific names) and should be separated with commas
- **AFFILIATIONS:** Surname INITIALS^{1*}, Surname INITIALS²
- 1Department, College, Institute/Agency/University/Company, Country
- 2Department, College, Institute?Agency/University/Company, Country
- *Email of the corresponding author
- The abstracts should be submitted by email to the Conference Secretariat(ticc@cashew.go.tz)
- Abstracts will be evaluated by the organizing committee based on its clarity, significance, methodology, originality, contribution to the meeting participants, and relevance to the themes/objectives of the meeting.

Please visit the website (www.cashew.go.tz) for more information on the conference including call for papers, future deadlines and conference registration.

We hope you will be able to join us in Dar Es Salaam for this important event and we look forward to receiving your abstract.

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