



## 13<sup>th</sup> African Crop Science Society Conference

### Building Africa's Future: Crop Research and Innovation for Agricultural Transformation, Resilience, and Inclusion

16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Venue: Eduardo Modlane University Main Campus  
Maputo, Mozambique

### Invitation to Sponsor

It is our pleasure to introduce you to the African Crop Science Society and invite you to consider becoming a sponsor of the 13<sup>th</sup> African Crop Science Conference to be held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024, in Maputo, Mozambique.

The African Crop Science Society (ACSS), established in 1993 to encourage crop production and food security in the African continent, is a society for researchers, producers, businesspeople and technicians around the world. The ACSS organizes one international conference in every odd year in one of the African countries. The overall goal of the conference is to promote the active exchange of crop sciences information, innovation, and new ideas. Usually, it is attended by experts and distinguished keynote speakers and eminent scientists from Africa and of the entire globe.

This conference is an opportunity to forge partnerships and share research results, experiences, information, products and/or services with more than 400 scientists and crop, producers, business people and technicians from all over Africa that are anticipated to attend the conference. This event will facilitate a learning, dynamic and interactive environment, where opportunities will be created to interact and learn from each other and to open and broaden our horizons.

The overall theme of the Conference “**Building Africa's Future**” - **Crop Research and Innovation for Agricultural Transformation, Resilience and Inclusion**, expresses the broad range of opportunities and challenges facing African agriculture today that will be addressed during the conference. Research results, innovations and practical solutions across several disciplines, from plant breeding and crop management practices for increased productivity and climate resilience to commodity value chain analysis, technology adoption and inclusion of youth and women, will be shared and discussed.

The conference will focus on the contribution of crop research and innovation to agricultural transformation in Africa across 3 main pillars:

✚ **Theme 1. Agricultural production systems** for a sustainable, viable and efficient production from planting to processing, marketing and consumption.

Topics:

- ❖ Plant breeding, biotechnology and seed systems.
- ❖ Food systems and nutritional security.
- ❖ Agro-processing.
- ❖ Modern production systems and technologies (digital agriculture, mechanization).
- ❖ Crops for clean energy.
- ❖ Under researched and emergent crops.

✚ **Theme 2. Resilience** for reduced impact of climate change, natural hazards and climate-related disasters.

Topics:

- ❖ Breeding for climate stress-tolerant varieties.
- ❖ Climate change and agricultural systems resilience.
- ❖ Soil health, fertility and management.
- ❖ Sustainable and regenerative agriculture.
- ❖ Crop protection, integrated pest management and biosafety.
- ❖ Water management.

✚ **Theme 3. Inclusion** for market involvement of women and youth in agriculture.

Topics:

- ❖ Agribusiness, entrepreneurship and inclusive market systems.
- ❖ Smallholder farming and marketing inclusion.
- ❖ Gender inclusive approaches for technology adoption and financial literacy.
- ❖ Gender inclusivity on access to resources, training and market opportunities.
- ❖ Youth engagement in agriculture.
- ❖ Agricultural knowledge systems.
- ❖ Policies for agricultural transformation.

**There are many opportunities for sponsorship through which organizations and companies can contribute to the success of the 13<sup>th</sup> African Crop Science Conference and we look forward to working with you.**

Opportunities to sponsor include (see budget attached):

1. General support for the conference. Levels of sponsorship include:

- **Platinum** (over USD 10,001)
- **Gold** (from USD 5,001 to USD 10,000)
- **Silver** (from USD 2,501 to USD 5,000)
- **Bronze** (from USD 1,000 to USD 2,500)

## 2. Support and funding aimed at:

- Special sessions (workshops, trainings, etc.) (venue, tea & coffee, guest speaker trips and accommodation).
- Conference events (cocktail party, gala dinner).
- Participation of keynote speakers (travel, accommodation and subsistence allowances).
- Students' participation (conference fee, travel, accommodation, subsistence allowance and posters – see attached budget for cost estimates). The selection of students will be based on their performance and relevance of the poster or presentation theme.
- Participation of researchers (conference fee, travel, accommodation, subsistence allowance and posters).
- Participation of women farmers and agribusiness managers (conference fee, travel, accommodation, subsistence allowances and posters).
- Participation of farmers, agribusiness managers, and representatives of farmers' associations (conference fees, travel, accommodation, subsistence allowances and posters).
- Participation of people with special needs (conference fees, travel, accommodation, subsistence allowances and posters).
- Exhibitors (exhibition fees, travel, accommodation, subsistence allowances and posters).
- Awards for the best posters and presentations.

**All sponsors will be acknowledged in the conference documentation and on the website according to their level of sponsorship.**

**Please consider giving your support to the 13<sup>th</sup> African Crop Science Conference by filling the sponsor's agreement below.**

**We thank you for your contribution and are looking forward to your participation in the Conference!**

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Chair person

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