

SIXTH AFRICAN ORGANIC CONFERENCE [6AOC]

1ST - 4TH DECEMBER 2026, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

1. Background

The African Organic Conference is an interactive platform of organic agriculture multi-stakeholder actors who converge to share experiences, knowledge and good practices and attitudes through paper presentations, product exhibits and field trips to renowned organic facilities for production, value addition and or marketing. The African Organic Network (AfrONet), an umbrella body of organic agriculture actors in Africa representing the National and Regional Organic Agriculture movements (NOAMs/ROAMs) is organizing the 6th African Organic Conference (AOC) in collaboration with the organic agriculture actors in Africa, the African Union Commission and other strategic organizations outside Africa. The 6th African Organic Conference will be hosted by Organic Producers' & Processors' Association of Zambia [OPPAZ] in Lusaka, Zambia from December 1 - 4, 2026.

The aim of the 6AOC is to identify organic agriculture actions which can actualize resilient agri-food systems and have positive contribution towards the achievement of the right to food in Africa. The overarching objective is to find solutions for ensuring food security and nutrition in Africa embracing production and marketing of livestock and food, fibre and medicinal plants. The theme of the conference, ***"Building up resilient agri-food systems and ensuring the right to food in Africa through organic farming"*** premises that organic farming, being an affordable farming system blending indigenous knowledge and scientifically proven technologies, is well placed to increase output of a diverse range of quality products to assure continuous availability of safe food, balanced nutrition and industrial raw materials.

2. Call for submission of presentations

AfrONet invites multi-stakeholder actors of organic agriculture value chains in Africa and abroad to submit presentations of their research, innovations and success stories on Organic Agriculture and Agro-ecological practices. Presentations shall expatiate sustainable production, food security and nutrition, resilient food systems, involvement of the women, youth and other disadvantaged social categories in the phase of the changing climatic condition. The presentations shall show clarity in the kind of knowledge, practices, attitudes, skills and innovations as well as actions [solution] for adoption, adaptation and or scaling-up in order to achieve resilient agri-food systems and solid agribusiness base embracing national, continental and overseas trade. Successful presentations will adequately cover the issues already highlighted with easy of adoption, adapting, scaling up or scaling out. Presentations on experiences in Africa which meet the above criteria Africa will be advantaged.

Eligible participants [researchers, farmers, value chain actors and others] will submit presentations of their research, innovations and success stories on Organic Agriculture and Agroecological practices in compliance with the guidelines for submission of presentations.

3. Guidelines for submission of presentations

1. Overview

Appropriate presentations addressing the theme and topics under sub-themes of the conference are requested. Please note that only those duly registered for the conference are authorized to present papers or posters during the event. Please note that all finally accepted manuscripts will be published in the Conference Proceedings, while scientific ones that are evaluated acceptable for journal publication will have the opportunity to be published in the African Journal of Organic Agriculture and Ecology (AJOAE).



2. Scope and language of the presentations

Contributions may be on Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Extension, Agroforestry, Agroecology, Animal science, Crop/Environmental protection, Crop science/Horticulture, Environmental Sciences, Fishery/Aquaculture, Nutrition, Pharmacy, Soil science, Veterinary Medicine, Wildlife Management and other relevant fields. Manuscripts shall be submitted in English, French or Portuguese languages.

3. Submission of scientific papers

Step 1: Submission of Abstract:

Abstracts of up to 250 words shall be submitted to africanorganicconference@gmail.com on or before 30 September, 2026.

Step 2 Submission of Full Paper:

Full papers of accepted abstracts shall be submitted at africanorganicconference@gmail.com on or before 31 October, 2026.

4. Submission of poster presentations

First stage - A page poster presentation with name, location and an elaboration of the success story not exceeding 30 words.

5. Submission of farmer success stories

First stage - From five to ten slides of posters, pictures and or a 2 mins video clip of specific success stories in organic agriculture production. The posters and slides have a description not exceeding fifteen words.



6. Authors' Guideline for Manuscript Submission

1. Style specifications

1. All abstracts for scientific paper presentations shall be typed, double spaced, Times New Roman font 12.
2. All manuscripts should be typed, Times New Roman (12), 1.5 spacing on A4 size (210 x 297mm) paper.
3. The length of the manuscript should in general not exceed 10 pages (tables, figures and other illustrations included).
4. There shall be ample margins, 2.54 cm to the left and 2.54 cm to the top and bottom of the page.
5. The cover page shall contain (a) Title of the manuscript. (b) Names(s) and affiliation(s) of Author(s) followed by correspondence email address(es) and phone number(s), (c) Abstract of not more than 250 words with relevant keywords (maximum of 5).

2. Organization and content

1. The manuscript should be organized as follows: Title, Abstract, Introduction,
2. Aims/Objectives, Materials and Methods (or Methodology), Results, Discussion (or Results and Discussion), Conclusion and Recommendations and References.
3. The main headings should be centered and typed in Sentence Case Letters while tertiary headings should be to the left of the page.
4. Use only the international system of Unit (SI) and ensure that units are quantitative measurements, e.g. 3kg; when they are preceded by a capitalized noun, e.g. Table 8.
5. Tables and figures should be numbered in Arabic numerals, cited in the text, sources indicated if not original (i.e. not made by the author).

6. Each table and figure should have an explanatory legend, which should be typed at the bottom of the page.

3. References

1. Reference citation in the text should follow the name, years system.
2. All references cited must be listed in alphabetical order of the sole/senior/first author's names.
3. Each reference should be systematic and should comply with APA Style i.e. surname of the author(s) and initials, year of publication (in parenthesis), title of paper, name of Journal/source of paper (italicized), volume number, number of issue (if applicable) in Arabic numerals on the first and the last pages of the references;

e.g. Lawale A. A. (1991). "A Descriptive Analysis of Agriculture Cooperative Model in Rural Development". *Journal of Rural Development and Administration*. 23 (3):1-8.

4. For the citation of books, the author's name comes first followed by year of publication in brackets, title of book (underlined), edition and volume number (if any) page or pages, city of publication and publishers e.g.

Fredick, G. B. (1970). Principles of Educational and Psychological Testing. 468 pp. Illinois: The Dryden Press Inc.

5. For a chapter in a book follow this model, e.g.

Pickering, D. C. (1978) "An overview of agricultural extension and its linkages with agricultural research". The World Bank experience. In: Agricultural Extension Worldwide: Issues, Practices and Emerging Priorities (eds.) Rivera, W. M. and Schram, W. G