



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN DRYLAND ENVIRONMENTS

Theme: “Harnessing Dryland Natural Resources for Sustainable Livelihoods in the Era of Climate Change”

Host Institutions: South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU) and Umma University (UMMA)

Conference Dates: 19th - 20th November 2018: Pre-conference training workshop at SEKU
21st - 23rd November 2018: Actual Conference at UMMA

Partner Universities

1. South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU)
2. Umma University (UMMA)
3. Machakos University
4. Scott Christian University
5. Daystar University
6. Lukenya university
7. Africa Nazarene University
8. Garissa University

Conference Synopsis

The International Conference on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development of Dryland Environments will be hosted jointly by Umma University (UMMA) and the South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU) under the umbrella of Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA) and will take place from November 19th- 23rd 2018. The five day's event will include a 2-day Pre-Conference training workshop at SEKU and three days conference at UMMA. The conference is expected to attract more than 150 participants, an excellent lineup of trainers and keynote speakers in various thematic areas. The conference is a premier event in dryland research, bringing together researchers and scientists from academia, governments and industry. The theme for the conference highlights the potential for prudent harnessing and management of dryland natural resources for social transformation and improved livelihoods. The conference will provide a platform to address the Kenya Government government big four agenda, vision 2030, county CIDP goals and the global SDGs relevant to dryland environment.

We invite original paper contributions (oral, poster or pitch presentations) on topics related to Dryland research, including but not limited to:

- Harnessing dryland resources to address the Kenya government Big Four agenda
- Devolution and transboundary conflict management in the changing world
- Renewable energy
- Climate smart innovations and technologies in the drylands
- Dryland biodiversity and bio-prospecting
- Green growth and wealth creation
- Indigenous knowledge and gender
- Religion, culture and natural resources management in dryland environments
- Water, sanitation and nutrition
- Mineral resources and mineralogy
- Information and Communication technology in sustainable development of dryland resources
- Trends in education and training in harnessing dryland resources
- Linking research, policy and industry

Pre-Conference training workshop Topics

1. Contemporary research methods, Data analysis and presentation techniques
2. Application of Geospatial mapping tools in Natural Resources monitoring, mapping and modeling
3. Environmental Impact Assessment and Audit
4. Research Grant winning skills

Abstract submission guidelines

Abstracts should not exceed 300 words. Submissions should include email address, organization affiliation and title. Complete abstracts should be send to: ritconference2018@gmail.com and copy to pdkisangau@seku.ac.ke and ird@umma.ac.ke

Important Conference Dates

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 7th September, 2018

Notification of Abstract acceptance: 5th October 2018

Deadline for Submission of Full papers and Exhibitions: 5th November 2018

Early bird Registration by 28th September 2018

Normal Registration by 1st October 2018

Deadline for Late Registration: After 1st November 2018

Preconference training workshop and conference Dates: 19th-23rd November 2018

Conference Fees

Category of Delegates	Early Bird Registration	Normal Registration	Late Registration
Students	USD 20 Kes 2000	USD 25 (Kes 2, 500)	USD 30 (Kes 3, 000)
East African community	USD 80 (Kes 8000)	USD 100 (Kes 10, 000)	USD 120 (Kes 12, 000)
Other regions	USD 100 (Kes 10, 000)	USD 120 (Kes 12,000)	USD 150 (Kes 15,000)
Exhibitors	USD 150 (Kes 15,000)		

****Conference registration fees will cover refreshments, lunch and conference materials only.***
*Payments should be made through cheque, electronic funds transfer or direct deposits to:
Umma University, Kenya Commercial Bank, Kajiado Branch; Account No. 1198158468*

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