

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS



1ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON e-AGRICULTURE

THEME

**e-AGRICULTURE FOR FARM
PRODUCTIVITY AND POVERTY
ALLEVIATION IN AFRICA
(e-AGRIC 2011)**

September 25-29 2011

Venue: Botswana College of Agriculture (BCA) Centre for Inservice and Continuing Education, Content Farm, Sebele, Gaborone

Arrival: Sunday September 25., 2011

Departure: Thursday September 29 , 2011.

THEME

The theme of the conference is e-agriculture for farm productivity and poverty alleviation in Africa (e-AGRIC 2011).

PURPOSE

The conference on e-agriculture for farm productivity and poverty alleviation in Africa will act as a forum for researchers, educationists, administrators and functionaries in the agricultural and ICT sectors to exchange new ideas and practical experience in the area of ICT applications to agriculture.

It is an opportunity to present and observe the latest research in the area of ICT applications to boost farm productivity.

LOCATION

The conference will be held at the Centre for In-service and Continuing Education (CICE) of Botswana College of Agriculture, Gaborone Botswana. The centre has a well equipped auditorium with a seating capacity of 140 people and two seminar rooms which can hold 30 and 20 people respectively. These can be used for parallel sessions. CICE has a cafeteria that can accommodate 150 people.

Botswana is in the Southern part of Africa and is completely surrounded by other countries. It is surrounded by Namibia in the west, Zambia to the north, Zimbabwe to the northeast and South Africa to the east and south. Botswana is located between latitudes 18 degrees south and 26 degrees south, and longitudes 20 degrees east and 30 degrees east. Botswana is very hot during the summer months of November, December and January (temperatures between 29 and 35 degrees Celsius. February, March and April are autumn months and are usually cool and dry, while May, June and July are winter months which are cold and the temperature can drop to Zero degrees Celsius, especially at night and during early morning. August, September and October are the spring months and are usually hot with some rain. Gaborone is the capital city of Botswana where the University of Botswana is located with Botswana College of Agriculture as the Faculty of Agriculture of the University. The temperatures are mild in September, but you are advised to bring sweater or jacket in case of any sudden change in weather conditions.

SCOPE

The topics to be covered include, but not limited to:

- **e – Agriculture in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges**
 - Opportunities for e-Agriculture
 - Challenges of e-Agriculture
 - Software & Hardware Systems for e-Agriculture
 - Multi-Agent Technology Applications in e-Agriculture
 - Design and Development of e-Agricultural Courseware
 - Virtual Collaborative Efforts on e-Agriculture in Africa

- **Supporting Institutions for e-Agriculture**
 - Research & Development
 - Gender Issues
 - Agricultural Development Programmes (ADP)
 - Food Production
 - Agricultural Extension Services
 - Industries
 - Health
 - Banking

- Oil & Gas
- Community Based Agricultural Initiatives etc.
- **Farmers, ICT and Farm Productivity**
 - Farmers and Farming Practices
 - Increment of Farm Productivity
 - ICT and Rural Livelihood
 - ICT and Empowerment of Farmers
 - Handheld Devices in Farming Communities
- **e-Agriculture Models: Countries' Experiences**
 - Resource Centre/ Cafes in Rural settlements,
 - Country Experience in E-mails, Internet Telephony
 - Country experience on ICT deployment/management
 - Farming Access to Internet-Based
 - Case of Web-Based Application for Agriculture
 - Social Networking and Agricultural villages
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- **e-Agriculture, Food security and Poverty Alleviation**
 - Cellular Technology and e-Agriculture
 - Methods for Supporting Food Security
 - Alternative approaches to poverty alleviation
 - Poverty reduction strategies with ICT
 - Internetworking of researchers in areas of food security and poverty alleviation.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fees

Local Participants	Foreign Participants
P700.00	\$100

Mode of Payment

Payments should be made to A/C No.: **331303421113** e-AGRIC CONFERENCE 2011, Standard Chartered Bank Mall Branch, and Botswana.

Registration

Registration on/or before **September 15, 2011** will attract a rebate of 10%. Registration continues at centre of the Conference till the last day of the programme.

The registration fee will entitle all delegates to:

- One copy of the Conference Proceedings,
- Conference Banquet and Entertainment during the Opening and Closing Ceremonies,
- Morning and Afternoon Coffee Breaks,
- Tour of Mokolodi Game Reserve
- Soft copy of Conference day-to-day activities.

In the event that you choose to withdraw, a non-refundable administrative charge of 25% will be deducted prior to issuing the refund. Refunds will only be issued until the registration deadline **September 15, 2011**.

Your registration and payment will be acknowledged electronically with confirmation of your payment according to your registration form. Your registration will not be considered complete without full payment. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact the Convener using this e-mail address nstselae@bca.bw or ssksubair@gmail.com

Submit your paper at loceagric@younganimatorsclub.org or submit online at www.eagric.younganimatorsclub.org. All submissions should be in MsWord format. The Conference Secretariat must receive your full paper on or before August 8, **2011**. Receipt of paper submission will be confirmed by e-mail. Do not send hardcopy of your paper. Notification of acceptance will be sent via e-mail by August 15, **2011**. Registration and final payment are due by **September 11, 2011**.

Send your final manuscripts via e-mail to loceagric@younganimatorsclub.org or online via <http://eagric.younganimatorsclub.org>. The formatting instruction is as attached and it must be strictly adhered to. The page limit for the final paper is single-spaced pages in 10 point Times New Romans font. There will be additional registration fees payable for extra pages and paper presentations.

Proposals for three-hour tutorials/exhibition should be submitted online by August **29, 2011**. Tutorials/Exhibitions are via the following e-mail address: loceagric@younganimatorsclub.org. For a tutorial, the topic, objectives, time allocation and qualification of the host should be stated. The background knowledge of the participants will be required and should be clearly stated for the purpose of mobilization.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Submission Due: August 8, 2011

Notification of Acceptance: August 15, 2011

Final Submission Due: August 29, 2011

Registration Deadline: August 11, 2011

FORMATTING INSTRUCTION TO AUTHORS

ENTER TITLE HERE (14-POINT TYPE SIZE, UPPERCASE, BOLD AND CENTERED OVER TWO COLUMNS)

Author (or Authors) Information centered here)

Name(s)

Affiliation

Address

Country

e-mail Address

(10-point type size, upper and lower case, centered under the title)

ABSTRACT

Your paper should be in the same format stated above. The abstract goes here. Your abstract should be a maximum of 200 words here clearly outlining the contribution of your paper.

KEY WORDS

Maximum of six words, e.g. Modelling, simulation, poverty reduction, and cell phone, internet.

1. Introduction

Clearly explain the nature of the problem, previous work, purpose, and contribution of the paper.

2. Body of Paper

- For the body of your document, use Times New Roman font, 10-point type size, single-spaced. The whole document should be fully justified (not only left-justified). Headings should be 12-point, upper- and lower-case, bold. Subheadings should be 10-point upper- and lower- case.
- **Paper size:** LETTER (8.5" by 11.0" or 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm). A4 (210 mm by 297 mm, 8.26" by 11.69") will NOT be accepted.
- **Margins:**

- Top of first page, 1.25" (3.2 cm)
- Bottom, left, and right 0.75" (1.9 cm)
- Subsequent pages 0.75" for top, bottom, left and right 0.75" (1.9 cm)
- Space between two columns 0.5" (1.25 cm).
- **Justification:** Full justification of the document
- **No headers and footers, no page numbers.**

2.1 Graphs, Tables, and Photographs

Tables and Graphs: Minimum 8-point type size, minimum line thickness 0.13" or .30 mm, all captions should be upper- and lower-case, bold, and centered over one or two columns of body text.

Illustrations and Photographs: Halftones, minimum of 8-point type size. Captions should be in upper- and lower-case, bold, and centered over 1 and 2 columns of body text. Images must be computer-designed and submitted as EMBEDDED images in your document (postscript, .pdf, or MS World format). Digitized photographs in 256 grayscale are recommended. Please do not submit colour images.

3. Conclusion

Clearly indicate advantages, limitations, and possible applications.

4. Acknowledgements

A brief acknowledgement section may be included between the Conclusion and References (optional). Do NOT include author biographies.

5. Biography of Authors

A brief biography of authors not more than 100 words with Black and White Passport photograph.

6. References:

References need to be numbered as they appear in your text ([1], [2], [3], etc.) and should not appear in your reference section in numerical order (not alphabetically).

The required format for references is as follows:

(Format for Proceedings Papers)

[1] W.J. Book, Modelling Design and Control of Flexible Manipulator Arms. A Tutorial Review, *Proc. 29th IEEE Conf. on Decision and Control*, San Francisco, CA, 1990, 500-506.

(Format for Journal Papers)

[2] M. Ozaki, Y. Adachi, Y. Iwahori, & N. Ishii, Application of Fuzzy Theory to Writer Recognition of Chinese Characters, *International Journal of Modelling and Simulation*, 18(2), 1998, 112-116.

Note that the journal title and volume number (but not issue number) are set in italics.

(Format for Books)

[3] R.E. Moore, *Interval Analysis* (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1966).

Note that the title of the book is in lower case letters and italicized. There is no comma following the title. Place or publication and publisher are given.

Paper Presentation

Paper presentation will only be allowed if backed by PowerPoint. PC projector is available at conference venue. A template will be provided.

For more information, please contact the Secretariat through the following addresses:

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Accommodation

The conference is not providing accommodation Delegates have the choice of using CICE facilities or hotel accommodation around the city (20km from conference) There are twenty-four rooms to accommodate forty-eight participants on sharing basis at CICE and prices (inclusive of breakfast) are as follows:

Single standard room - P220.00 per room per night

Shared standard room –P 315.00 per room per night (157.50 per person)

MEALS AT CICE

Lunch P55.00

Supper P55.00

Morning and Afternoon tea P8. 00

Soft drinks P8.00

Lunch (take away) P20 (booked a day in advance)

N.B Morning and Afternoon tea will be provided by the conference

Alternatively, you can phone and make your booking at some of the hotels. Check on internet for more hotels

Gaborone Hotel +267 3922777

Gaborone Sun +267 3616000

Oasis Motel +267 3928396

Phakalane Golf Hotel + 2673930000

Yarona Country Lodge + 2673933680

Cresta Hotel + 267 3912222

President Hotel +267 3953631

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Please submit this form on or before **August 18, 2011**

ORGANIZATION:.....

NAME:.....

Surname

First Name

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TITLE: (Professor, Dr., Engr, etc.).....

ADDRESS:.....

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ARRIVAL DATE:.....

DEPARTURE DATE:.....

SIGNATURE & DATE:.....

REPLY

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