**THE 3rd INTERNATIONAL PHYTOSANITARY CONFERENCE**

13th to 16th September, 2021; KEPHIS Headquarters, Nairobi, Kenya

# Important dates

# Dates of the conference: 13th to 16th September 2021

# Abstract submission deadline: 15st August, 2021

# Conference full paper submission deadline: 7th August 2020

**Overall theme of the conference:**

*Enhancing Phytosanitary Systems for Healthy Plants, Safe and Sustainable Trade*

The scope of this conference will cover the following sub-themes:

1. *International Year of Plant Health*
2. *Pest Surveillance in Phytosanitary Systems*
3. *Import control and Quarantine Regulations*
4. *Pest diagnostics in phytosanitary systems*
5. *Export certification in phytosanitary systems*
6. *Emerging innovation* *in* *Phytosanitary systems*
7. *Industry* *role in implementation of successful phytosanitary systems*
8. *Capacity building, regulatory framework, trade negotiations and communication in phytosanitary systems*

# Author guidelines

# Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts should be formatted in Tahoma, 12- point font size, single space, and presented as follows: Title in capital letters; Surname and initials of the authors in capital letters; Authors’ affiliation. The email address and telephone number of the corresponding author identified by an asterisk. The abstract should be in one paragraph and contain rationale of the study, objectives, materials and methods, results, conclusions. A maximum of six keywords to be provided at the bottom of the abstract. The abstract should be saved under First author’s name and in MS-word 2003 or later versions. Abstracts should be based on reviews, research, experience or case studies in Phytosanitary systems. Abstracts should be between 200 - 300 words.

# Posters

Posters should be printed on a 91cm x 61cm surface. All the text should be readable at a distance of 2 meters. Although posters will be on display throughout the conference, during poster sessions, contributors will be expected to be available to discuss their posters with participants. Participants should bring in a printed poster.

**Guidelines for submission of full papers**

Full papers of 2500-5000 words (4-8 pages) should be prepared in Tahoma Font 12 with a spacing of 1.5. Authors are advised to ensure their work is checked against plagiarism before making a submission.

**Full research papers:** These should include a cover page with the Title of the paper, Authors and Affiliation Details, Abstract (max. 300 words), Key words (6 max), Introduction, Materials & Methods, Results and Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgements and References presented in APA format. For detailed format check [www.africa-cope.org](http://www.africa-cope.org) for *author guidelines*.

**Theoretical/ Review Papers:** These should include a cover page with Title of the Paper, Authors and Affiliation Details, Abstract (max. 300 words), Key words (6 max), Introduction, Body, Conclusion, Acknowledgement and References.

**Footnotes and References:** Footnotes should be kept to a minimum, numbered consecutively and placed together at the bottom of the page.

**Tables and Illustrations:** Tables should be numbered in Roman numerals and given specific titles at the top. Tables should not be enclosed in a grid, but be given the top, bottom and subheading borders only. Other illustrations (e.g. figures) should be numbered in Arabic numerals and carry specific titles at the bottom. Explanation of figures, tables etc should appear just before the presentation of the figures, tables etc. Only tables and figures referred to in the text should be presented.

**Submission:** Electronic copies of abstract and papers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat at: [phytosanitaryconference@kephis.org](mailto:phytosanitaryconference@kephis.org)

**Sample abstract for the conference**

**PREVALENCE OF MAIZE LETHAL NECROSIS DISEASE IN MAJOR MAIZE SEED PRODUCTION AREAS IN KENYA**

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