

# 17th ACA Annual Cashew Conference & Expo: Guidelines for submission of research studies on cashew and related issues for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACA Cashew Research Proceeding!

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## SUSTAINING THE AFRICAN CASHEW INDUSTRY: ASSESSING THE JOURNEY SO FAR AND LOOKING FORWARD



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### Call for Abstracts.

Researchers on cashew and cashew related issues from both the public and private sectors are hereby invited to submit their abstracts of their most recent studies to be considered for presentation at the ACA Conference in Dakar and for publication as full papers in the African Cashew Alliance Website/Proceedings. The ACA Scientific Committee will review the abstracts submitted and select them for either oral or inclusion in the second publication of Innovations in Cashew Production. The theme for this edition of the proceeding is “**Sustaining the African Cashew Industry: Assessing the journey so far and looking forward.**”

### Guidelines for the submission of Abstracts

- Abstracts should be submitted in **English or French** via the email [researchpapers@africancashewalliance.com](mailto:researchpapers@africancashewalliance.com). After submitting your abstract, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.
- Notification of acceptance of all selected abstracts will be sent out to you.

- Abstracts should address **one of the thematic areas of the ACA Conference presented below**. Abstracts that are most closely aligned with the main theme and topics of the conference will be selected.
- Abstracts should be limited to a maximum of **400 words**.
- Deadline for the submission of abstract is the **17<sup>th</sup> of May**.
- After a review of your submitted abstract, the Scientific Technical Review Committee will evaluate if it is eligible for submission of the full paper.
- Researchers whose abstracts have been chosen will subsequently submit their full papers for a second round of examination by the Scientific/Technical Review Committee, seeking approval for presentation at the ACA Dakar Conference and inclusion in the proceeding or rejection.
- The Proceedings will be published online on the ACA website.

### **Thematic areas**

Studies should focus on at least one of the following topics:

1. **Thematic area 01:** Cashew cultivation: Technological practices and approaches for sustainable RCN production
  - Cashew genomics, breeding, and plant function
  - Integrated pest and disease management
  - Soil fertility management and irrigation
  - Farm rehabilitation techniques
  - Farmers techniques and know how.
  - Enhancing agricultural production techniques
2. **Thematic area 02:** Cashew and climate change: Resilience strategies for sustainable production and its socio-economic impact
  - Cashew genetic resources and resilience to climate change
  - Impact of climate change on cashew farming across different ecologies systems
  - Reforestation/ Afforestation programmes
  - Capacity building on climate smart agriculture techniques
  - Climate information and surveillance systems
  - Renewable energy, carbon sequestration in cashew farming
  - Food security and nutritional values of cashew nuts
  - Cashew nut production and improving the livelihood of cashew producers.

3. **Thematic area 03:** Innovations to support cashew RCN and apple processing, Trading, and marketing.

- Innovative processing methods and transformation processes
- Traceability systems
- Food safety compliance systems (pesticides and other contaminants)
- Valorisation of nutritional attributes of cashew products
- Valorisation of cashew by-products for food and non-food products (candies, cosmetics, fertilizers, biogas etc).
- Digital applications in cashew nut production.
- Access to finance and micro-credit, cashew nut crop insurance.

**Guidelines for submission of full papers**

- Researchers whose abstracts have been selected for oral presentation at the conference should submit their full papers to be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and included in the ACA Proceedings.
- The official ACA Proceedings will be published on the ACA Website.
- Full papers should be submitted in English or French. Authors should eliminate possible grammar or spelling errors.
- To submit your full paper, kindly use the word document template: Please write directly into the template or copy your finished text into it choosing 'match destination formatting'. Please use the predefined formatting styles instead of applying your individual settings. Do not change the predefined formatting settings in this document (such as paper size, orientation, margins, typeface, size, indents, spacing, headings, etc.).
- The electronic version of your full paper should be sent to the ACA by the **1<sup>st</sup> July 2023** to [researchpapers@africancashewalliance.com](mailto:researchpapers@africancashewalliance.com)
- Paper structure: The paper should have a minimum of 5 pages and not exceeding 15 pages.
- The paper should include: Title of the paper Authors' Names listed by first letter of first name and last name – example J. Smith, Institutional Affiliation for each author in the order listed Abstract – maximum of 400 words, Full paper containing the relevant sections– max 3,000 words excluding abstract, figures, graphs and references. The core of your paper would normally (when applicable) contain the following sections: objectives, methodology, results, conclusions, recommendations, acknowledgement, references, appendices.
- All acronyms should be spelled out the first time they are introduced in text or references. If you choose to include visual material, please use 300 dpi files saved in tiff or peg as the proceedings will be in a digital format.

**Format**

- Word document

- Single spacing on A4
- A margin of 2.54 cm on all sides (1 Inch)
- Times New Roman size 11
- Table size 10