Call for Papers

WHAT AGRICULTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA?

Centre of Study, Documentation and Economic and Social Research (CEDRES)

International Colloquium
06 to 08 December 2010
Ouagadougou - BURKINA FASO

"There is no art in the world which is required more philosophy than agriculture"
Bernard Palissy

Please submit your abstract of 200 words maximum with mention of chosen sub-theme at: lecourrier@cedres.bf

1. AGRICULTURAL POLICIES FROM 1960 TO DATE
* Agricultural Production and Food Security
* Liberalisation and State intervention
* Environmental Policies
* Agrarian and land Reforms
* Institutional reforms and Governance of agriculture
* Effects of Structural Adjustment Programmes (SAP) on agricultural policies in the midst of the last 30 years.

2. AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICIES
* Research Priorities: Subsistence Crops – Profit Crops
* Results and vulgarization
* Technological Innovations
* Agricultural Biotechnology and Bio-safety
* State of Human Resources promotion
* Indigenous knowledge agricultural transformation
* The Green Revolution and Africa

3. FINANCING AGRICULTURE
* Internal and external funding
* Funding Areas
* Funding Research Centres

4. AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AND MARKETS
* Liberalisation and privatisation
* National Agricultural Policies and regional areas
* Strategies of Africa in international trade of agricultural products

5. THEORIES, METHODOLOGY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT MODELS
* Economic theories and development of African agriculture
* Constraints and agricultural performances: a systemic approach
* Crisis of economic theories on food security
* Factors of Green Revolution
* Agricultural supply chains and business promotion
* Agriculture and models of agricultural changes
* Innovation thesis and coordination in African farming systems

6. PERSPECTIVES
* Investment Programmes in agriculture
* New research strategies
* Regional integration and agricultural development
* Role and Development of human capital
* New agricultural policies and climate change: An approach to environmentally friendly production
* Technological innovations
* Institutional reforms and agricultural risks management systems
* Agriculture and industry

DEADLINES
Submission of abstracts (200 words max) 31 August 2010
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What agriculture for sustainable development on the continent?

BACKGROUND

The African Union summit held in Maputo, Mozambique, in 2003 adopted two key resolutions to facilitate the achievement of the Detailed Program of Agricultural Development in Africa (PDDAA), one of the Millennium Development Goals. These resolutions aimed to engage and commit heads of states and governments and development partners ensure that at least 10% of the public annual budget is allocated to agriculture and at least a growth of 6% be achieved in the sector of agriculture in African countries. What will be retained here is that, at the initiative of programs, projects, research and international forums like that Summit, important financial, material and human resources are engaged for the agricultural sector. While many events are being registered compare with the resources invested since the independences, it is true that we must invest in this sector, it seems, as per mixed results questioning the current agricultural system itself is crucial. Unfortunately, many reflections related to the subject were often limited to funding and equipments issues. Therefore, in the light of repeated food crises, rural poverty stagnation, food insecurity and we can go on; it is more that necessary to rethink African agriculture holistically.

OBJECTIVE

This international scientific and professional symposium is to be the first major meeting of academics, policy makers and practitioners aiming to further reflect on the type of agriculture that suits best the African context for sustainable development. While many events are being organised at political level to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Africa independence, intellectuals intend to seriously interrogate the relevance of 50 years agricultural policies, seeing that food security is still a daily issue for populations on the continent.

Specifically, this colloquium will be about finding answers to the two following fundamental questions:

1. What are the key problems to agriculture’s development in Africa in today context?
2. What type of agriculture for sustainable development on the continent?

ORGANISERS

The symposium is jointly organized by the CEDRES and all of its scientific and technical partners who work mainly in the field of agriculture and environment.

TARGET PUBLIC

This international Symposium seeks out scientists and professionals interested in agricultural issues and their implications for sustainable development in Africa; namely, researchers, policy makers, technicians, farmers, teachers and students. All the speakers are well known scientists for their expertise in the topics that will be discussed during this meeting.

THE CONFERENCE

Participants are coming from all over the world. Some presenters are expected from the Northern countries to contribute to the reflections of stakeholders in African countries that will highlight the issues raised and their achievements on the theme of the conference, and also to link with their country of origin locally to disseminate information and set up collaborations. Therefore the working languages will be French and English. A simultaneous translation French / English and English / French will be provided both in plenary sessions and workshops. Speakers will be invited in part by the Organizing Committee and in part selected by the Scientific Committee on proposed contribution through the call for papers, respecting fairness between scientists and professionals.

EXPECTED ACTIVITY

- Introduction: Agriculture since 1980 (30 years)
- Exhibition of Agricultural products
- Exhibition of books
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- Discussion on thematic 1
- Discussion on thematic 2
- Discussion on thematic 3
- Discussion on thematic 4
- Gala
- Closing