



2nd World Congress of Agroforestry

23-28 August 2009
Nairobi, Kenya



Agroforestry - The Future of Global Land Use

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Having first captivated the attention of the scientific community in the late 1970s, Agroforestry has, today, come of age—poised as a sustainable land use system the world over. Its potential for achieving the goals of the key global environmental conventions—Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Desertification, as well as the Millennium Development Goals—has drawn the interest of scientists and policy makers alike.

Land use change and deforestation contribute 20 percent of global carbon emissions. The 12th Climate Change Convention of the Parties (COP), co-hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) in 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya, emphasized how crucial it is to link carbon credits with smallholder agroforestry throughout the tropics. Scientists are developing effective and inexpensive methods to enable major carbon investment flows to smallholders, and governments and development agencies worldwide are taking notice.

Emerging partnerships between institutions engaged in agroforestry and biological conservation are building on their respective strengths to tackle the challenges of protecting biodiversity. Indeed the role agroforestry plays in tackling global environmental problems, and poverty, has never been more widely appreciated. The congress will also feature links with the private sector as part of a focus on public-private partnerships in agroforestry.

It is against the backdrop of these exciting developments that we announce the **2nd World Congress of Agroforestry**, scheduled for 23-28 August 2009, in Nairobi, Kenya. A country widely recognized for its rich biodiversity, Kenya is well suited to host this important congress because of its tree planting culture. The central highlands are dominated by agroforestry systems, including an expanding smallholder dairy sector based on utilization of fodder trees on farms. These unique agroforestry systems will be the subject of field trips to be integrated into the overall programme.

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Objectives

The congress will assess opportunities to leverage agroforestry in promoting sustainable land use worldwide, and serve as a forum for agroforestry researchers, educators, practitioners and policy makers from around the world to:

- Share new research findings, lessons, experiences, and ideas that will help influence decisions that impact on livelihoods and the global environment
- Explore new opportunities and strengthen partnerships in agroforestry research, education, training, and development
- Form new networks and communities of practice, and nurture old ones

Expected outputs

Planned publications include a summary document, a book of abstracts, refereed journal articles, journal special issues, and books on the key topics covered in the symposia and technical sessions.

A declaration that embodies the substance of congress deliberations will be developed as a tool for discussions with policy makers and donor agencies to advance the cause of agroforestry worldwide.

The Congress will appeal to

Scientists and students
Farmers and landowners
Natural resource, forestry and agricultural professionals
Extension and government officials
Non-governmental organizations
Policy makers
Private sector representatives

Programme

The overall Congress theme is '**Agroforestry - The Future of Global Land Use**'. Plenary, symposia, concurrent sessions, and poster sessions will be organized around different major topics, based on the following:

- Markets as opportunities and drivers of agroforestry land use
- Tree-based rehabilitation of degraded lands and watersheds
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Agroforestry's contribution to a multifunctional agriculture combining productivity with environmental sustainability, and
- Policy options and institutional innovations for agroforestry land use

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Or by requesting a registration form from:
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Registration fee

Registration fee	\$450
Early bird registration (before 01 March 2009)	\$400
Late registration (after 01 June 2009)	\$500

Cancellation

Participants who cancel their registration before 31 July 2009 will receive a full refund, less any costs incurred for the receipt and transfer of funds. No refund will be made for cancellations received by the secretariat after that date.

Sponsorship

The Congress will be organized as a collaborative effort by a diverse group of institutions worldwide.

The World Agroforestry Centre, based in Nairobi, Kenya, will be the principal organizer, with co-sponsorship by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) also based in Nairobi, and by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) of the University of Florida.

Financial and professional support is solicited and expected from a large number of institutions worldwide. Please contact the organizers if you are interested in becoming a co-sponsor of this exciting and important global effort.

Time-frame for submission and approval of abstracts:

Abstract Submission (online): **by 30th November 2008.**

Abstract Review by Session Leaders: **by 31st December 2008.**

Confirmation to Authors: **by 31st January 2009.**

Abstract revision and confirmation of participation:
by 30th April 2009.

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