

Call for papers and participation in the Symposium on Applied Research and Innovation in the Agricultural and Rural Sector in Rwanda.

Date and Venue: March 28th , 2023 in Kigali

1. Introduction

Applied research and innovation is one of the key priorities of Rwanda Polytechnic and its Colleges, and thus a relevant field of focus for RP/IPRC Karongi in the framework of the (*Strengthening Education for Agricultural Development*) SEAD West project. Institutional collaborative partnerships for education advancement is another forum sought to improve, strengthen, share knowledge and ensure visibility and involvement of all stakeholders including the public and private sector as well as other National or International Organizations.

The Rwanda Polytechnic (championed by IPRC Karongi), the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and Maastricht School of Management (MSM) have the pleasure to invite you to contribute to or participate in the Symposium on Applied Research and Innovation in the Agricultural and Rural Sector in Rwanda to be held in Kigali on March 28, 2023.

2. Scope

Whereas a lot of research has been undertaken in the framework of the SEAD and SEAD West project; showcasing the output for public use is yet to be done. To this end, a symposium on applied research and innovation in Rwandan agriculture and rural areas is organized. We invite all teams who received a grant to do research in the framework of the projects to submit a paper according to the rules given below. Also, other researchers working on the theme of the development of the agricultural and rural sector in Rwanda are invited to contribute or participate. Papers will be screened based on the criteria of being applied research, scientific quality and fitting in the proposed themes.

3. Themes

The symposium will focus on the following themes:

- a) The value chains promoted during the SEAD project: horticulture, potatoes, dairy and poultry
- b) Cross cutting themes like the role of women, the role of water, of IT in agriculture and the issues of governance and sustainable development
- c) Experiences with hospitality services and agri-tourism
- d) The experiences with the Service, Training and Innovation Centers (STICs)
- e) The consequences of climate change for Rwanda
- f) Innovation and home grown solutions for sustainable development

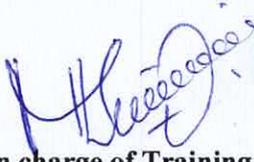


4. How to submit

- The manuscripts should be sent to rpsymposium2023@rp.ac.rw no later than the 10th March 2023.
- Papers must be written in English using Times New Roman 12 with 1.5 spacing and maximum of 25 pages long.
- Submission should also include the title of the contribution, authors and affiliation.
- For papers with more than one author, we ask to designate a corresponding author and provide his/her e-mail address. This does not have to be the first author.
- Authors of accepted paper will be contacted Mid March 2023 and invited to present on March 28, 2023.
- A publication based on the best contributions is envisaged.

5. Key dates

- **13rd February 2023:** Launch of the call for submission of manuscripts.
- **10th March 2023:** Deadline for submission of manuscripts
- **15th March 2023:** Notification of feedback from the review process
- **20th March 2023:** Deadline for confirmation for participation and registration
- **28th March 2023:** Running of the symposium.


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