



AFORPOLIS
African Forest Policies & Politics



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**Second international AFORPOLIS conference on “African forest-related policies and politics”
14 – 17 September 2020 in Accra, Ghana**

Save the Date – Call for Abstracts

The African forest policies and Politics (AFORPOLIS) organisation, TROPENBOS International (TBI) and TROPENBOS Ghana (TBG) are organising the second social sciences conference on “African forest-related policies and politics” (AFORPOLIS conference 2020). This conference is organised in collaboration with the University of Göttingen in Germany and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). The conference will take place in Accra, Ghana from the 14th to 17th September 2020. The aim of the international AFORPOLIS conference 2020 is to address societal issues and dilemmas encountered in forest-related policies and politics in Africa. To do that, the conference brings together scientists and practitioners around the world, across the full range of social sciences disciplines and professions related to forest and land-use governance issues in Africa. The major themes of the upcoming AFORPOLIS conference 2020 in Accra include: (i) public goods, biodiversity and climate policy; (ii) governance, deforestation and sustainability; (iii) community rights, forest and land tenures; (iv) development, resources and landscape approaches.

Junior and senior scholars who are engaged in theoretical and empirical-based research that address the conference themes and sub-themes are encouraged to submit abstracts. As Ghana is the host country of this AFORPOLIS conference 2020, proposals addressing the following conference sub-themes from local, national and transnational perspectives of West Africa will also be appreciated. To promote science-policy interactions, non-researchers (policy-makers, actors from private and civil society organizations) are encouraged to attend this conference as speakers or participants.

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

Proposals for oral presentations, posters, thematic sessions and side-events should explicitly refer to at least one of the following conference sub-themes: 1) Forest, climate change policies and related synergies or trade-offs; 2) Political economy of deforestation; 3) Forestland conversion and agricultural commodities; 4) Natural resource management and jurisdictional approaches ; 5) Potential effects of independent monitoring on natural resource governance; 6) Transnational and decentralised governance of natural resources; 7) Effectiveness of international forest-related regimes, development and domestic politics; 8) Rights and tenure innovations for climate finance and development; 9) Forest management and biodiversity conservation; 10) Living income and living wages in agro- and forest commodity production.

Preference will be given to those thematic sessions and side-events that create opportunities for interaction between practitioners and scientists

DEADLINES

Please submit your abstracts (maximum 300 words) through the following [link](#) **by January 15, 2020**.

The decisions of abstract selection will be shared with each applicant **by February 15, 2020**. Authors of the selected abstracts will be invited to submit their full manuscripts **by July 15, 2020**. After approved by a rigorous peer-review process, the selection of best manuscripts will be published in a special issue of international peer-reviewed journal with high impact factor.

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