

THE 5th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GHANA ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS, 2022
ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
THEME: “Agricultural innovations, entrepreneurship and trade for sustainable development”



Date: October 5 – 8, 2022 Venue: University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani

Conference Announcement

The 5th Annual Conference of the Ghana Association of Agricultural Economists (GAAE) dubbed **GAAE 2022 Conference** will be held at the University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, from Wednesday 5th October to Saturday 8th October 2022.

Conference Preamble

The global population has been increasing rapidly over the years. The UN projected the world’s population to keep growing, and estimates have put the world’s total population at 9.8 billion by mid-2050. There is, therefore, the need to manage the scarce agricultural resources to meet current and future demands for food and fibre. While the means of boosting agricultural production are enormous, the question arising is what agricultural innovations are required to increase production of food and fibre for the increasing population. Further, in this era of digitisation, to what extent can digital agriculture address the challenges facing agri-food systems? Entrepreneurship, marketing and trade are critical elements for enhancing the performance of agri-food systems towards achieving food security and sustainable agricultural development. Focusing on these themes will contribute to achieving the following Sustainable Development Goals: 1 (no poverty), 2 (zero hunger), 8 (decent work and economic growth), 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure), 10 (reduced inequalities), 12 (responsible consumption and production) and 13 (climate action).

Sub-Themes

1. Sustainable agricultural production systems
2. Digitization in agri-food supply chains
3. Entrepreneurship in agricultural supply chains
4. Agri-food marketing, international trade and development
5. Agricultural finance and farmer-based organizations
6. Farmer resilience, health, food safety and food security

Keynote Presentations

Invited keynote presentations and panel discussion sessions include the following:

1. Climate Change and sustainable agricultural production systems
2. Agricultural digitization, entrepreneurship and food security
3. Farmer-based organizations, food marketing and trade
4. Agricultural finance and insurance in developing and emerging

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We look forward to welcoming and working with you in Sunyani

Extended Abstract Submission

The Local Organizing Committee, on behalf of the Association, invites researchers to submit **Extended Abstracts** of their papers for consideration and presentation at the Conference. Students are strongly encouraged to submit their extended abstracts for consideration.

Abstracts submitted for Conference Presentations will be reviewed and presenters of accepted ones will be required to submit their full papers.

Important dates for extended abstract and paper submission and consideration are as follows:

Item	Date
Call for Extended Abstracts	6 th December, 2021
Abstract Submission	26 th July, 2022
Deadline	
Decision on Abstract/Posters	6 th August, 2022
Deadline for Full Paper Submission	26 th August, 2022
Decision on Full Papers (Oral and Poster Presentations)	5 th September, 2022
GAAE Conference	5th – 8th October, 2022
Educational trip	8th October, 2022

All abstracts should be submitted to:

[gaae2022conference@gmail.com/](mailto:gaae2022conference@gmail.com)
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Research Teams or Institutions who would like to organise panel sessions on special topic(s) may submit their topics for consideration. Submission deadline for special topics is **August 15, 2022**.

Decision on special topics: **August 30, 2022**.

Other Important Date(s):

Details of Conference programme will be available in **September 2022**.

The structure for extended abstract:

Title of Paper
Abstract (200 words max.)
Key words (5 keys max.)
Introduction (100-250 words max.)
Methodology (100-250 words max.)
Results (100-250 words max.)
Discussion and Conclusion (100-250 words max.)

Please, accepted abstracts for this conference in the earlier call should not be re-submitted.