



International Conference On Management of Dry Forests and Woodlands in a Changing Climate

16 – 18 October 2017 in Mekelle, Ethiopia

Call for papers and registration

The “Steps toward sustainable forest management with the local communities in Tigray, Northern Ethiopia” project, a partnership between Mekelle University (MU), Ethiopia and the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), Norway is organizing its first international conference on “*Management of Dry Forests and Woodlands in a Changing Climate*”. The aim of this conference is to present results of the ongoing research in the project and to bring together researchers, practitioners and policy makers to share experiences on sustainable management of dry forests and woodlands in Ethiopia and beyond.

The organizing committee kindly invites PhD students, Postdocs, researchers and others interested in participating in the conference to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

Themes and topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Livelihood aspects of dry forests and woodlands
2. Ecology of dry forests and woodlands
3. Ecosystem services linked to dry forests and woodlands
4. Forest management decision-support tools
5. Forest policy, governance and economics

The conference will include plenary sessions, keynote speeches, parallel oral presentation sessions and poster sessions.

Keynote speakers:

Professor Ole Hofstad (NMBU): Forest policy and governance in East Africa
Professor Tron Eid (NMBU): Decision support tools for managing dry forests and woodlands of Eastern Africa
Professor Mitiku Hailu (MU): Restoration of dry forests
Dr. Kindeya Gebrehiwot (MU): Dryland agroforestry
Dr. Wubalem Tadesse (EEFRI): Dry forest research in Ethiopia

Milestones and deliverables:

The conference organizers will compile and produce a proceeding. The papers produced through this call will be part of the project publication with all authors duly acknowledged for their contributions.

Abstract guidelines: The abstract should not be longer than 300 words and should clearly indicate the purpose of the work, approach and significance of the results obtained in relation to one or more of the conference themes. The authors should also indicate their preference for oral or poster presentation. The scientific committee reserves the right to assign abstracts to poster or oral sessions as deemed fit. Abstract submissions and oral and poster presentations at the conference must be in English.

For registration and abstract submissions, please contact: Hilina Yohannes (hilina.yohannes@mu.edu.et)

Important Dates:

Submission of abstracts: June 30, 2017
Selection of abstracts: July 30, 2017
Submission of full manuscripts: November 30, 2017
Registration: from July 1st to September 1st, 2017
Conference date: October 16-18, 2017

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Conference venue: Axum Hotel, Mekelle, Ethiopia. The local organizing committee will facilitate hotel reservations.