

2ACCA

SECOND AFRICA CONGRESS ON CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE

9th - 12th October 2018 | Johannesburg, South Africa



GLOBAL ALERT

60 DAYS
REMAINING!

Preparations for the [Second Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture](#)

(2ACCA) are in full gear under the able leadership of the International Steering Committee. Six hundred participants -farmers, policy makers, researchers, investors and industry players - from Africa and across the globe are expected at the event. This is an opportunity for **YOU** too to be heard and to contribute to making climate smart agriculture real in Africa.

The 2ACCA is being organized by African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT), the CA think tank for Africa, in collaboration with the Government of South Africa, the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency, Regional Economic Communities, international NGOs, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), the European Union (EU), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN and various bilateral and multilateral partners. The theme of the Congress is **Making Climate-Smart Agriculture Real in Africa with Conservation Agriculture: Supporting the Malabo Declaration and Agenda 2063.**

The purpose of 2ACCA is to facilitate diverse and open sharing of experiences and information on Conservation Agriculture, thereby fostering learning and widespread awareness and interest in its uptake and spread as an agroecosystem approach to sustainable farming and agricultural land-use management across Africa.

More information on the Congress is available here [Read more](#)

2ACCA Registration



Registrations are intense and we will soon surpass our cap of 600 delegates. If you have not registered, hurry and **BOOK YOUR SLOT** as limited chances are remaining. You cannot afford to miss the chance to be part of an eminent team transforming Africa's agriculture to address the challenges of food insecurity, unsustainable farming and climate change on the continent.

Make it a point to join and participate in this landmark Conservation Agriculture platform where strategic thinking and decisions will be made to transform irreversibly the continent's agriculture into a more sustainable, productive, profitable and environmentally friendly African agriculture.

2ACCA Programme and Process

The 2ACCA will host leading regional and international speakers who will showcase the latest on sustainable agriculture and ecosystem management. The program is taking shape under the guidance of the International Steering Committee made up of leading practitioners, professionals and researchers and will be released soon.

The 2ACCA will have the following elements:

- Plenary high-level ministerial panel discussions
- Special farmers' session
- Special session on Reporting Progress on 1ACCA
- Case studies and special working groups (thematic parallel sessions)
- Self-organized meetings around key CA-related issues (side events)
- Exhibition booths and poster sessions
- Equipment and machinery displays
- Field visits
- Awards and gala dinner

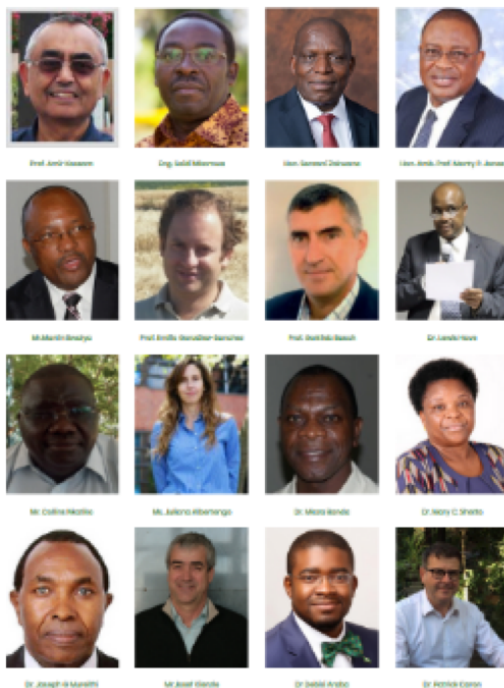
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SESSION I: Registration <small>Master Of ceremony: Congress Registration Team - Event Manager</small>			
SESSION VI: Cultural and Awards NightT <small>Master Of ceremony: Master of Ceremony - Master of Ceremony</small>			
SESSION II: Opening and introductory plenary session <small>Master Of ceremony: Master of Ceremony - Master of Ceremony</small>			
SESSION III: High level panel discussion <small>Master Of ceremony: Kilimo Trust - Session Facilitator</small>			
SESSION IV: Farmers forum <small>Master Of ceremony: PICOTAM - Session Facilitator</small>			

Meet our Renowned Speakers

2ACCA is organized in such a manner that will make it attractive and worthwhile not just to those stakeholders already engaged in supporting the different aspect of CA development in Africa, but also other (both new and existing) stakeholders and interest groups/organizations important for CA's future development in Africa. It is also designed to be interactive, optimizing active sharing, dialogue and discussions through formal and informal exercises including thematic working groups, and open space interactions (e.g. videos, theatre, demonstrations and poster sessions).

The congress and its segments will be grace by several keynote speakers and panelists which consists of international, multi-disciplinary and diverse eminent individuals knowledgeable in the science, policy, education and training, service provision and practice of CA. You can get a snapshot of some of the confirmed speakers in the link <https://www.africacacongress.org/speakers.html>

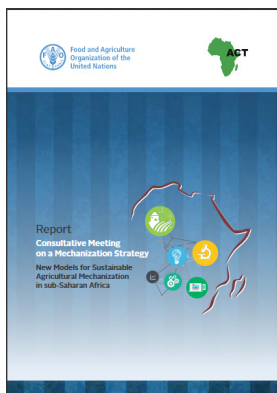


The Mechanization Session – banishing the hand hoe by 2025

Propelled by declining rural labour force, increasing feminization of agriculture, ageing farming population, low interest of youths in agriculture, increasing energy costs, declining farm incomes, climate change and high levels of post-harvest losses; a new trend is emerging in the adaptation and promotion of sustainable mechanized Conservation Agriculture in Africa. Supported by Agenda 2063 (The Africa We Want) to banish the hand hoe by 2025, and development of the framework for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Africa across Agri-food Chains, a new unstoppable wave to modernise Africa's agriculture using science, technology, innovation and indigenous knowledge is on the rise. [Click Here to Watch](#)



Sustainable agricultural mechanization reduces manual labour time, relieves labour shortages, improves the productivity and timeliness of agricultural operations and creates new employment opportunities. It improves resource use efficiency in agriculture, and thus helps mitigate the effects of climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Farmers who have access to improved agricultural tools and powered technologies can shift from subsistence farming to more market-oriented farming, strengthening the performance of the agricultural sector and making it more attractive to rural youth.



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The 2ACCA has set in place a Mechanization Session to debate and pave the way for the Africa We Want. The knowledgeable and seasoned experts on the panel will include Josef Kienzle (FAO-Rome), Geoffrey Mrema (SUA-Tanzania), Patrick Caron (MaMo-France), Saidi Mkomwa (ACT), Joseph Mureithi (KALRO-Kenya), Li Hongwen (CTRC-China) and Arnesen Odd (NORAD-Norway). This is intended to continue the discourse generated in Kenya on November 2016 at Consultative Meeting on a Mechanization Strategy, New Models for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in sub-Saharan Africa (<http://africamechanize.act-africa.org>).

It is certainly not going to be old wine in new bottles.

Watch what some of the mechanization experts participating in the AfricaMechanise event had to say on

the needed transformation at the link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6Zb_DL89yQ

2018 Conservation Agriculture Awards



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The search for the winners of the 2018 CA Awards is now open. We invite you to nominate women, men and organizations that have made outstanding contributions in diverse ways to the promotion, adaptation, adoption and spread of Conservation Agriculture in Africa.

The main objective of the CA Awards is to recognize these individuals and organizations whose Conservation Agriculture activities have triggered an irreversible transformation to a more sustainable, productive, profitable and environmentally friendly African agriculture.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, 31 August 2018**. The winners will be unveiled at a high-profile CA gala event during the Second Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture (2ACCA) to be held 9–12

October 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa. [Click Here To Nominate](#). For more information visit: <https://caawards.africacacongress.org/>

Validating National CA adoption statistics - Country CA adoption surveys

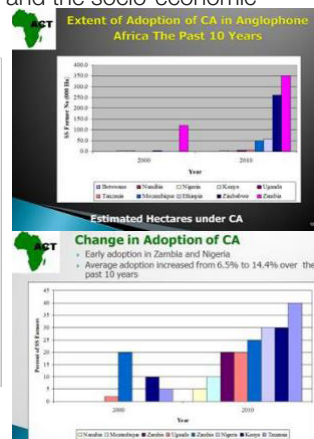
With close to 25 African countries practicing Conservation Agriculture-based climate resilience activities, the need for harmonized and consolidated data to inform decision making and demonstrate progress toward national, regional, and international goals, such as the Malabo Declaration Vision 25x25, the African Union Agenda 2063, and the Sustainable Development Goals, cannot be overemphasised.

In view of the above and within the broad thematic context and focus of the Congress, a number of special studies or analytical assignments will be commissioned as inputs to the Congress on various relevant issues and sub-themes. The studies and analytical pieces will essentially serve to bring into the Congress dialogue scientific and evidence-based articulation of the issues and trends, thereby allow appropriately informed dialogue and consultations. As per the overall scope of the Congress, the studies and analytical pieces will specially focus on aspects related to unblocking constraints or accelerating the adoption and spread of CA as a core component of CSA, including how to scale up successful cases. The studies and analytical pieces commissioned by the organisers will be additional to papers and posters that will be contributed by intending participants.

For the 2ACCA, an on-line survey is being shared to Country Focal points to capture the current CA Adoption Status, which will be shared at the 2ACCA – as was done in 2015 at the VWCCA in Brisbane Australia (refer to figure 1.0. below). However, in the long term ACT and partners have embarked on the development of Impact Metrics, and Monitoring and Evaluation Scorecards to support NGOs, CA CoEs and National Governments collect CA adoption data to quantify not only the rates of adoption and the socio-economic benefits, but also for the ecosystem dimension.



CA Adoption Statistics in Africa



We hope to receive nationally validated CA adoption data for your country and that the BLANKS will not be applicable to you.

Exhibition Booths and Poster Sessions



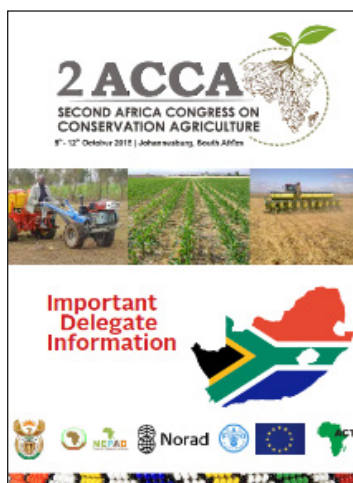
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The aim of the trade exhibition will be to expose delegates to the latest technologies, share evidence and challenge the current thinking and practice. The trade exhibition will also provide opportunity for different organisations, especially NGOs, farmer associations, private companies, publishers, and others to present themselves and their work related to CA. The exhibition area will be the focal point of the Congress and the program is structured to maximize the opportunity for delegates to visit this area.

Organisations can apply for a booth when they are registering for the Congress, where they can show materials, photos, and posters. To register and indicate that you require a booth, kindly visit this link: [Register](#)

In addition, you can get more information from the Sponsors and Exhibitors' prospectus available on the link [Read more](#) or download the [French Version](#)

Delegate Information



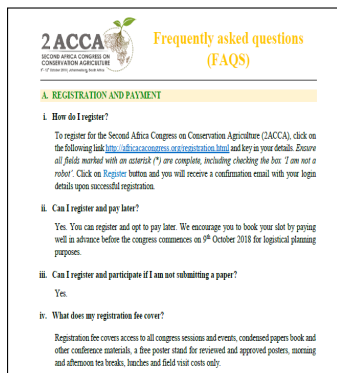
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The 2ACCA secretariat appreciates your registration and confirmation to participate at the Second Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture scheduled for 9 to 12 October 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa under the theme **Making Climate-Smart Agriculture Real in Africa with Conservation Agriculture.**

As a delegate, please take note of the following information contained in this [INFORMATION NOTE](#), which will assist you with planning and the logistics of your travel to South Africa.

Together with the Government of South Africa, we will strive to ensure that your participation in the Congress is not only convenient but enjoyable as well.

Frequently asked questions (FAQS)

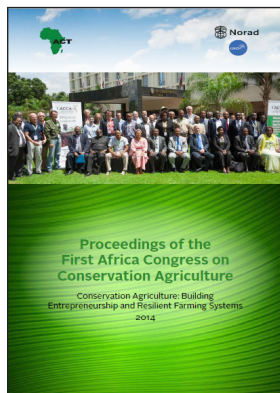


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The 2ACCA secretariat is currently receiving and processing many questions on the various aspects of the Congress. In view of the above and based on continuous communications with potential delegates to the 2ACCA, a summary of frequently asked questions has been developed. These are captured in the downloadable document available in the link [FAQS](#).

Please refer to it for more information on the 2ACCA processes.

Proceeding of the 1ACCA



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As you plan to participate in the Second Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture, you can also update yourself on what transpired during the First Africa Congress on CA held in Lusaka, Zambia in 2014. The **Proceedings of the First Africa Congress on CA** are available as [download here](#).

The 1ACCA was organized by the African Conservation Tillage Network and the Government of the Republic of Zambia in collaboration with partners, and was held 18–21 March 2014 at the Intercontinental Hotel.

During this **congress**, an unprecedented ‘Africanized Brown’ Revolution focused on sustainable agricultural intensification based on Conservation Agriculture came out strongly as the best option to increase food production and productivity and to cope with the vagaries of climate.

The 1ACCA gave birth to the Lusaka Declaration and Vision 25x25 (25 million farm households practising Conservation Agriculture by 2025), which was subsequently adopted by the AU Heads of State and Government via the Malabo Declaration, and the Climate Smart Agriculture Vision 25x25.

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