2ND PHYTOSANITARY CONFERENCE 2018

Theme | “Phytosanitary Systems for Safe Trade and Food Security”

4th - 8th June, 2018
KEPHIS Headquarters
Oloolua Ridge-Karen
NAIROBI - KENYA
INTRODUCTION

KEPHIS and COPE piloted and organized the first International Phytosanitary Conference from 12th to 16th September 2016 at KEPHIS Headquarters in Nairobi whose theme was *Phytosanitary Regulation for Improved Trade Facilitation and Food Security*. The conference created opportunities for participants from National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) and those in agricultural trade to share their successes and challenges encountered; it also offered the participants an opportunity to discuss emerging issues such as new pest outbreaks. Dr. Richard Lesiyampe, the Principal Secretary, State Department of Agriculture in Kenya and The Director, AU-IAPSC Dr. Mezui gave the opening speeches to the over 110 delegates from 25 countries who participated in the event. Participants were from NPPOs, government departments/agencies, counties in Kenya, embassies and high commissions, multinational organizations, seed companies, trade associations, international research bodies, horticultural produce exporters, pesticide companies, development agencies and local and international universities. Participants made oral or poster presentations within 8 thematic phytosanitary areas. The conference was carried out with oral presentations in the main hall, posters presentations outside the main hall and side meetings. An exhibition to showcase practical demonstrations of the topics was also held during the conference. This international level conference is being considered for adoption at the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) level from 2020 when the International Year of Plant Health will be held.

A similar conference will be held from 4th to 8th June 2018. Therefore, the Government of Kenya, USAID (Feed the Future), KEPHIS and COPE have planned for this Phytosanitary Conference Nairobi dubbed “2nd Phytosanitary Conference 2018” whose theme is *Phytosanitary Systems for Safe Trade and Food Security*. The conference will create an opportunity for participants for all in agricultural trade to share their successes as well as challenges encountered. The conference will also offer the participants an opportunity to discuss emerging issues such as Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs), invasive species and pest outbreaks. **The venue will be KEPHIS Headquarters in Karen, Nairobi**
OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

» To provide an opportunity for the NPPOs in Africa to share achievements and challenges
» To provide the NPPOs with an opportunity to create linkages and promote market access within Africa
» To identify potential areas of cooperation on phytosanitary regulation at regional and international levels

THEMATIC AREAS

» Pest Surveillance in Phytosanitary Systems
» Import Control and Quarantine Regulations in Phytosanitary Systems
» Pest Diagnostics in Phytosanitary Systems
» Export Control in Phytosanitary Systems
» Industry participation in Phytosanitary Systems
» Technologies and Innovation in Phytosanitary Systems
» Food Safety Issues in Phytosanitary Systems (MRLs, Heavy metals and Aflatoxins)
» Cross-cutting issues in phytosanitary systems (To include legal requirements, communication in phytosanitary, GMOs, Biosafety, emerging phytosanitary issues e.g. new pests)
» A practical field day will be held during the conference to see application of the issues in the conference themes.

PARTICIPANTS

100 participants are expected from NPPOs, government (food safety, agricultural policy, horticulture, extension), farmers and exporter organizations, international agencies, donor agencies, among others.

LANGUAGE

The major language of communication during the conference shall be English
COST PER PARTICIPANT
US$ 100 registration fee (to include meals [2 teas and lunch], conference bag, stationary, official dinner, abstract book and transport for field visit)

ACCOMMODATION
» Will mainly be in at KEPHIS Headquarters Accommodation at KEPHIS. **Rate:** Halfboard at USD 45 per person per day for residents and USD 50 per person per day for international guests.
» Alternative accommodation at KCB Leadership Centre. **Rate:** Half Board at approximately USD 57 per person per day

POSTERS
Some participants will not be able to present their papers during the plenary and a poster section will be available for such papers

EXHIBITION BOOTHS
An exhibition will be provided during the conference for participants wishing to display their products and services. The cost will be **KES 35,000** for a 3m*3m booth. The booths will have a table, 2 seats, lighting and a waste bin. Exhibitors will also be provided with meals. Participants will be responsible for their own branding. **Contacts:** cmuraguri@kephis.org.

ABSTRACTS
Abstracts are expected by 30th April 2018 sent to phytosanitaryconference2018@kephis.org. This will be Microsoft Word (*.doc) within the 8 thematic areas; one paragraph of 300 words; font: times new roman; Font size 12; 6 keywords. The oral presentations will be approximately 15 minutes with data, experience or case studies in phytosanitary matters. The document should be named as author’s name and the content must be in English.