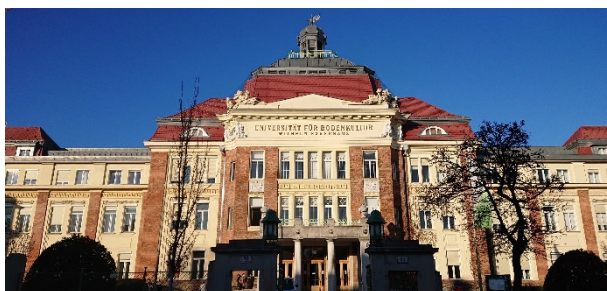




Tropentag 2024

September, 11-13

Vienna, Austria and online



Call for papers

**Explore opportunities...
for managing natural resources
and a better life for all**

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Organised by: University of Natural Resources
and Life Sciences Vienna,
Institute and Cluster of
Development Research

Venue: BOKU University, Peter
Jordanstrasse 82, 1190 Vienna

Lead local
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About

Tropentag is an annual international conference on research in tropical and subtropical agriculture, natural resource management and rural development.

Tropentag is jointly organised by BOKU University (Austria) and the Universities of Berlin, Bonn, Göttingen, Hohenheim, Kassel-Witzenhausen, ZALF e.V. (all Germany), Ghent University (Belgium), Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (Czech Republic), and the Council for Tropical and Subtropical Research (ATSAF e.V.) in cooperation with the GIZ Fund International Agricultural Research (FIA). It brings together scientists, students, graduates, development experts, funding organizations, collaborators and donors from several countries and their various international partner institutions.

Tropentag is a development-oriented, interdisciplinary conference. It addresses environmental management, agricultural production, forestry, fisheries, food, nutrition sovereignty, and related sciences in the context of global partnership, sustainable land-water resource use, climate action, zero hunger and poverty reduction.

Tropentag 2024 will take place at the BOKU University and invites all scientists, students, and experts addressing topics in the above-mentioned fields. Young scientists are particularly encouraged to present their research projects and results.

**We look forward to welcoming you in
Vienna, Austria, or to see you online
in September 2024**

Conference theme

**“Explore opportunities ...
for managing natural resources and
a better life for all”**

Tropentag is a trans- and interdisciplinary conference. Following the long tradition of *Tropentag*, we encourage participants of *Tropentag* 2024 to contribute to the conference's overarching aim of exploring opportunities for managing natural resources sustainably and improving the quality of life for all individuals and communities.

Tropentag 2024 addresses issues such as the urgently needed transformation in agriculture and food systems, agroecology, livestock management, food and nutrition sovereignty, forestry, sustainable water resources and fisheries, environmental conservation, socio-ecology, structural inequalities in the governance of natural resources based on gender, age, socio-economic status and other social categories, in the context of rural development, sustainable natural resources management, and poverty alleviation worldwide.

Our key topics below collectively contribute to the conference's aim of exploring opportunities for the future we want and the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

1. Agroecology and sustainable resource management practices
2. Livestock management and human well-being
3. Food and nutrition sovereignty
4. Sustainable water and fisheries management
5. Climate change adaptation and resilience
6. Forestry, environmental conservation and ecosystem services
7. Gender and intersectional perspectives in the governance of natural resources
8. Multiple crises: political, institutional and economic structures and challenges
9. Social and technological innovations for implementing the SDGs

CGIAR feature center-of-the-year

In 2024, we spotlight CIFOR-ICRAF, which is more than a research and development institute: It is a union of the best minds working to find nature-based solutions for forests, trees and agroforestry landscapes. Working in partnership with governments, academia, civil society, the private sector and communities, CIFOR-ICRAF delivers solutions to safeguard biodiversity, stabilize our climate and transform food and nutrition security. Based in 25+ countries across the world with 800 research and development staff and through 40+ years of trusted science and proven innovative approaches, the organization demonstrates trees' potential to transform our collective challenges into opportunities.

Conference structure

The theme of *Tropentag* 2024 will be introduced by invited international guest speakers and developed by keynote speeches in parallel thematic sessions. The latter will cover the diversity of research areas related to opportunities for sustainable development and resource management for a better life following the SDGs. These aspects will be addressed through oral presentations and thematically related guided poster sessions, and each contribution should highlight its relevance to the overarching theme.

The Apéro social evening on 11th September and the conference dinner on 12th September will allow participants to network, discuss, and exchange ideas.

Online participants will have access to most parts of the conference (keynotes, parallel thematic sessions, and special online-only poster sessions).

Programme structure

10 th Sept	pm	Pre-conference workshops
11 th Sept	am	Pre-conference workshops
	pm	Opening (1 pm CEST)
		Keynote session
		<i>fiat panis</i> session
		Parallel thematic oral sessions
		Apéro social evening

12 th Sept	am	Poster sessions
		Parallel thematic oral sessions
	pm	Parallel thematic oral sessions
		Poster sessions
		Conference dinner
13 th Sept	am	Poster sessions
		Plenary keynote session
		Closing (around 2 pm CEST)
		Post-conference workshops and excursions

Submission procedure

The conference's language will be English. Abstracts of 250-350 words of original research on the featured topic must be submitted by 3rd May 2024 using the online form at www.tropentag.de. Please ensure that the abstracts are of an appropriate level of quality in terms of content and language. A panel of reviewers will decide on accepting an abstract as a poster or oral presentation. A program committee will allocate accepted abstracts to interdisciplinary sessions. Acceptance of abstracts will be notified by 20th June 2024. Participants must confirm their participation by 15th July 2024 and pay the conference fee by 1st August 2024. Contributions will be grouped into thematic clusters and presented in guided oral or poster sessions. All presented contributions will be included in the book of abstracts, both in print and online.

Workshops

You can either network around a specific theme (related to tropical agriculture), offer capacity building, task forces for projects or follow your own initiative. Workshops can be held before or after the conference. You need to describe the aim and theme of the workshop and send your application to info@tropentag.de by 20th May 2024. You will receive feedback on your application by 20th June 2024. For more information: www.tropentag.de/conference/workshop.php.

Photo competition

The "Let's Plant" non-profit association organises in collaboration with *Tropentag* a photo competition on the theme "Visualise the restoration and mitigation of degraded land and water ecosystems in the tropics or subtropics"! Each entry (a single photo or photo story of up to five pictures) should be accompanied by a short text describing the project or idea behind it.

Dates and deadlines

Submission of abstracts	3 rd May, 2024
Submission of workshops	20 th May, 2024
Acceptance of abstracts	20 th June, 2024
Acceptance of workshops	20 th June, 2024
Reconfirmation of contribution	15 th July, 2024
Early bird payment of conf. fee	1 st August, 2024

Conference fees (presence and online)

	By 1 st August 2024	Later
Full participants	€ 175	€ 205
PhD candidates	€ 95	€ 120
ATSAF PhD members	€ 70	€ 95
Students	€ 25	€ 30

Conference dinner € 35; reduced € 20 (students).
Printed version of the book-of-abstracts € 10.

Organisation and contacts

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