

Time Schedule

15 Jan 2020 *Extended*
~~02 Jan 2020~~ Abstract submission deadline

20 Jan 2020 Notification of acceptance

25 Jan 2020 Deadline for registration

12 Feb 2020 Deadline for submitting full paper

Conference Program

11 Feb 2020 Conference registration

20 Jan 2020 Notification of acceptance

25 Jan 2020 Deadline for registration (no-fee)

12 Feb 2020 Deadline for submitting full paper

Domestic travel and accommodation costs will be covered for Ethiopian paper contributors.

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Margret (Meg) Lowman, USA

"General overview of Ethiopian Church Forests: Socio-cultural importance and ongoing saving strategy"

Dr. Wubalem Tadesse, Ethiopia

"Present role and future challenges of Ethiopian Church Forests"

Dr. Abreham Abiyu, Ethiopia

"Structural and genetic diversity of Ethiopian Church Forests"

Prof. Dr. Thomas Knoke, Germany

"Restoration options: Experiences from South America"

Dr. Alemayehu Wassie, Ethiopia

"Restoration options: Lessons from Ethiopia"



International Conference

State of the Art in Ethiopian Church Forests and Restoration Options

12th - 14th February 2020

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Sessions

General Overview: Socio-cultural importance of church forests

This session will provide general overview of Ethiopian church forest and specially emphasize on its importance inside the society to understand socio-cultural context, and the changes in church forests.

Current Role and Challenges of Ethiopian Church Forests

This session will explore its roles and challenges to find ways to conserve the remaining forests.

Structure and Diversity of species in Ethiopian Church Forests

The patterns of species and structural composition of church forests will be discussed in this session.

Restoration options of degraded lands

This session will explore appropriate options to restore degraded land in Ethiopia, which has been disturbed by humans over the last decades.



Special Topics

- Species composition and diversity
- Ecosystem services
- Socio-economic importance
- Socio-ethical/cultural importance
- Medicinal value
- Soil seed banks
- Changes in Church forests
- Local community perception
- Drivers of changes
- Regeneration
- Degradation
- Restoration options
- Forest fragments
- Land rehabilitation
- Conservation

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