

Wetlands Conference

THEME:

WEST AFRICAN WETLANDS:
SAFE-GUARDING BIODIVERSITY,
DELIVERING WATER, ENERGY AND FOOD
IN THE FACE OF A CHANGING CLIMATE

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Background

Wetland ecosystems are critical for human well-being; they provide basic needs such as water, underpin agricultural productivity and provide important livelihood sources. Healthy wetlands are essential for the achievement of the sustaining development goals, be it ending poverty, hunger and food insecurity or providing clean water and sanitation. Wetland habitats support unique biodiversity and are key to mitigating and adapting to climate change impacts. Unfortunately, many wetlands in West Africa, even those designated as internationally important wetlands (Ramsar Sites), are being destroyed and lost at an alarming rate through pollution, expansion of human settlements and over-exploitation of wetland resources. The purpose of the conference, therefore, is to provide an opportunity for a review of the status of wetlands and wetland resources in West Africa, and jointly define and advocate for critical local, national and regional research needs and actions to safeguard the region's wetlands.

Scientific Sessions

- i) Status of West African wetland ecosystems;
- ii) Wetlands and water;
- iii) Wetlands and food security;
- iv) Wetlands and energy;
- v) Wetland biodiversity in a changing world

Who should attend?

Wetland scientists and researchers; wetland site managers; Ramsar country focal points; NGOs working on wetlands, Environmental journalists.

Important dates to note

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| Nov. 15 - Dec. 31, 2020 | Submission of Abstracts for oral and poster presentations
(<i>notification of acceptance of abstracts will be sent within 3 days of receipt</i>) |
| Dec. 15, 2020 – Jan. 15, 2021 | Conference website and registration opens. |

Abstract should be submitted using this link: <https://forms.gle/BoKiSajsAxhxp2266>

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