

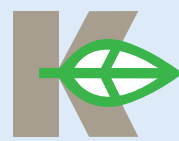
# SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

2<sup>nd</sup> IPI – Ministry of Agriculture – Hawassa  
University – Ethiopian ATA Joint Symposium

The Role of Potassium in Balanced Fertilization

24-26 November 2015, Hawassa, Ethiopia

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POTASH INSTITUTE  
Switzerland



## First Announcement

### Background

The role of potassium in balanced fertilization and its impact on crop productivity and quality is gaining increasing attention from agronomists and plant nutritionists. This is particularly relevant to sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) where soils are nutrient depleted, fertilizer use is low and agricultural productivity remains the lowest in the world.

The Second Potash Symposium aims to maintain the momentum created by the previous symposium, held 4-5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in Addis Ababa, by bringing together key researchers and senior soil fertility experts with rich experience in potassium research, technology innovation and dissemination globally. Leading professionals from Africa, Asia, and Europe will participate in this Second Symposium to share their experiences. Ethiopian researchers from higher learning institutions and the agricultural development sector will also present their recent findings from national digital soil fertility mapping, extensive potash fertilizer demonstrations, and potassium fertilizer research conducted by research staff and graduate students.

The Symposium has identified five timely and relevant thematic areas indicated below.

### Main Themes

- Soil potassium status.
- Potassium and balanced fertilization.
- Potassium for sustainable cropping systems.
- Potassium dynamics in shrink-swell soils.
- Potassium impact on crop quality.

### Organization

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Chair: **Mr. Hillel Magen**, Director, IPI, Switzerland.
- **Prof. Tekalign Mamo**, Minister's Advisor and State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- **Dr. Selamyihun Kidanu**, Director, Soil Health and Fertility Program, ATA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- **Dr. Tesfaye Abebe**, Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer, Hawassa University, Hawassa, Ethiopia.
- **Mr. Eldad Sokolowski**, sub-Saharan Africa Coordinator, IPI, Switzerland.

#### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- Chair: **Prof. Tekalign Mamo**, Minister's Advisor and State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Symposium secretary: **Dr. Wassie Haile**, Assistant Professor of Soil Science, Hawassa University, Hawassa, Ethiopia.
- **Mr. Mulugeta Abera**, Senior Soil Fertility Expert, Ministry of Agriculture, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- **Mr. Mesfin Kebede**, Senior Technical Expert, ATA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- **Mr. Eldad Sokolowski**, sub-Saharan Africa Coordinator, IPI, Switzerland.

### Venue

The symposium will take place at the Hawassa University, Hawassa, Ethiopia, from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

### Registration

Participants must be registered before November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Only invited and pre-registered participants will be allowed to take part. No submissions or registrations will be accepted after this date.

### Registration Fee

- ETB 200 for Ethiopian participants until October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (ETB 100 for postgraduate students).
- USD 40 for foreign participants until October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (USD 20 for postgraduate students).
- ETB 250 for Ethiopian participants after October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (ETB 150 for postgraduate students).
- USD 50 for foreign participants after October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (USD 30 for postgraduate students).

### Submission Of Papers

The symposium is open to all contributors interested in providing oral presentations in line with the outlined themes. All interested participants are invited to submit their abstract, as a word document via email, to the secretariat by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 followed by their full paper by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The title should be typed in capital letters, followed by author names. Underline the presenting author. Use single line spacing and 12 point Times New Roman font. Manuscripts will be reviewed by the organizing committee.

In addition, all successful papers reviewed and accepted by the editorial office will be published in the symposium's proceedings.

### Language

English will be the official language of the symposium.

### Updates And Information

<http://www.ipipotash.org/en/events/role+of+potassium+in+balanced+fertilization.php>



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## Call for Papers

Yes I would like to attend the IPI-MoA-HU-ATA Symposium in Hawassa and to receive further information.

Surname:

First Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

Country:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Oral Presentation:  Yes  No; Poster:  Yes  No

Title of the proposed paper:

Please send the registration form to the Symposium secretariat  
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