

**International Workshop on 'Research & Development and Technology Transfer for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in Low-Income Countries', May 8-9, 2024, Lusaka, Zambia**

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Greetings from the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre; [www.namstct.org](http://www.namstct.org))!!

Agriculture in developing countries is crucial for both poverty reduction and food security, contributing significantly to national GDPs. However, climate change poses significant risks and challenges, impacting agricultural productivity as well as food security. To address these challenges, relevant research and development are essential. The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal - 2 (SDG-2) aims to end hunger through leveraging sustainable agriculture to improve the global supply of food, reduce food loss and wastage, and ensure year-round access to adequate food supply. International collaboration, particularly South-to-South partnerships, is vital for sustainable agriculture and food security.

In this context, the Centre for Science & Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre), New Delhi, India, in partnership with the National Institute for Scientific and Industrial Research (NISIR), Lusaka, Zambia and the Ministry of Technology and Science (MoTS), Lusaka, Zambia is organizing an International Workshop on '**Research & Development and Technology Transfer for Sustainable**

**Agriculture and Food Security in Low-Income Countries'** during May 8-9, 2024 in Lusaka, Zambia. The Workshop will be hosted by NISIR, Zambia.

The primary objective of this Workshop is to assess the status of human resources capacity for R&D and Technology Transfer in low-income countries in the area of sustainable agriculture, identify successful strategies and best practices for enhancing capacity for research and development in the agricultural sector, facilitate knowledge exchange and collaboration among stakeholders and provide actionable recommendations for improving human resource capacity in the context of sustainable agriculture and food security.

Application for participation in the Workshop (**except from the host country, Zambia**) may please be sent to the Director General, NAM S&T Centre, New Delhi, at E-mail: [namstcentre@gmail.com](mailto:namstcentre@gmail.com), in the application form enclosed with the **attached** announcement brochure. **Applicants from Zambia should, however, submit their requests only to NISIR, Zambia.**

In this connection, following may please be noted:

- (a) The last date for submission of applications is **April 3, 2024**. Only limited seats are available for participation in this event. Since a large number of applications are expected, early response is advisable to avoid disappointment.
- (b) Free local hospitality, including accommodation and meals, will be provided to all the NAM S&T Centre sponsored foreign participants from **May 7, 2024 (noon) to May 10, 2024 (noon)** [i.e. from one day before to one day after the completion of the Workshop]. The participants should arrange their flight schedules accordingly; otherwise they will have to make their own arrangement of stay beyond these days.

Transport will also be provided to the participants free of cost for their airport transfers (International Airport is Lusaka, Zambia) and local travel in connection with the Workshop.

- (c) Selection of applicants will be made purely on the basis of their academic and professional background and relevance of their current engagements in the relevant field, quality of abstract submitted for presentation and also the quality of the write-up submitted.
- (d) **For applications received from the Member Countries of the NAM S&T Centre, which are regularly paying their annual subscription:** The NAM S&T Centre will provide return international airfare to Lusaka, Zambia by excursion class and shortest route to only one official nominee of each country, **whose application is routed through the Focal Point of the NAM S&T Centre in the applicant's country.**

In this connection, the **Focal Points may please note** that they may endorse as many number of applications, but the NAM S&T Centre will consider **only one official nomination for full financial support by the Centre**, subject to the availability of seats and the applicant fulfilling all the above stated criteria. The additional nominations from the Focal Points, if any, as well as the applications directly received by the NAM S&T Centre, may also be considered subject to the availability of seats, but such applicants will have to arrange for their international airfare and will also be required to pay in advance a Processing Fee of US \$400 to the NAM S&T Centre.

- (e) **For applications received from the Member Countries of the NAM S&T Centre defaulting on the payment of their annual dues:** Selected nominees of the Focal Points from those of the Member Countries that are overdue on the

payment of their annual subscription and any other selected applicants will make their own arrangement for international travel and will also be required to pay in advance a Processing Fee of US \$400 to the NAM S&T Centre.

- (f) **For nominations received from the S&T-Industry Network Members of the NAM S&T Centre:** The NAM S&T – Industry Network entitles each Network Member, which has no outstanding dues against its membership subscription, to get invitation for two nominees each year with full finances paid by the Centre for participation in appropriate activities organized by the Centre. Accordingly, if a Network Member has still not fully availed of this privilege and desires to make a nomination for attending this Workshop, the NAM S&T Centre will provide return international airfare to Lusaka, Zambia by excursion class and shortest route to such official nominee of the Network Member, if selected.

Any additional nominee(s) of the paying S&T-Industry Network Members, as well as the nominees of those Network Members, which are overdue on the payment of their annual membership subscription, if selected, will make their own arrangement for international travel and will also be required to pay in advance a Processing Fee of US \$400 to the NAM S&T Centre.

- (g) **For applicants from the Non-Member Countries and any other applicants in their individual capacity from countries other than Zambia:** They may send the completed Nomination Form directly to the NAM S&T Centre. They will be required to pay a Processing Fee of US \$400 to the NAM S&T Centre immediately after selection and will also have to make their own arrangement for international travel.
- (h) Other details of the Workshop are available in the **attached** Announcement.
- (i) Information on the Member Countries and S&T-Industry Network Members of the NAM S&T Centre and names/addresses of the Focal Points are available on the Centre's website ([www.namstct.org](http://www.namstct.org)).
- (j) English will be the official language of the Workshop.

**All correspondence may please be made by e-mail.** All documents should be prepared in **MS-Word Format** (or electronically scanned in case of the passport) and sent as attachments to the email. **Kindly avoid sending us fax messages and hard copies to save paper and energy.**

**This is a general circular and not an individual invitation. You are requested to kindly forward this announcement to the concerned individuals as well as Ministries/Departments, S&T Organizations, Universities and academic institutions and related agencies in your country.**

We solicit your kind cooperation in getting the best suited applicants for this valuable Workshop.

Yours sincerely,

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