



In Commemoration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tokyo NODAI

The Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities (AAACU)  
and Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI)

21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Conference and General Assembly  
October 13-14, 2016

Atsugi Campus, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Kanagawa, Japan



***“Towards a Sustainable World:  
The Challenges of the SDG for AAACU in the Next Decade”***

### **Background and Rationale**

The Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities (AAACU) was established in 1972 with the firm belief that institutions of higher education have the responsibility of “contributing to the improvement of human condition.” Since its establishment, AAACU have focused on:

- Helping enhance the effectiveness of programs in agricultural institution, research and extension;
- Formulating plans, programs and policies that will enable the member institutions to achieve common or similar goals;
- Determining ways and means by which member institutions may be able to build strong linkages among institutions and agencies serving agriculture; and
- Exchanging and sharing experiences among the members as to the means by which they can contribute more effectively to the advancement of human welfare in Asia.

Asian higher education institutions, like their counterparts in other regions of the world, face multiple challenges. How well they redefine and reinvent themselves to suit the changing societal needs in an era where the sustainability of the environment is critical for their development and future. This year, the 21<sup>st</sup> AAACU Biennial Conference and General Assembly will be held at Tokyo University of Agriculture (Atsugi Campus, Kanagawa). This year's theme is ***“Towards a Sustainable World: The Challenges of the SDGs for AAACU in the Next Decade.”*** In 2015, the United Nations (UN) adopted 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) for the next 15 years which all countries should implement. The policy and most of the 169 targets of the SDGs overlap with the mission of agricultural universities in the world, in general and in Asia, in particular. This Conference hopes to provide a unique opportunity to look at how the SDGs as a global trend will shape the landscape of higher education in the Asian Region in the next decade and how AAACU member-institutions are addressing or responding to this particular global trend. The country papers will serve as a baseline for discussion and a shared understanding of issues in the Asian region.

The AAACU Biennial Conference is an eminent event for those involved in higher education. It brings together higher education policy makers, institutional leaders and academic experts. With notable speakers, stimulating conference topics, this Conference also provides important networking opportunities for participants.

### **Call for Scientific Abstracts**

The Conference Committee is inviting all active AAACU member-institutions to submit scientific abstracts for oral presentation addressing any of the following SDGs:

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| 1. No poverty                 | 5. Gender equality                 | 9. Industry, innovation, infrastructure | 13. Climate action                        |
| 2. Zero hunger                | 6. Clean water and sanitation      | 10. Reduced inequalities                | 14. Life below water                      |
| 3. Good health and well-being | 7. Affordable and clean energy     | 11. Sustainable cities and communities  | 15. Life on land                          |
| 4. Quality education          | 8. Decent work and economic growth | 12. Responsible consumption, production | 16. Peace, justice and strong institution |
|                               |                                    |   | 17. Partnerships for the goals            |

**However, since the SDG theme is quite broad, respective speaker may consider sub-themes such as food, agriculture, environment and agriculture education to narrow down the topic.**

## DEADLINE of abstract submission is 15 September 2016.

- An abstract (150-250 words) should be submitted to the Conference Committee to **EMAIL** starting 20 August 2016.
- The Conference Committee in Tokyo NODAI is responsible for selecting 12 papers for 20 minute-presentation and for allocating them to a programme session.
- Authors will receive Notice of Acceptance of their abstracts by ON OR BEFORE 15 September 2016.
- Only abstracts with top author and/or corresponding author from **ACTIVE AAACU member-institutions** (paid annual dues) may be accepted. Kindly ensure payment of your annual dues on or before 15 September 2016.
- Any changes in the presentation details (e.g., title, name of author(s) and/or presenter) after 15 September 2016 will not be entertained.
- Completed papers must be submitted to the Conference Committee by 30 September 2016



Tokyo NODAI with 125 years history is honored to welcome AAACU member-institutions!

## Conference Venue

Trinity Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Lecture Building, Tokyo University of Agriculture (Atsugi Campus),  
1737 Funako Atsugi city, Kanagawa prefecture, Japan  
For access details, kindly visit [http://www.ics-com.biz/nodai/outline/map\\_02.html](http://www.ics-com.biz/nodai/outline/map_02.html)

## Important Dates to Remember

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| Start of Abstract Submission        | 20 August 2016         |
| Last Day of Abstract Submission     | 30 August 2016         |
| Notice of Acceptance of Abstracts   | 15 September 2016      |
| Last Day to Submit Completed Papers | 30 September 2016      |
| Arrival of Participants             | 12 October 2016        |
| AAACU Board Meeting                 | 12 October 2016        |
| <b>AAACU Conference Proper</b>      | <b>13 October 2016</b> |
| AAACU General Assembly              | 14 October 2016        |
| Departure of Participants           | 15 October 2016        |

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