The Africa Union Commission (AUC) in collaboration with a consortium of research/academic institutions, development partners, civil society and private sector organizations are organizing the 4th All Africa Postharvest Congress and Exhibition (4th AAPHCE). The 4th AAPHCE will offer organizations an opportunity to host a side event on the sidelines of the Congress. The expected side events include (but not limited to) workshops, seminars/webinars, special training sessions and project meetings. A side event at the 4th AAPHCE provides the hosts with an opportunity to showcase their research/development activities and strengthen partnerships/linkages with a global audience. The theme of the side events MUST be aligned to the Congress theme, Sustainable Postharvest Management: Boosting Intra-African Agricultural Trade and Enhancing Food and Nutrition Security which has been unpacked into five subthemes as depicted below.

**SUBTHEMES**

1. **Unpacking food loss and waste:** measurement, extent, drivers /causes, impact on food and nutrition security, environment, economies and livelihoods.

2. **Preserving the harvest for food and nutrition security.**

3. **The role of postharvest management in facilitating trade and market access for increased profits and economic empowerment of food supply chain practitioners.**

4. **Capacity development of food supply chain actors for sustainable postharvest management.**

5. **Policy action, strategies and partnerships to realize AU’s Malabo 2025 and the UN’s 2030 food loss and waste reduction targets.**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR SIDE EVENT HOSTS**

- Expression of interest to host a side event should be sent to the congress secretariat through Email (postharvest@aaphce.com) by 30th May, 2023.
- Submit a brief concept note (1-3 pages) of the proposed side event by 30th June 2023 by Email.
- Priority and acceptance to host side events will be guided by suitability and relevance to the congress theme and objectives.
- Notification of acceptance will be sent to the approved side event hosts by 31st July 2021.
- Fees: The convener/sponsor of the side even will be required to pay USD 20,000 to cover the associated costs.

**PACKAGE FOR SIDE EVENT HOSTS**

- Exclusive room hosting up to 100 pax equipped with necessary meeting facilities
- Interpretation of proceedings (at least one other AU language)
- Recognition as a congress sponsor/partner
- Company logo and a brief profile on congress website
- Company logo and brief profile in the congress program

**CALL FOR SIDE EVENTS**

**VENUE:** The African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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