



AFSTA NAIROBI CONGRESS 2027

16 – 18 MARCH 2027

Nairobi, Kenya

Expected Participation: 600 – 800 delegates



PRE-CONGRESS: MONDAY, 15 MARCH 2027

10:30 – 16:00	AFSTA First Board Meeting (by invitation only)
15:00 – 18:00	Registration and information desk open and exhibitor setup (Foyer)

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2027 | SEEDS OF INNOVATION

07:00 – 17:00	Registration and information desk open
10:30 – 17:30	Exhibition area, trading tables and meeting rooms open
08:30 – 10:30	Inaugural ceremony (Hall B)
10:30 – 11:00	Refreshment break, trading tables and exhibition booths open
11:30 – 13:00	Key trends for seed-related innovation (<i>Diamond Sponsor</i>) (Hall A)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Innovation & technological advancements in Africa (Hall A)
15:30 – 16:00	Refreshment break
16:00 – 17:30	Innovation within the context of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Hall A)
18:30 – 21:00	Welcome Cocktail Dress code: Smart casual Venue: Hall B

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH 2027 | TRADING SEEDS, GROWING ECONOMIES

07:00 – 16:00	Registration & Information desk open
08:00 – 18:00	Exhibition area, trading tables and meeting rooms open
09:00 – 10:30	Managing phytosanitary complexities to ensure efficient seed movement in Africa
10:30 – 11:00	Refreshment break
11:00 – 12:30	The role of plant variety protection in protecting innovation and combatting illegal seed practices
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Women's Luncheon event
14:00 – 15:30	Public-private partnerships in scaling innovations for Africa
15:30 – 16:00	Refreshment break
16:00 – 17:30	15 Years after harmonization protocols – what should come next?

DAY 3: THURSDAY, 18 MARCH 2027 | SEEDS OF GROWTH: EMPOWERING AFRICA FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE

08:00 – 10:00	Registration & Information desk open
08:00 – 14:00	Exhibition area, trading tables and meeting rooms open
09:00 – 10:30	Challenges and opportunities in supporting African seed trade and food security
10:30 – 11:00	Refreshment break
11:00 – 12:00	Improving the operational capacities of AFSTA in addressing the seed industry matters
12:00 – 13:00	The role of international organizations in facilitating quality seed trade
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	AFSTA Annual General Meeting (<i>members and invited guests</i>)
16:00 – 16:30	Refreshment break
16:30 – 17:30	AFSTA Second Board Meeting (<i>by invitation only</i>)
18:30 – 23:00	GALA DINNER Dress code: Formal evening attire / Traditional Venue: Hall B and C

POST-CONGRESS: FRIDAY, 19 MARCH 2027

09:00 – 12:00	Technical Field Visits / Partner Meetings (<i>by invitation</i>)
14:00 – 16:00	Exhibitor Dismantling and Departure



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Note: Programme is subject to change. Updates will be communicated.