



The Cuban Association of Agricultural and Forestry Technicians (ACTAF) calls for the eleventh edition of the International Meeting on Organic and Sustainable Agriculture, which became a space for reflection, exchange and participatory development of for people engaged in presenting proposals for the development

of a sustainable agriculture, aimed to ensure food security for all. In this meeting can participate scientists, technicians, farmers, policy makers, educators, and other actors linked to the development of Cuban agriculture.

The meeting will develop mainly through thematic workshops related to the main challenges identified in its previous editions.

For the debates in each one of the workshops, the Organizing Committee will select a limited number of papers, which will be presented orally. Although there will be only a limited number of oral presentations, all the received papers will be included in the proceedings of the meeting and their authors will receive their respective presentation certificates.

In the debates, different proposals will be considered, among them those related with cooperative management, local agricultural development; youth and gender equity; marketing and certification; urban and suburban agriculture; forestry, agro-forestry and silvo-pastoral development; local technical services; use of renewable energy; technological innovation and agricultural extension services; climate change; family farming and conservation agriculture.

The meeting will be held from May 24 to 26, in the facilities of Hotel Bella Costa, in Varadero beach, Matanzas province, located at the East of Havana.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

### **Abstracts:**

Abstracts should not exceed 500 words and should include the most relevant aspects of the work, as well as title, authors, institutions, country, phone and e-mail.

### **Full papers:**

Will have a maximum of five pages and be structured as follows: introduction, objectives, materials and methods, results, conclusions and references. In these five pages are also considered tables, graphs and pictures. The text must be written in Word, with Arial 11 points, 8½ x 11 format in Spanish, Portuguese or English, and include the title, authors, institution (full address, including e-mail).

Papers together with their respective abstracts should be submitted with a deadline of March 15, 2016. After this date papers can be accepted, but the Organizing Committee will not guarantee inclusion in the workshop proceedings. Submissions should be sent to the email address: [eventos@actaf.co.cu](mailto:eventos@actaf.co.cu)

The presentation must be in PowerPoint format.

For any other requirements considered necessary, please contact the Organizing Committee.

Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes with additional 5 minutes of questions and answers.

### Poster presentation (posters):

Posters to be presented should not exceed 1m high (vertical) by 0.80 m wide (horizontal).

**Official languages** of the meeting will be Spanish and English.

The registration fee of 350 CUC (Cuban Unit Convertible) includes participation in the scientific activities, social activities of the event, certificate of participation as a delegate or speaker, documents and CD with the summary of papers presented and credentials.

### Preliminary program

Day	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
May 23	Arrival of participants to the meeting	
May 24	Opening of the meeting	Workshops
May 25	Workshops	Workshops
May 26	Closure of the meeting	Participants return

### ACCOMMODATION OFFER FOR THE MEETING

The travel agency Cubanacan offers the following accommodation alternatives in Hotel Bella Costa, with all-inclusive mode for three (3) nights, arriving on May 23 with check-in from 4pm. The cost of accommodation, all included, per person for 3 nights in CUC is:

	Single	Double	Triple
Rooms	264,00	192,00	180,00
Suite	312,00	240,00	228,00
Tropical Suite	345,00	273,00	261,00

If you are not staying at the Hotel Bella Costa and want to participate in the sessions of the event, the Organizing Committee require payment of 30.00cuc per day of participation, in

addition to the registration fee.

### PRE EVENT COURSE

The pre-event course: **"Transition to future agriculture in Cuba"** aims the update participants on the scientific basis for the agroecological conversion of conventional agriculture; to build capacities on the main components for the design and management of agro-ecological transition; and to conduct a systematic analysis of agricultural production on agro-ecological basis.

The course will take place in Havana, on May 21 and 22, conducted by recognized Cuba professors, and will be accredited by the Agrarian University of Havana as an international post-graduate course.

Registration fee: 200 CUC

### POST EVENT

As post-event has been organized a Study Tour: **"On the paths of local agroecological transition"**, through which participants will not only be able to have a close look at the results achieved in the development of sustainable agriculture in harmony with nature and the society. Additionally it will be possible to exchange experiences and opinions with the protagonists of a Municipal four years agroecological project. The Study Tour has been organized in the Ciego de Avila Municipality of the province of Ciego de Avila, and will include visits to technical services units, and Urban and Suburban Agriculture entities, all of them integrated on municipal sustainable land development efforts. The tour will take place on May 27-28.

Registration fee: 200 CUC

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

You will be attended by the Organizing Committee via e-mail: [eventos@actaf.co.cu](mailto:eventos@actaf.co.cu) or by visiting [www.actaf.co.cu](http://www.actaf.co.cu). For more information please contact Mr. Mario González Novo (phone 537-202-7832, or 537-202-7867. Postal address: ACTAF, Calle 98, No. 702, e / 7a & 7a-A, Playa, La Habana, Cuba.

## TRAVEL AGENCY

Travel Agency is “ Agency Cubanacan SA”. To guarantee your booking, you can contact:

Ms. Ma. Mercedes Peña Martínez, through

e-mail: [comercialtec1.sh@avc.hab.tur.cu](mailto:comercialtec1.sh@avc.hab.tur.cu), or telephone 537-214-1468.

## OFFICIAL CARRIER

Copa Airlines offers all participants who book their tickets in the offices of Copa Airlines, a special discount on public fare available. To obtain this discount, the passenger must present a document of participation issued by the Organizing Committee of the event.

## USEFUL INFORMATION FOR TRAVELERS TO CUBA

### **Climate**

The month of May is known for its good climate conditions in Cuba, being out of the hurricane season.

### **Currency**

The Cuban currencies are the Cuban peso (CUP) and the Cuban Unit Convertible (CUC). The transactions are conducted in CUC -.Current exchange rate is 0.80 CUC = 1 USD. It is recommended that you travel with Euros instead of US dollars. Once in the country you can get the currency exchange rates in effect at date.