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WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON  
**CLIMATE CHANGE** ADAPTATION

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### **/// BACKGROUND**

Climate change is among the major challenges of modern times. As the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) produced by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the COP 24 recommendations call for action not only from government, but also from various stakeholders.

Apart from the knowledge offered by modelling and forecasts which allows us to understand the problem and how it develops in the future, we need to know more about approaches, methods and tools, which may help us to cope with the social, economic and political problems posed by climate change now. In other words, we need to speed up developments in the field of climate change adaptation.

It is against this background that the “**3<sup>rd</sup> World Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation**” is being organised. The event is a joint initiative by the Federal University of Technology in Akure, Nigeria, and the Research and Transfer Centre “Applications of Life Sciences” of the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (Germany), in cooperation with the International Climate Change Information Programme (ICCIP). The Symposium will be a truly interdisciplinary event, covering some of the key areas in the field of climate change adaptation.

The “**3<sup>rd</sup> World Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation**” will be held in Akure, Nigeria. It will focus on “climate change adaptation to address poverty and ensure sustainable livelihoods”, and will contribute to the further development of this fast-growing field.

### **/// AIMS**

Consistent with the need for more cross-sectoral interactions among the various stakeholders working in the field of climate change adaptation, the aims of the “**3<sup>rd</sup> World Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation**” are as follows:

- i. to provide research institutions, universities, NGOs and enterprises all round the world with an opportunity to display and present their works in the field of climate change adaptation;
- ii. to foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of climate change adaptation projects, especially successful initiatives and good practice;
- iii. to discuss methodological approaches and experiences deriving from case studies and projects, which aim to show how the principles of climate change adaptation may be implemented in practice;
- iv. to network the participants and provide a platform so they can explore possibilities for cooperation.

Last but not least, a further aim of the event will be to document and disseminate the wealth of experiences on climate change adaptation available today across the world. To this

purpose, the book **“Climate Change Adaptation: addressing poverty and ensuring sustainable livelihoods”** will be published, with all accepted papers. This will be a further volume of the award-winning book series “Climate Change Management” published by Springer, which since its creation in 2008 has become the world’s leading book series on climate change management.

In addition, a set of papers selected by the coordination team will be published in a special issue of the **International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management** (a fully indexed journal, also at ISI /Thomson Reuters). The decision of the editors as to which papers may be selected -and undergo peer review- for the book and for the special issue of the journal, is final.

### **/// PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS**

Delegates attending the **“3rd World Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation”** will come from a cross-sectoral range of areas, from both industrialised and developing countries. They are:

- i. officials at city, regional and national level concerned with climate change
- ii. members of NGOs working with climate change;
- iii. researchers at universities and research centres;
- iv. teaching staff at universities;
- v. representatives from companies
- vi. representatives from development agencies working with climate change adaptation and executing projects on the ground;
- vii. project officers and consultants;
- viii. other people interested in the field.

**The participation of doctoral students is warmly encouraged and supervisors/advisers are kindly requested to facilitate their participation.** The sort of international exposure and the rich content of this Symposium will be beneficial to their work, and their careers.

It is believed that this wide range of participants will help to outline the need for and the usefulness of integrated approaches towards climate change adaptation and, hence contribute to the further consolidation of this thematic area.

### **/// STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT**

The **“3rd World Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation”** is organised in two main strands:

#### **Strand 1: the posters**

Participating organisations will be able to put-up **posters** describing their works and projects, and to distribute the relevant information to the participants. The posters will allow close, one-to-one contacts between the participants and the exhibitors.

#### **Strand 2: the presentations**

A set of presentations, divided into six main themes will be organised, distributed over parallel sessions dealing with some of the issues of strategic value in the field of climate change adaptation. These are:

- Session 1) Climate Literacy, Information and Communication
- Session 2) Technological approaches to Climate Change Adaptation/Innovative Approaches towards Low Carbon Economics
- Session 3) Food Security and Climate Change: Adapting Agriculture to Climate Change
- Session 4) Climate Change and Health
- Session 5) Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience Extreme Events/Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management
- Session 6) Climate Change Policy and Governance
- Session 7) Implementing Climate Change Adaptation in Communities, Cities, Countries and via Outreach Programmes

A final session, to be held on Friday, will close the event and will lead to an Award being given to the best papers.

### /// TIME-TABLE

The schedule of the “3rd World Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation” is as follows:

<b>WEDNESDAY 11h SEPTEMBER 2019 (morning)</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2019 (afternoon)</b>
<b>Morning:</b> Arrival and set-up of displays	14:00-17:00- Plenary Session <b>Evening:</b> Reception
<b>THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019</b>
<b>All day:</b> Exhibition and visit to displays <b>Morning:</b> Plenary and Sessions <b>Afternoon:</b> Plenary and Sessions <b>Evening:</b> Dinner	<b>All day:</b> Exhibition and visit to displays <b>Morning:</b> Plenary and Sessions, Round-table with key experts & Conclusions <b>Afternoon:</b> 14:00- Final Session and hand over of the Best Paper Awards

In order to ensure an efficient use of the time, delegates are kindly asked to organise their travel in a way that allows them to arrive in Akure in the course of Wednesday the 11th September 2019 at the latest, and travel back on or after the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019, so they can fully take part in the Symposium.

The mixture of plenary and parallel sessions, as well as the social events, will provide participants with an outstanding opportunity to interact, network and learn about the latest ideas, projects and practices aimed at mainstreaming climate change adaptation, worldwide.

### /// DEADLINES

**Deadline for submission of abstracts:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
**Deadline for submission of papers:** 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**Deadline for the submission of revised papers:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
**Deadline for registrations:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Since the conference book is expected to be launched shortly after the event, the deadlines need to be followed.

### /// FEES AND CHARGES

A discounted fee of € 250 (plus 19% VAT) will be charged to delegates who register until 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (early bird registration). After that, delegates will need to pay the full fee of € 300 (plus 19% VAT). The reduced fee for MSc/PhD students is € 100. The fee includes **free lunches and coffee breaks on 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and free electronic access to the book “Climate Change Adaptation: addressing poverty and ensuring sustainable livelihoods”**, expected to be launched soon after the Symposium.

Interested people and organisations are encouraged to register by completing the application form provided. **This is a self-funded event and the organisers are unable to pay any travel or accommodation costs** of any kind. They are however happy to issue letters of invitation to support delegates to request funding for their participation.

### /// ORGANISERS

- Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria
- Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Research and Transfer Centre “Applications of Life Sciences”
- International Climate Change Information Programme (ICCIP)

### /// NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
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- World Health Organisation (WHO)
- World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)
- International Climate Change Information Programme (ICCIP)

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### SAMPLE ABSTRACT

**(PLEASE SEND YOUR ABSTRACT EXACTLY WITH THE FORMAT BELOW TO:**

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#### **Promoting Climate Change Adaptation in Developing Countries: breaking misconceptions and addressing information needs**

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#### **Abstract**

The impacts of climate change to natural ecosystems, infra-structure and livelihood, means that the implementation of climate change adaptation strategies in developing countries has become a pressing issue. Among other factors, the undertaking of adaptation strategies is made difficult by the general lack of awareness and spread misconceptions about the real impacts of climate change which, in turn, slow down the execution of the adaptation initiatives needed, and which may ameliorate them.

This paper presents an analysis about the misconceptions related to the implementation of climate change adaptation strategies, and describes the most widespread ones, as well as their implications. A special emphasis is given to the problems and barriers caused by misinformation, which – in turn- prevent the promotion of adaptation initiatives at local level. Finally, some concrete steps which may be taken in order to break the misconceptions and foster a more systematic view of adaptation strategies, are outlined. Experiences gathered in this paper will be useful to people and organisations interested in the different levels of responses given to climate changes threats, and on some of the tools which may be used to encourage specific action to adapt to changing climate conditions