



SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF NIGERIA (SSSN)

**40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(CALABAR 2016)**

THEME:

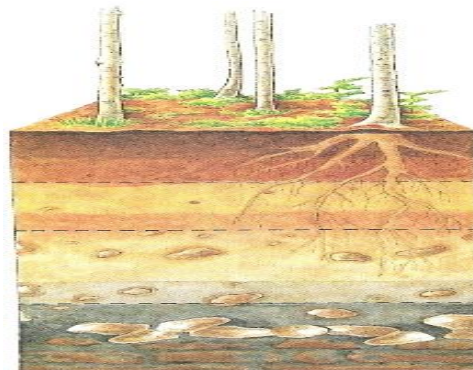
Promoting use of Nigeria's Soil Resources for Sustainable Ecosystem Services, Climate-Smart Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Security.

DATE: March 14th – 18th, 2016.

HOST:

**DEPARTMENT OF SOIL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF
CALABAR, CALABAR,
CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA.**

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



University of Calabar

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Monday 14th March 2016 (ARRIVALS)

11:00 am – 08:00 pm	Arrival and registration of participants
06:00 pm – 08:00pm	Executive Committee's Meeting

DAY 1 Tuesday 15th March, 2016 OPENING CEREMONIES/FIRST PLENARY/TECHNICAL SESSIONS

08:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration Continues
10:00 am – 01:00 pm	Opening Ceremony
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	Lunch Break
02:00 pm – 03:00 pm	First Plenary Session
03:00 pm – 04:00 pm	Video Conferencing
04:15 pm – 07:00 pm	First Concurrent Technical Sessions
07:30 pm – 08:30 pm	VC's Cocktail Party

DAY 2 Wednesday 16th March, 2016 FIELD TRIP/ 2ND PLENARY/TECHNICAL SESSIONS/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

08:00 am – 01:00 pm	Field Trip/Lectures
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	Lunch Break
02:00 pm – 03:30 pm	Second Plenary Session
03:30 pm – 06:30 pm	Second Concurrent Technical Session
07:00 pm – 09:00 pm	Annual General Meeting

DAY 3 Thursday 17th March, 2016 3RD PLENARY/TECHNICAL SESSIONS/DINNER

08:00 am – 10:00 am	Third Plenary Session
10:00 am – 01:00 pm	Third Concurrent Technical Sessions
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	Lunch Break
02:30 pm – 05:30 pm	Fourth Concurrent Technical Session
06:00 pm – 08:30 pm	Closing Ceremonies/ Dinner

DAY 4 Friday 18th March, 2016 Participants Depart

DETAILED PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

11:00 am – 08:00 pm **MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2016**
Arrival and registration of participants
Venue: UNICAL International Conference Centre
Near the University Library

06:00 pm – 08:00pm Executive Committee's Meeting
Venue: UNICAL Hotel and Towers

DAY 1 **TUESDAY 15TH MARCH, 2016**

08:00 am – 09:30 am Arrivals/ Continuation of Registration of participants
Venue: UNICAL International Conference Centre
Near the University Library

OPENING CEREMONY

Venue: UNICAL International Conference Centre, Near the University Library

Introduction of Chairman of Occasion and Special Guests/Visitors

CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCASION:

Professor Zana Itiunbe Akpagu,
Vice Chancellor, University of Calabar, Calabar, Nigeria.

08:00 am – 09:30 am All Participants and Invited Guests are seated.

09: 30am - 09.45 am Arrival of the Chief Host/Chairman of the Occasion,
Professor Zana Itiunbe Akpagu,
Vice Chancellor, University of Calabar, Calabar, Nigeria.

- ❖ Keynote Speakers and Special Guests
- ❖ The Right Honourable Speaker, Cross River State House of Assembly

- ❖ Chief Audu Ogbe, The Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria
- ❖ Distinguished Senators, Members of the House of Representatives and Cross River State House of Assembly
- ❖ Guest of Honour, His Excellency, Senator (Professor) Ben Ayade, Executive Governor of Cross River State.

10.00 am – 10:05 am

NATIONAL ANTHEM
CROSS RIVER STATE ANTHEM
UNICAL ANTHEM

10.05 – 10:10 am

Opening Prayers
Opening Remarks by the Chairman of the LOC

10.10 – 10:20 am

Welcome Address by Chief Host/Chairman of the Occasion
Professor Zana Itiunbe Akpagu,
Vice Chancellor, University of Calabar, Calabar, Nigeria.

10.20 – 10:30am

Presidential Address by Prof. Victor O. Chude, (FSSSN)
President, Soil Science Society of Nigeria.

10: 30 – 10: 35am

Tribute to Late Dr. Umoru Omoti (Fmr. President Soil Science Society of Nigeria)

10.35 – 10.40am

Goodwill Messages from Invited Guests

- ❖ Hon. Minister, Federal Ministry of Environment.
- ❖ **Prof. Julius Okojie**, Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Abuja, Nigeria
- ❖ **Prof. Y. A. Abubakar**, Executive Secretary, Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN), Abuja, Nigeria.
- ❖ **Mr. J. J. Robert (Rob) Groot**, Director, IFDC North and West Africa Division, Accra, Ghana
- ❖ **E. Jeroen Huising**, Senior Soil Scientist, Soil Research for Development Platform, IITA Headquarters, Ibadan, Nigeria
- ❖ **Sjoerd Willem Duiker**, (Ph. D.) Associate Professor of Soil Management and Applied Soil Physics, Penn State College of Agriculture, USA

10.40 – 10.50 am	Keynote Address By Chief Audu Ogbe, The Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria
10.50 – 11.00 am	Opening address By the Executive Governor, Cross River State, His Excellency, Professor Ben Ayade (Who hereafter declares the conference open) . The Executive Governor may depart.
11.00 – 11.10am	Presentation of Fellow Awards
11.10 – 11.30 am	Launching of 2015 SSSN Conference Proceedings and Current Journals
11.30 – 11.40 am	AIT Cultural Dance Group, Faculty of Education, University of Calabar, Calabar.
11.40 -11.45am	Vote of Thanks by LOC Chairman
11.45 – 12 noon	National Anthem/ Group Photograph
12.00 – 01.00pm	Lunch Break

1st PLENARY SESSION

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Dr. Hema Achyuthan, Professor of Geology, ANNA UNIVERSITY OF CHENNAI, CHENNAI -600 025, India.

Rappoteurs: Prof. Peter I. Ogban and Dr. Otobong Iren
Venue: UNICAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HALL

01.00 – 01.20pm First Lead Paper
Technology Options for Climate-Smart Agriculture in the face of Food and Nutrition Insecurity by Professor Akim Osarhiamen Osunde (FSSSN) Department of Soil Science, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State, Nigeria.

01.20 – 01.40 pm Second Lead Paper
TSBF Platform by E. Jeroem Huising, Senior Soil Scientist, Soil Research for Development Platform, IITA Headquarters, Ibadan, Nigeria.

01.40 – 02.00pm

Third Lead Paper

Women's Role in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation by Mrs. Ifeoma Anyanwu, Gender Specialist, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

2ND PLENARY SESSION

CHAIRMAN: Professor Ivara Ejemot Esu, Professor of Soil Science,

Rappoteurs: Prof. Peter I. Ogban and Dr. A. N. Essoka

Venue: UNICAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HALL

02:00 – 02:20 pm

Fourth Lead Paper

Recent Advances in Plant Nutrition Research by Dr. David N. Sasseville, (FSSSN), AgriGuardian, 100 Seagraves Drive #3, Athens, Georgia 30605, USA.

02:20 pm – 02:40 pm **Fifth Lead Paper**

Soil Science in the 21st Century: Prospects and Challenges by Professor (Mrs.) Nnenna Nnannaya Oti FSSSN Department of Soil Science and Soil Technology, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria.

02.40 – 03.00pm

General Discussion on the Lead Papers

03:00 – 04:00 pm

Video Conferencing

GROUPS AND THEIR CLASSIFICATION FOR CONCURRENT TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Group A: Soil Genesis, Survey, Classification and Evaluation.

Group B: Soil Conservation, Agro-Waste Management and Land Use Management.

Group C: Soil Fertility and Fertilizer Management, Soil and Crop Management (Agronomy).

Group D: Soil Chemistry, Microbiology, Biotechnology and Bioremediation

Group E: Soil Physics, Land Degradation, Pollution Control, Soil and Water Resources Management.

Group F: Climate Change Phenomenon and Mitigation, Climate-Smart Agriculture, Sustainable Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Security and Information and Communication Technology.