



Ethiopian Society of Agricultural Engineers (ESAE)

And

Pan African Society for Agricultural Engineering (PASAE)

For the Joint Annual Conference of ESAE and PASAE

05 - 09 October 2026, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

“Engineering Innovations for Transforming Africa’s Food Systems: Advancing Mechanization, Digital Agriculture, and Climate-Resilient Technologies”

First Announcement and Call for Abstracts

The Ethiopian Society of Agricultural Engineers (ESAE) and the Pan African Society of Agricultural Engineers (PASAE) are pleased to announce their **Joint Annual Conference 2026**, which will also mark **PASAE’s 8th Conference**. The event will convene 100 - 150 participants — engineers, researchers, policymakers, development partners, private sector, farmer organizations and innovators — to share knowledge, showcase practical solutions, and strengthen partnerships for transforming food systems in Ethiopia and across Africa.

The joint event will take place from 05 - 09 October 2026 at the **Ministry of Agriculture, Assembly Hall**, in the vibrant city of Addis Ababa in Ethiopia.

The joint ESAE–PASAE Conference aims to create a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, innovation promotion, partnership building and evidence-based policy dialogue that together accelerate the transformation of food systems and improve rural livelihoods. It will showcase practical, field-ready engineering solutions that deliver direct benefits to farmers, cooperatives and agribusinesses.

Call for Abstracts

The ESAE Council together with the PASAE Council hereby invites engineers, technicians, and other interested parties working in the Agricultural Engineering field to submit abstracts for consideration for presentation at the Conference. Contributions should address relevant current Agricultural Engineering techniques, tools, innovations, or projects in one of, but not limited to the following topics/sub-themes:

Agricultural Mechanization & Machinery Service Models for Smallholder Farmers	Agricultural Waste Management & Circular Bioeconomy	Climate-Smart Agricultural Engineering Solutions
Digital Agriculture & Smart Farming Systems	Food Safety, Quality Engineering & Nutrition-Sensitive Technologies	Packaging and Packing Facilities
Policy, Innovation Systems & Investment in Agricultural Engineering	Postharvest Engineering & Food Processing Innovations	Renewable Energy Applications in Agriculture
Soil, Land & Natural Resource Engineering Solutions	Sustainable Irrigation & Water Management Technologies	Ethiopian Case Studies of Success

Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words and include a suitable title, as well as a photo and contact details of the corresponding author of the paper (Template to be provided in subsequent Announcements). Abstracts can be submitted to Mr. Yonas Mulatu (yonasmulatug@gmail.com), Dr. Girma Moges (barichogirma@gmail.com), Bisrat Getnet (bisrat.get@gmail.com), with the subject line “Conference Abstract” by **7 August, 2026**, the latest.

Conference Activities

The ESAE–PASAE Conference will run over four days, from 05 to 09 October 2026. Registration opens at 08h00 on 05 October, with the official programme starting at 09h00 with welcome remarks and keynote talks. The days will include presentations, panel discussions, an exhibition of practical tools and technologies, and field visits to nearby farms and processing sites, wrapping up on 09 October around 15h00. Delegates are welcome to bring their spouses or partners to enjoy the event with the Agricultural Engineering community.

Host City: Addis Ababa

Addis Ababa, Africa’s diplomatic capital and Ethiopia’s vibrant “New Flower”, is ready to welcome delegates with a mix of heritage, hospitality and modern infrastructure.

Key Agricultural and Tourism Attractions

There is a plethora of agricultural and tourist attractions in the area, such as:

- **Wheat belt & irrigated farms (Oromia Rift Valley)** – Modern combine operations and smallholder clusters demonstrating Ethiopia’s push for staple-grain self-sufficiency.
- **Avocado & high-value horticulture (Butajira, Koka & Central Rift)** – Expanding orchards, packhouses and export-oriented cold-chain systems.
- **Poultry & livestock hubs (Bishoftu/Debre Zeit)** – Integrated feed mills, hatcheries and commercial layers/broilers, reflecting rapid growth in animal-protein supply.
- **National Museum of Ethiopia & Lucy (Australopithecus)** – A world-class cultural stop in Addis Ababa.
- **Entoto Hills & Unity Park** – Panoramic views, eucalyptus forests and a rehabilitated palace complex within the city.

Travel and Transportation

Addis Ababa is well connected and easy to navigate:

- **Flights:** Bole International Airport (ADD) is a major African hub with direct connections to cities across Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Asia, and is the home base of Ethiopian Airlines.
- **Airport Transfers and Taxis:** Official airport taxis, hotel shuttle services and ride-hailing apps (ride, feres, Seregela APPs) operate from the terminal, offering reliable transfers to Conference venues and hotels.
- **Getting Around:** The Addis Ababa Light Rail (two lines linking north-south and east-west) plus an extensive network of blue-white minibuses and metered taxis cover the city. [Megenagna & Bole Taxi terminal and light railway station].
- **Visa:** Visa support letters available on request.

Conference Venue

Ministry of Agriculture, Assembly Hall.

Accommodation(s)

Details of the hotels, room categories and booking procedures will be published in the next Announcement. When available, delegates are encouraged to book early to secure the preferential rates, as availability is limited.

Technical Tours

Lume district Avocado cluster farm, Bora district wheat cluster, Adama Farm Machinery Assembly Plant, Adawa Museum, Unit Park and Museum.

Registration and Fees

Registration form and fee structure will be released in the **Second Announcement**. Final fees will cover Conference logistics, lunches/refreshments, materials, and field visit logistics.

- Registration/enquiries: Yonas Mulatu (yonasmulatug@gmail.com) and Dr. Girma Moges (barichogirma@gmail.com), Bisrat Getnet (bisrat.get@gmail.com).

Sponsorship Opportunities

A range of sponsorship packages and exhibition spaces are available for the ESAE–PASAE Conference. Companies, organizations and development partners are invited to showcase their work and connect with delegates. Please contact Debele Debela (debeled ebela@gmail.com) & Mubarek Mohammed (mubamod@gmail.com) for the prospectus and further details.

Important Dates

- Registration opens: **10 April 2026**
- Abstract submission deadline: **07 August 2026**
- Notification of acceptance: **21 August 2026**
- Preliminary Symposium Programme: **14 September 2026**
- Proof of payment for all registrations: **25 September 2026**
- Conference commences: **05 October 2026**
- Conference closes: **09 October 2026**

Contacts

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