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## Call for Side Event Proposals

The 37<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union Commission endorsed the decision to convene the **Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health (AFSH) Summit**. The Summit will be jointly organized by the African Union Commission and the Republic of Kenya from **May 7-9, 2024** at the Kenyatta International Convention Center (KICC).

As a part of the Summit, opportunities are created for **35 side events** over the two days on topical technical and policy subjects related to soil health and fertilizer in Africa. A side event at the AFSH Summit provides the willing organizer the opportunity to showcase their research/development activities and strengthen partnerships/linkages with the Summit audience. The subject of the side events should align with one or two of the following sub-themes of the Summit:

1. ***Advances in monitoring soil health, land degradation, and agronomic performance and multi-stakeholder action for scaling soil health globally through evidence-based public and private investment.***
2. ***Soil information systems in Africa.***
3. ***Process for developing and implementing Country plans and Partnership modalities for implementation of AFSH-Action Plan.***
4. ***Importance and benefits of integrated landscape soil and water management to optimize fertilizer use and soil health across agricultural land uses.***
5. ***The organic matter component of the ISFM equation: Challenges and realistic opportunities.***
6. ***Policy framework around fertilizer and soil health; incentive schemes for building soil health.***
7. ***Financing Africa's Fertilizer Value Chains.***

### The application process

1. Submit a two-pager expression of interest to host a side event by email on or before **March 18, 2024**. The submission should provide a brief background, the objective of the session, the partners, and a list of speakers. Send the application to these email addresses ([EtsubdinkT@africa-union.org](mailto:EtsubdinkT@africa-union.org) and [ofatunbi@faraafrica.org](mailto:ofatunbi@faraafrica.org)).
2. Notification of acceptance will be communicated by **March 25, 2024**, after which you will be requested to submit your side event agenda for the 1.5 hours session for inclusion in the Summit final program.
3. Fees: The convener/sponsor of the side event will be informed of the cost of the different facilities to be provided.

4. The convener will be required to mobilize participants for their side events; who will also register for the Summit.

**Side event package**

- Tent room hosting up to 150 persons equipped with necessary meeting facilities (Projector, public address, roving microphone, and translation at organizer's request and cost).
- High-quality virtual transmission for online participants.
- Interpretation of proceedings (at least one other AU language).
- Recognition as a Summit partner.
- Organization logo and a brief profile on the Summit website and program.

**Event selection criteria**

1. The event title is well aligned with one or more of the themes or focus of the Summit.
2. Co-organization of the side event.