



# About Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology & Research (VFSTR)

The University was established in the year 2009 and is accredited by NAAC as "A+". VFSTR gives top priority for students' academic excellence along with social responsibility under the dynamic leadership of honorable Chairman Dr. Lavu Rathaiah and Vice-Chairman Sri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu, Member of Parliament. The University is driven by values, ethics, and a dedicated team of professionals. The Institution cognize the students' knowledge with aim to inculcate human values and instils social consciousness Living up to its motto, 'Technology with a Human Face'. This dynamic institute which is well known for its dedicated faculty and state-of-the-art infrastructure provide a rigorous demanding education to the students through continuous improvement of all-round standards.

# About the School of Agriculture and Food Technology

The SAFT is a spectacular concoction of the department of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Food Technology and Agricultural Engineering the school offers.

Bachelor's degree	Postgraduate	Ph. D
B. Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture	M. Tech. Agricultural Engineering	Ph. D. Agricultural Engineering
B. Tech. Agricultural Engineering	M. Tech. Food Processing Technology	Ph. D. Food Technology
B Tech Food Technology		

The school is driven with a vision addressing the problems in Agri-food systems of the region and globally. It relishes the laboratories with modern technology and its highly qualified faculty chosen from prestigious universities and institutions. The University's collaboration with Agri-food industries and Research institutes gives a better scope for its students to update their knowledge about the current scenario of Agri-food industry and Research. The cross-discipline research among the three departments aims at bridging the gaps in Agri-food systems and to achieve food security and climate resilience.

## About the conference

The availability of food is seriously threatened by the growing global population and shifting dietary preferences. By 2050, the world would need to produce nearly 70% (FAO estimate) more food to feed the estimated 9 billion population. This challenge is intensified by agriculture food system's extreme vulnerability to climate change. Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) is an integrated approach for transforming and reorienting the agri-food systems towards green and climate-resilient practices. It is concerned about the achievement of sustainability in agriculture sector (economic, social, and environmental), that addresses the interlinked challenges of food security and climate change.

In this backdrop, Vignan's Foundation for Science Technology & Research (VFSTR) is organizing Global Conference on "Climate Smart Agriculture" with technical collaboration of Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI), International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Plant Protection Association of India (PPAI), Dr. Y.S.R. Horticultural University (Dr. YSRHU), Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU), Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University (SKLTSHU) during 27th to 29th March 2023. This conference is envisioned as a platform intended to discuss upon the Climate Change perspectives, challenges and optimizations. There is a need to discuss threadbare with all stakeholders globally to attain the objectives of Climate Smart Agriculture and in-turn to help the farming community and to protect the environment.

# Key Features of the conference

- Keynote presentations
- Oral presentations
- Poster presentations
- Panel discussions
- Cultural event
- Exhibitions from industry, Start-ups, Agri-Food innovators, etc.,

# Conference themes

Main Theme: 'Transforming Agri-food systems amid changing climate'

## Sub - Themes

- 1. Regenerative Agriculture
  - Innovative input optimization, soil health
  - Soil Biodiversity
  - Post-harvest technologies, food loss, waste, safety

- 2. Climate Change: Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods
  - Climate resilient Agriculture (Farming systems/ Cropping systems and Production technologies)
  - Adaptive climate resilient strategies understanding and managing risk and opportunities, seed systems
- 3. Climate smart Supply Chain Management
  - Market Environment and its dynamics in climate change context
  - Agribusiness and institutional innovations
  - Carbon markets
- 4. Digital innovations for enabling Climate Smart Agriculture
  - Climate information services
  - AI, ML for Knowledge management and extension
  - Precision agriculture and soil less farming
  - E-commerce in Agriculture
- 5. Enabling Policies for mainstreaming Climate Smart Agriculture
  - Farmers perception towards climate change
  - Business models, investment planning for Climate Smart Agriculture
  - Incentives, insurance and support policies

#### **Panel Discussions:**

- Strategic approach towards developing climate smart landscapes and food systems
- Farmers level strategies for promoting climate smart agriculture

## **Keynote Speakers**

Eminent scientists across the globe with extensive expertise in the field of Agri-food systems will deliver the keynote addresses.

# Instructions to the Participants

Participants (Scientists/Researchers/Students/Industry experts/Farmers/Policy makers/other stakeholders) are invited to submit their abstracts of their original research online through <a href="mailto:gccsa.vignan@gmail.com">gccsa.vignan@gmail.com</a>.

The submitted abstracts will be reviewed and selected for oral (or) poster presentations based on the merit. The high-quality papers will be selected for publication in high NAAS rated (>5.0) Scopus indexed journal.

# Guidelines for abstract

All participants should submit original research that have not been published elsewhere except academic thesis or project report.

An abstract of not more than 250 words, author's name, organization affiliation, and email should be provided below the title at the top of the document.

## **Awards**

Best oral and poster presentations will be awarded under each sub theme category.

## Details of Abstract Submission and REGISTRATION FEE

Citizen	Registrationtype	Early Bird Registration	Late Registration
Citizen	Registrationtype	Deadline February 15, 2023	Deadline February 28, 2023
National	Student	INR Rs. 500	INR Rs. 1000
	Faculty	INR Rs. 2000	INR Rs. 3000
	Industry	INR Rs. 5000	INR Rs. 7500
International	Student	USD\$ 10	USD\$ 15
	Faculty/Scientist	USD\$ 20	USD\$ 30
	Industry	USD\$ 100	USD\$ 150

# Mode of Payment

Bank Name: UCO Bank, Account Name: VFSTR Miscellaneous Account No.: 21890210000151

IFSC code: UCBA0002189, SWIFT Code: UCBAINBB316

Address: Vadlamudi, Guntur – 522 213.

For Registration: https://forms.gle/1TMqzkyVfmrwygGp7

Important dates:

Submission of Abstracts : 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Request for accommodation : 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023





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Technical Session	Rs. 1,00,000 /-	5 guests
Delegates Platinum	Rs. 75,000/-	4 guests
Delegates Diamond	Rs. 50,000/-	3 guests
Delegates Gold	Rs. 25,000/-	2 guests
Delegate Silver	Rs. 10,000/-	1 guest

## Conference Secretariat: -

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