



# Asia-Pacific Bamboo Symposium & Expo 2020

## **Call for Abstracts now open**

Fast-growing, widespread and versatile, bamboo can be a nature-based solution to some of the most pressing challenges in the Asia-Pacific region.

Over the course of three days in November, the Asia-Pacific Bamboo Symposium & Expo 2020 (APBAMBOO 2020) will provide a platform for leading regional experts to share knowledge, ideas and technologies related to bamboo's use in the region.

The APBAMBOO 2020 will be co-hosted by the International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR), the Royal Forest Department (RFD) of Thailand, the Thai Bamboo Development Association and the Nan Chamber of Commerce. The symposium will be held in Nan province, Thailand, from 11-13 November 2020.

We are expecting to welcome up to 300 participations from the region and other INBAR Member States, including decision-makers from leading international and regional organisations, scientists, policy makers, private sector representatives, and investors.

The APBAMBOO 2020 provides an opportunity for interested parties to showcase the latest scientific research, technologies, case studies, best practices and industrial applications in all aspects of the bamboo value chain. The Symposium organisers are currently inviting abstract submissions for consideration on the below themes:

### **Theme 1: Bamboo and climate change**

Bamboo is one of the fastest growing plants in the world. This makes it particularly suitable as a tool for carbon sequestration. This theme will discuss bamboo's contribution to climate mitigation & adaptation and NDCs in the Asia-Pacific region. It will also explore bamboo as a means of improving soils, arresting erosion, and restoring landscapes in rural, peri-urban and city environments, to build resilience to climate change. The theme will also therefore share information on bamboo housing for disaster preparedness and relief, for coastal erosion prevention, for food security, and for fodder.

### **Theme 2: Incentivising sector development**

Without the proper policy frameworks, financial instruments, land area, and infrastructure, the economic potentials of bamboo are likely to remain untapped. This theme will examine the enabling conditions that allow for the generation of sustainable jobs and income, including policies, subsidies, infrastructure, and access to markets.

### **Theme 3: Innovative production technologies**

From propagation and management of bamboo stands through to treatment, processing, marketing and sale of products, this theme aims to examine the production side of bamboo development, technology available and large-scale application. The theme will also discuss trends in trade, markets and consumer behavior, and innovative approaches



to reducing waste (cluster-based, circular economy).

#### **Theme 4: Building a bamboo network in the Asia-Pacific**

The theme will share and validate the results and explore opportunities for sustainable financing, technology cooperation and transfer of future initiatives that help Asia-Pacific region to realize environmental and economic targets. It will draw from the experience of other international networks and regional economic blocs for the eventual formation of an Asia - Pacific Bamboo Network.

All abstracts must be submitted to [apbamboo2020@inbar.int](mailto:apbamboo2020@inbar.int) by **31 March 2020** for consideration by the reviewing committee. Only abstracts in English will be accepted.

Authors will be notified of their abstract's acceptance by 30 May 2020.

For more details about the symposium, please visit [www.apbamboo2020.com](http://www.apbamboo2020.com) or [www.inbar.int/event/apbamboo2020](http://www.inbar.int/event/apbamboo2020).

**We look forward to welcoming you as part of Asia-Pacific Bamboo Symposium & Expo 2020.**