

Call for hosting the XI International Congress on Cacti as food, fodder and other uses

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1. Organization of “the XI International Congress on Cacti as food, fodder and other uses”

- a. The Secretariat of FAO - ICARDA CactusNet seeks to receive expression of interest/proposal from country/institutions that wish to be considered as host for the next technical congress.
- b. Candidates to host the congress should provide the following information before **April 15th, 2023** to the Secretariat (cactusnet2023@gmail.com):

- i. General information

Proposed dates and venues of the meeting (the dates should be within late 2024 to early 2025)

A summary of the Congress scope and impact (200 words)

- Country information including
 - a. Entry visa requirements and how long should it take to obtain a visa.
 - b. Security status (safety)
 - c. Expected weather during proposed dates, and status of cactus production in vicinity.
 - d. Venue information (including cactus production/industry in vicinity)
 - e. International airport/Congress venue distance from the airport, how to get there
 - f. Accommodation (Hotels availability, estimated cost/night)
 - g. Meeting rooms (possibility for simultaneous interpretation)
- ii. Proposed members of the organizing & scientific committee
- iii. Proposed Acta Horticulture editors.
- iv. Suggested timing and technical program of the congress, including deadlines for abstract and full paper submission.
- v. Estimate overall budget for the conference, registration categories and estimated registration fees for each, including potential local sponsorship.
- vi. Options for technical tours.

The final decision will be made by the International Steering Committee and informed to the ISHS. The selected host country and institution should sign the contract with ISHS within 6 months of the decision.