



35th International

SCIENTIFIC-EXPERT CONFERENCE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY

Sarajevo 7-9 October 2026

FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

CLOSING THE AGRI-FOOD LOOP RESOURCES, POLICY AND PRODUCTIVITY

Dear colleagues,

We are honoured to invite you to participate in the 35th Edition of the International Scientific-Expert Conference of Agriculture and Food Industry (Agriconference), which will be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, between 7th and 9th October 2026.

This year's conference will be organized by the University of Sarajevo Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences under the general theme

„CLOSING THE AGRI-FOOD LOOP: RESOURCES, POLICY AND PRODUCTIVITY“

Agricultural land is the foundation of food production, and its management plays a critical role in food security. However, there is an evident increasing pressure on agricultural land from non-agricultural uses and fragmented development. Therefore, this year's conference will highlight the importance of accurate production capacity assessments to improve resource planning and efficiency by supporting the development of integrated agri-food production systems, strengthening local food production, and adopting circular bioeconomy models to address global and regional challenges. It also notes that these transitions require effective knowledge transfer and robust advisory systems, which remain underdeveloped in many areas. Through a special panel discussion, this year's conference will also discuss the role of advisory services and cooperatives as the systemic backbone, supported by knowledge-based institutional frameworks that serve as key mechanisms for implementing agri-food strategies. Notably, the principles of the circular bioeconomy, across crop production, livestock systems, and food processing, will be fostered through a conference workshop.

For this reason, we are happy to take the opportunity to discuss these topics further with specialists, researchers, and academics.

The conference program combines four thematic sections, panel discussions, and workshops to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue on land governance, production efficiency, innovation, and sustainable development.

This year's conference thematic sections are: Plant Production, Animal Production, Food Technologies and Nutrition, and Agricultural and Food Economics.



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SECTION 1 – PLANT PRODUCTION

Land, Crops, and Production Systems

Under this section, we welcome papers focusing on:

- Soil as a productive, biological resource, agroecological zoning, and land-based planning;
- Crop systems, genetic resources, and plant breeding to improve production efficiency;
- Integrated plant protection, including biological and low-impact protection strategies;
- Digital tools, advisory services & knowledge transfer to support field-level decision-making;
- Soil microbiome, bio-based inputs, and crop biomass within the circular bioeconomy;
- Emerging and cross-cutting themes.

SECTION 2 – ANIMAL PRODUCTION

Livestock Nutrition and Production Efficiency

Under this section, we welcome papers focusing on:

- Livestock nutrition, feed resources, and efficiency;
- Animal health, welfare, and productivity in livestock systems;
- Nutrient cycles, manure management, and on-farm biological recycling;
- Digital monitoring, advisory support, and knowledge transfer in livestock production;
- Livestock systems in the circular bioeconomy and bio-based models;
- Emerging and cross-cutting themes.

SECTION 3 – FOOD TECHNOLOGIES & NUTRITION

Food Processing, Quality, and Human Nutrition

Under this section, we welcome papers focusing on:

- Advances in food processing technologies and innovation;
- Food safety, quality assurance, and product traceability;
- Utilization of biological by-products from the food industry;
- Sustainable nutrition, consumer health, and emerging dietary trends;
- Agri-food systems as bio-based value chains within the circular bioeconomy;
- Emerging and cross-cutting themes.

SECTION 4 – AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD ECONOMICS

Land Policy, Institutions, and Agri-Food Economics

Under this section, we welcome papers focusing on:

- Land governance, land markets, and institutional frameworks;
- Policy instruments for agriculture, food, and the bioeconomy;
- Advisory services, knowledge transfer, and innovation support;
- Digital solutions for farm management and rural development;
- Productivity, investment, and development of the circular bioeconomy;
- Emerging and cross-cutting themes.



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PANEL DISCUSSION:

Fixing the agri-food backbone: Making advisory and cooperative systems work

This panel will convene experts and practitioners from diverse agri-food systems and institutions to share international perspectives on developing effective advisory services and cooperative models in agriculture and food processing. The discussion will address the challenges posed by fragmented and ineffective legal and institutional frameworks, focusing on the necessary changes to create practical, effective systems. Panelists will share insights on development paths, governance models, and market arrangements, highlighting transferable, adaptable, or avoidable practices. The panel will emphasize the interrelationships among knowledge transfer, advisory support, collective organization, and market integration, demonstrating how these elements form the backbone of a competitive and resilient agri-food system. It will offer practical guidance for policymakers, institutions, and practitioners aiming to build effective systems.

WORKSHOP:

Circular bioeconomy as a driver of sustainable agriculture

This workshop examines how circular bioeconomy principles can improve the efficiency, sustainability, and resilience of agriculture. It will address the use of biomass, bio-based value chains, nutrient cycling, and by-product valorisation in crop production, livestock, and food processing. Participants will review practical examples and case studies to understand how the circular bioeconomy supports environmental protection, resource efficiency, and farm profitability.





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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline	30/05/2026
Abstract acceptance deadline	15/07/2026
Full paper submission deadline	30/10/2026
Full paper acceptance deadline	30/11/2026
Publishing procedure finalized	30/12/2026

Abstract submission: agriconference@ppf.unsa.ba

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FEES

**Early registration
(before 30.7.2026)**

**Late registration
(after 30.7.2026)**

**Participant
Student (BSc, MSc, PhD)**

**200 EUR (400 BAM)
50 EUR (100 BAM)**

**250 EUR (500 BAM)
60 EUR (120 BAM)**

You can find payment instructions and other helpful information on the conference website at
www.agriconference.ppf.unsa.ba

Important: The participation fee includes up to two abstracts and one person's participation in all conference sessions, and is non-refundable if the abstract is accepted. Papers presented at the 35th Scientific-expert Conference will be published in a special issue of the "Radovi Poljoprivredno-prehrambenog fakulteta Univerziteta u Sarajevu" ("Works of the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences of University of Sarajevo"). Participation in the conference is mandatory for the paper to be evaluated; however, participation does not guarantee publication.

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The participation fee also includes:

- Conference bag containing book of abstracts, agenda;
- Admission to all sessions of the conference;
- Participation in the conference panel discussion and workshop;
- Attendance certificate;
- Gala dinner;
- Coffee breaks and lunch during Conference days;
- Greenhouse party.

Note: For any questions about the 35th International Scientific-Expert Conference of Agriculture and Food Industry (Agriconference), please contact us at agriconference@ppf.unsa.ba

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Sarajevo for our 35th Agriconference!

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