# IUFRO Tree Biotechnology 2027 Conference | 25 to 30 April 2027

Stellenbosch | South Africa

*Intelligent Forests - Facing the Future*

You are invited to submit abstracts for consideration as Poster in the final program of the IUFRO Tree Biotechnology Meeting.

## POSTER ABSTRACTS

Authors selecting to submit their abstracts for a poster will be asked to indicate their topic, as well as whether they would like to participate in the Lightning Talk session.

## LIGHTNING TALKS – TWO MINUTES TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION!

All poster presenters will be given the opportunity to participate in a special, fun and interactive Lightning Talk session designed to showcase their research and generate interest in their posters.

Presenters will have two minutes to introduce their research, highlight key findings and 'sell' their poster to fellow delegates – giving them a compelling reason to visit their poster during the poster session.

Using a title and overview slide summarising their research, presenters are encouraged to be creative, engaging and concise. This is a great opportunity to place their research in the larger context of the meeting, stimulate discussion, connect with fellow researchers and encourage further interaction during the poster session.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS

Abstracts must be submitted using the online submission form available on the Conference website.

- Please use the exact Word template provided.
- Please name your file: SURNAME, INITIAL (Example: Cloete D).
- If you submit a revised abstract, please name the file: SURNAME, INITIAL, REVISED (Example: Cloete D Revised).
- If you submit more than one abstract, please number the documents (Example: Cloete D - Abstract 1, Cloete D - Abstract 2).

**Abstract Submission Deadline**: 29 January 2027

**Abstract Template:** Available on the Conference website

**Guidelines:**

- The entire abstract should be in single spacing (1.0) using 12-point Times New Roman Font with margins as set in the template.
- Title in bold, 12-point, centered, Sentence case.
- Indicate the presenting author with *
- For all authors, indicate department and/or institution, city, state/province, country.
- Abstracts should be approximately 250 words.
- All abstracts will be reviewed and may be selected for oral presentation or poster presentation or may be rejected if outside the scope of the meeting.
- Notification of acceptance or rejection by the Scientific Committee will be emailed to the presenting author by the date indicated on the website.
- Acceptance of abstracts for poster presentation will be in writing, together with detailed poster presentation instructions.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Session topics will include:

- Biological, evolutionary, and ecological insights from 'omics
- Application of AI in tree genomics and biotechnology
- Genes, development, and physiology
- Biotechnology for biomaterials and bioeconomy
- Genetic engineering and reproductive biology of forest trees
- Genomics and phenomics for tree improvement
- Trees in changing landscapes (biotic and abiotic stress)
- Translating genomics and biotechnology to practice

## PRESENTING AUTHOR INSTRUCTIONS (POSTER)

- Authors selected for a poster presentation will receive detailed specifications for their posters.
- The poster submission will remain open until closer to the meeting (deadline to be communicated via the website).

Please contact the event organizers at abstracts@iafrica.com, if you have any questions.