



# Africa Agriculture Geospatial Week

Nairobi, Kenya 8 – 12 June 2010

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## Background

The Consortium for Spatial Information (CSI) of the [Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research \(CGIAR\)](#), the [HarvestChoice](#) program and the [Agricultural Geospatial Commons \(AGCommons\)](#) program are jointly organizing the **2nd Africa Agriculture Geospatial Week**. Building on the success of [last year's edition](#), the scope of the event has been broadened to become a “GIS ShareFair”, a market place including, exhibitors, training sessions, thematic workshops in addition to presentation sessions and the third edition of [WhereCampAfrica](#).

The [Africa Agriculture Geospatial Week \(AAGW\) 2010](#) is an opportunity to share ideas and knowledge on Geospatial Information Services for agricultural development.

The Africa Agriculture GIS Week 2010 will be held at *ILRI Campus* in Nairobi, Kenya.

## Objectives

The main objectives of the event are to:

- Share experiences in using GIS for agricultural development
- Encourage sharing and learning from each others' good practices
- Provide staff from different organizations with the opportunity to create networks for future collaboration
- Provide an environment to develop ideas on new initiatives
- Present the AGCommons service bureau

## Themes

The specific themes of the event seek to illustrate the role of GIS and spatial analysis in agriculture and include:

- Food Security Crises and Responses
- Enhancing Value Chains (e.g., market access, input and commodity market information systems, data collection/dissemination innovations)
- Raising Farm and Farmer Productivity (e.g., improved seeds, production systems, soil and water productivity, labour use)
- Gender: better understanding roles and improving equity
- Climate change impacts & opportunities; Mapping potential impacts and opportunities (e.g., carbon sequestration potential and certification)
- ICT's transforming the agricultural sector: Solutions to benefit farmers
- Tunneling distant markets to villages: high-value crops, agro-tourism, carbon, organic agriculture, ...
- Taking [“Map Kibera”](#) out to the field (next generation mapping of African agricultural infrastructure)



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- Agri-geobusiness incubators: promoting African public-private partnerships that generate revenue from spatial intelligence
- Nutrition landscape design: marketing African produce (e.g. with certified geographical origin labels) to alter consumption patterns
- Agriculture transforming landscapes; land use change (including biofuels), vegetation and biodiversity

### Prizes

A small financial prize will be awarded to the best presentation in the following categories:

1. first time presenters (including students, young professionals)
2. most innovative idea
3. most innovative medium for delivery the presentations
4. overall best

### Format

The AAGW 2010 will be structured in exhibition stands, training sessions, poster sessions and facilitated discussion sessions with interactive modes of sharing the activities, focusing on the experiences and lessons learned.

The AAGW 2010 will also include a section called "*Show me your where*": a market place where dedicated space will be available to demonstrate innovative GIS applications.

### Language

Applications should be submitted in English.

### Dates

Call for submissions closes on **April 12th, 2010**.

The AAGW will take place on **June 8-12 2010** at ILRI Campus in Nairobi, Kenya.

### Contact information

Please submit your proposals by sending an email to: [info@africaagricultureGISweek.org](mailto:info@africaagricultureGISweek.org)

For further information and updates please visit: [www.AfricaAgricultureGISWeek.org](http://www.AfricaAgricultureGISWeek.org)

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### Section 2: Synopsis of Presentation

Please write a short paragraph describing the proposal content (*maximum 100 words*).

**Project/initiative title**

### Section 3: Format of Presentation

What format would you like to use? (Mark your preference with “X”).

**Note:** Please be informed that assignment of the below format is **not guaranteed** and will be subject to availability at the location.

**Sessions** -- Sessions are designed to allow you to share your experience in an interactive format and to learn with participants who work on similar topics. A facilitator will be assigned to your session to prepare the session format with you. The facilitator will be present for the entire duration of the session.

**Exhibition stands** -- Exhibition stands offer an opportunity to share information using posters, photographs, booklets, brochures etc. The stand will consist of tables and may be shared with other presenters.

**Poster board** -- Everyone displaying a poster will be present at his/her board at a certain time during the Fair.

**Video demonstration** -- This will be an opportunity to show video films documenting interesting experiences. The film duration should be shorter than 10 minutes. The presenters will be responsible for ensuring the format is appropriate.

**Application demonstration – “Show me your where”:** a space dedicated to GIS innovative applications. A table and power supply and, on request and subject to availability, other equipment will be made available to presenters.

**Other formats** (quiz, challenge, etc.) are encouraged. Please specify.



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