

50th International COCOTECH Conference & Exhibition

7 – 11 November 2022, Kuala Lumpur Convention Center, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES AND PARTICIPANTS

1. Dates & Venue

The 50th International COCOTECH Conference & Exhibition will be held from **7 – 11 November 2022** at **Kuala Lumpur Convention Center, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.

2. Organization of the Meeting

The Conference is organized jointly by the International Coconut Community (ICC) and the Government of Malaysia through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries. The sponsored events and activities would be as listed in the program.

3. Theme

The Conference theme is “*Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy for a Resilient and Sustainable Coconut Agroindustry*”. This meeting will cover new technological developments on coconut production particularly planting and replanting systems, varietal improvement, use of selected local elite planting materials and hybrids, coconut-based farming systems, integrated pest and disease management, post-harvest processing, and technology updates in the manufacture of emerging coconut products for the domestic and export market, cost effective technologies on integrated coconut processing, and marketing strategies. Experts from the research and development, industry and the private sector will be providing input as Resource Speakers.

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6. Participants:

The Conference is open to the public. All ICC member countries will be represented at the Conference by a Plenipotentiary Delegate. Other senior government officials would comprise an official delegation. UN related agencies and relevant international organizations are invited to participate. Representative from ICC Accreditation organizations, coconut farmers, industry and private sector stakeholders are eligible to participate.

7. Registration Fee:

Prescribed Registration Fees are in the following categories:

- 1) **US\$ 500** for non-government sector participants from non-ICC member countries,
- 2) **US\$ 400** for government sector participants from non-ICC member countries,
- 3) **US\$ 300** for non-government sector participants from ICC member countries,
- 4) **US\$ 200** for government sector participants from ICC member countries.

Registration Fee is waived for one Plenipotentiary Delegate of an ICC member country. Early bird registration discounts:

- On or before 7 August 2022 --- 30%
- On or before 7 September 2022 --- 15%
- On or before 7 October 2022 --- 10%

Registration Fee is payable by PayPal at icc.adminfinance@coconutcommunity.org or by telegraphic transfer to:

Bank name : **BANK MANDIRI (Persero) Tbk.**
Bank address : **Branch Plaza Setiabudi
Jl. H.R. Rasuna Said No.62
Kuningan, Karet Kuningan, Kec. Setiabudi
Jakarta 12920, Indonesia**
USD Account No. : **124-00-1050483-6**
Beneficiary name : **INTERNATIONAL COCONUT COMMUNITY**
Swift code : **BMRIIDJA**

All payment should be made on net basis, clear of any commission, bank charges and any other charges. For Registration on Arrival at Conference venue, all payments would be made in cash either in US Dollar or local currency, based on current day exchange rate. In cases of cancellation a fee equivalent to 25% of amount paid is deducted prior to refund of payment.

8. Registration Form

Please see attached copy of the Registration Form. Kindly fill up the registration form and send to the ICC Secretariat via e-mail at cocotech@coconutcommunity.org. Registration can also be processed online at <https://cocotech.coconutcommunity.org/>.

9. Program

The 50th International COCOTECH Conference is organized for 5 (five) days i.e.: 4 (four) days indoor sessions and one day field tour. The detailed program will be handed to all participants. Exhibition of coconut products, posters, equipment and technology is organized for the benefit of the participants.

10. Hotel Accommodation

All Plenipotentiary Delegates, Official Delegates of ICC member countries as well as ICC sponsored Resource Persons would be accommodated at a hotel close to the venue. Participants are also encouraged to book and stay at the hotel near the conference venue.

Participants may directly contact the hotel of their preference as soon as possible to confirm hotel reservation.

Information on hotels near Conference venue is shown below:

Hotel Name & Address	Room Rate/Day	Distance to Venue	Contact Info
Traders Hotel, Kuala Lumpur		Direct access to KL Convention Center	Cp: Joey Tan, Phone: +60-3-23329888 Email: joey,tan@tradershotels.com https://www.shangri-la.com/en/kualalumpur/traders/
Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur		50 m	Cp: Sophia Fong, Phone: +60-3-23808888 Email: sophiaf@mohg.com https://www.mandarinoriental.com/kualalumpur/petronas-towers/luxury-hotel
Pullman Kuala Lumpur City Center Hotel & Residences		500 m	Cp: Rahman Ladja, Phone: +60-3-21708888 Email: rahman.ladja@pullman-klcc.com https://www.pullman-kualalumpur-citycentre.com/
Novotel Kuala Lumpur Hotel		400 m	Cp: Ms. Hazwany, Phone: +60-3-21478888 Email: h6324-sl6@accor.com https://all.accor.com/hotel/6324/index.en.shtml
Impiana KLCC Hotel Kuala Lumpur		200 m	+60-3-21471111 https://kualalumpurhotels.impiana.com.my/
Grand Hyatt Hotel Kuala Lumpur		100 m	+60-3-21821234 https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/malaysia/grand-hyatt-kuala-lumpur/kuagh

11. Transport Arrangements

The Government of Malaysia will provide necessary protocol and transport arrangements for National Ministers and Government Delegate. Transport assistance is also provided for Resource Persons.

It is advisable to send your flight details to the ICC Secretariat by e-mail to cocotech@coconutcommunity.org and to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries by e-mail at noraishah@mafi.gov.my or arifjauhari@mafi.gov.my.

12. Visa Requirements and Covid-19 Travel Regulation

Passport holders of the following ICC member countries are eligible to enter Malaysia without a visa for 30 days: ***Fiji, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu and Vietnam.***

Citizens of ***India*** and ***Sri Lanka*** may apply for and obtain visa through the respective Embassy of Malaysia in India and Sri Lanka or could also apply through Electronic Visa (eVisa) and Electronic Travel Registration and Information (eNTRI) facilities online.

Kenya would require an International Certificate of Vaccination for Yellow Fever to enter Malaysia and it is responsibility of the Participant to organize.

Delegates from other ICC member countries not mentioned above should obtain their Malaysian visa from the Embassy of Malaysia in their country of origin or from the nearest Malaysian Embassies/Consulates prior to their departure from their point of origin.

From 1 August 2022, the Ministry of Health (MoH), Government of Malaysia has announced the relaxation of requirements for travellers to enter Malaysia. Travellers are **NO longer required:**

1. Traveller's card (MySejahtera App)
2. Pre-departure Test and On Arrival Test
3. Home Surveillance Order or Quarantine

For further information on visa requirements and the Covid-19 Travel Regulation, please refer to these links:

<https://airports.malaysiaairports.com.my/#>

<https://mysejahtera.moh.gov.my/en/>

13. Insurance

Neither the ICC nor the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry of the Government of Malaysia will be responsible for personal accidents, medical services, or damage to the private property of participants. It therefore is recommended for participants to make their own arrangements with respect to personal insurance during their stay in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

14. Airlines Servicing Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), Malaysia

There are many major airlines which serve Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) such as Malaysian Airlines, Garuda Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Emirates, Sri Lankan Airlines, Vietnam Airlines, Thai Airways, Philippine Airlines etc. Please be advised that Kuala Lumpur

International Airport 2 (KLIA2) is another international airport hub which caters for local and international low-cost and full-service carriers.

15. Currency

The currency used in Malaysia is the Ringgit. The exchange rate against US Dollar is approx. US\$ 1 = RM 4.65 as of 29 September 2022.

16. Climate

Malaysia features a tropical rainforest climate with two seasons: rainy and dry. Rainy season lasts from October to March and a drier season covers the remaining 6 months (April – September). However, Kuala Lumpur does not have a true dry season since the average annual rainfall is about 285cm.

Average temperatures remain constant throughout the year with average high temperatures at around 30°C and average low temperatures at around 24°C. Kuala Lumpur can be visited all year round.