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Kerala Agrobiodiversity Conference 2025 - **KAbCON 2025**

**International Conference on Community Agrobiodiversity
Management: In Kerala**

Venue : College of Agriculture, Vellayani, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India

Date : December 22–23, 2025

The Kerala Agrobiodiversity Conference -2025 (KAbCon-2025), an international Conference on Community Agrobiodiversity Management: in Kerala invites researchers, policymakers, farmers, indigenous leaders, development professionals, and sustainability advocates from around the world to action to engage in a collaborative dialogue on the integration of traditional wisdom, materials and modern science, innovations and technologies for climate-resilient food systems in biodiversity hotspots.

Jointly organized by the Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB) and Kerala Agricultural University, College of Agriculture, Vellayani, the conference forms part of the 70th anniversary celebrations of the College of Agriculture and KSBB's 20-year experience and lessons in biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. This landmark event will also commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Day 2025, as well as the Centenary Year of Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, the visionary behind India's Green Revolution.

The conference is to contribute directly to key international frameworks and targets including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 13: Climate Action, and SDG 15: Life on Land - and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), particularly Targets 4 (Genetic diversity), 8 (Climate Resilience), and 10 (Sustainable Agriculture).

The Conference Objectives

- Promote knowledge exchange (both traditional and modern) in agrobiodiversity conservation and mainstreaming focusing on the alternate seed system and regeneration agriculture and food production practices
- Showcase innovations of the custodian farmers of Kerala in crop genetic diversity conservation, enhancement and sustainable management that strengthen climate adaptation, resilience and food and nutrition security
- Empower the local governance institutions and community biodiversity management groups to localise the global efforts aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF)

Thematic Areas

- Agrobiodiversity Conservation and Community Seed Systems
- Agroecological Transitions and Soil Health
- Climate Resilience and Ecosystem Restoration in Agriculture
- Governance, Policy, and Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Equity, Youth, and Inclusion in Agrobiodiversity

Key Highlights

- Expert Panels & Plenary Talks
- Seed fair
- Paper Presentations & Case Studies
- Interactive Workshops & Exhibitions
- Networking Events
- Field Visit to Model Agrobiodiversity farms

Expected Participants

- Renowned experts in the area of Agrobiodiversity, sustainable Agriculture, and Food & Nutrition
- International and national scientists and researchers
- Policymakers and biodiversity experts
- Indigenous knowledge holders and farmers
- Representatives from FAO, UNEP, CBD and other global bodies
- Students and faculty from agricultural and environmental sciences
- Private sector, NGOs, and civil society



Sustainable
Development Goals

Optional Guided Tour Packages for Participants - 18th October 2025

The organizing committee will also arrange tour packages for interested participants on 18th October 2025.

1. Cultural Heritage and Traditions Tour - Thiruvananthapuram City (Including Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple)
2. Biodiversity Experience Package - Thiruvananthapuram (Including Poovar Estuary Eco Visit)
3. Botanical and Biodiversity Exploration Package - Thiruvananthapuram (including JNTBGR)
4. Agrobiodiversity Immersion Experience - Visit to Custodian Farmers' Fields

