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# 1st International Workshop Acrocomia plus: an alternative oil crop

*Inform yourself – Propose ideas – Get engaged*

12th September 2019  
University of Hohenheim  
Stuttgart, Germany

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Dear Sir or Madam,

We, the **University of Hohenheim's Acrocomia Hub initiative**, are pleased to announce and cordially invite you to the

**1<sup>st</sup> International Workshop on Acrocomia,  
an alternative oil crop  
12th September 2019 at the University of Hohenheim**

Bioeconomy is a priority area of the University of Hohenheim's research agenda and scientists from different disciplines and institutes are working collaboratively towards the transition to a sustainable bioeconomy. In this respect we would like to inform you about our ongoing research activities related to the **oil palm alternative Acrocomia**, jointly with our invited international key research partners from Brazil, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Argentina and Mexico. A wide range of products can be derived from different parts of the Acrocomia palm tree with steadily growing demand and promising prospects. These products comprise the areas human consumption (flour and nuts), animal feed (crashed fruits, press cake, palm leaves), and oils (biofuel, cosmetics and nutrition) as well as products for the pharmaceutical sector among others.

Considering the importance of collaborations between academia and the private sector **to transform research and technological advances into marketable sustainable products** and the leading role of your company in a relevant sector related to Acrocomia research, we kindly invite you to participate in this event taking place on **September 12th 2019 at the University of Hohenheim in the backyard of our castle, HS 32**. Our aim is to encourage future partnerships and to strengthen research and development on Acrocomia as an alternative oil crop. We would be very grateful to be able to host you as a guest in September 2019. Please register using the following link [http://bit.do/Acrocomia\\_Workshop](http://bit.do/Acrocomia_Workshop). For further information, please find attached the preliminary program.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and to your participation in this unique first international workshop on Acrocomia, an alternative oil crop.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Thomas Hilger  
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# Program

**Thursday 12th Sep**

**10:00 Opening** by Dr. Thomas Hilger

**10:15 Keynote** by leading Acrocomia scientist  
Prof. Dr. Sergio Motoike (Federal University of Viçosa, Brazil)

**11:00 Open questions** session

**11:15 Acrocomia Forum:** Get in contact with internationally known Acrocomia scientists working all along the value chain from the seed to advanced applications

**12:30 Lunch**

**13:30 Roadmap** of collaborative Acrocomia research and development

**14:30 Informal get together** over a cup of coffee

**15:00 End of Workshop**



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