



## **Call for Abstracts**

In collaboration with the University of Bonn and Bahir Dar University, a scientific workshop on “**Designing Innovative Livestock Breeding Strategies for Ethiopia**” will be held at Bahir Dar University from 21 to 24 October 2021 [Tentative date]. The workshop events include plenary sessions, panel discussions, and field visits. The workshop is expected to stimulate the formulation of expert and stakeholder-driven breeding strategies to foster sustainable livestock improvements programs by creating awareness of junior scientists to be key players in the future of animal improvement programs. Besides, the workshop will provide a greater prospect to establish short, medium and long-term joint research collaborations between international and national high learning and/or research institutions. Therefore, the workshop organizing committee is pleased to invite all interested in the field to submit **extended abstracts** that can fit in one of the session of the workshop which includes livestock breeding policies, priorities in the design of livestock breeding programs, and the role of molecular genetic approaches in livestock improvements programs in Ethiopia. Junior scientists (postgraduate students and those who completed their M.Sc. or Ph.D. studies in the last 3 years) are highly encouraged to submit abstracts. The abstract submission is open until 10.09.2021.

### ***Abstract formatting guidelines***

- The extended abstract should be 3-4 pages.
- The title of the abstract should be bold faced (Times New Roman, 12 font size) and the name of author/s and affiliations should be precisely formatted using Times New Roman, a 12 and 11 font sizes, respectively.
- The body of the abstract should be formatted in a single space, and 12 font sizes (Times New Roman).
- If the abstract is compiled from original research, please include justifications and objectives of the study, methodological approaches used, main findings, conclusion, and the list of references.
- If the abstract is not based on original research, please include the background of the abstract, a concise summary, and its potential implication for designing animal breeding strategies.
- In all abstract types, a maximum of 5 references (international peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters) are allowed.

### ***Abstract selection for oral and poster presentations***

All relevant abstracts adhered to submission guidelines will be accepted and compiled as a conference proceeding. Moreover, 17 abstract submitted by junior scientists will be selected for short oral and poster presentations. Better abstracts that could fit for oral presentation will be selected based on their scientific merit (originality of the study, innovativeness of the research methodology, relevance of the findings). In addition, candidate's scientific background and previous scientific achievements will also be considered and thus junior scientists are requested to submit their curriculum vitae and reference letters during abstract submission. The travel and accommodation costs of abstract winners will be covered by the workshop. Abstract winners will be notified until 30.09.2021. For further information, please contact PD Dr. Dessie Salilew Wondim ([dsal@itw.uni-bonn.de](mailto:dsal@itw.uni-bonn.de)), Dr. Mengistie Taye ([mengistietaye@gmail.com](mailto:mengistietaye@gmail.com)).