

Special Issue

Creating a Platform to Understand Fire Management in Africa

Message from the Guest Editors

Africa is considered the fire continent; African grasslands, savannas, and scrublands contribute to about 70% of areas that are burned globally. These ecosystems harbor diverse and multi-functional landscapes that are inextricably linked to the lives of millions of people across this continent. Fire has played a role in maintaining the majority of African ecosystems, and has traditionally been used as a management tool by communities. However, in recent decades, the frequency and intensity of fires have increased due to a combination of factors such as climate change, deforestation, and ecosystem degradation.

Understanding these changes, providing recommendations for fire management, and sharing good practices is of the utmost importance. However, the debate regarding fire in the region has been too negativist, which has implications for building knowledge and support for fire management across the continent. This Special Issue intends to bring together scientists and fire managers to improve the understanding of the fire–ecosystem–people nexus, and to inform tailored and adaptive fire management practices.

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