



 **8-12 MARCH**
2026

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



The International Conference on Green and Sustainable Development (ICGSD) 2026 invites thought leaders, researchers, innovators, and changemakers to engage in transformative conversations around the future of sustainability. With a focus on reimagining sustainability through the integration of indigenous knowledge systems, emerging technologies, and Afrocentric innovation, the four-day event provides a dynamic platform for cross-sector collaboration and actionable dialogue.

KEY GOALS:

Aligned with both the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063 (AU Agenda 2063), the conference seeks to co-create inclusive, forward-thinking solutions that are locally grounded and globally relevant, advancing a more just, resilient, and regenerative world. The ICGSD is a flagship platform that connects researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and civil society to address pressing sustainability challenges.

- Drive evidence-based discussions to shape sustainability policies in Africa
- Encourage multi-disciplinary and cross-border collaboration in Africa and beyond
- Promote innovative research in green technologies and development in Africa and beyond
- Build networks that foster long-term partnerships and projects in Africa and beyond
- Build networks of PhD students and Supervisors in Africa and beyond through the PhD Hub for Africa



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The conference aims to raise awareness on the following UN Sustainable Development Goals:

SDG 1: NO POVERTY

- **No Poverty:** Promote sustainable development projects that creates jobs and reduce poverty

SDG 2: ZERO HUNGER

- **Zero Hunger:** Encourage the adoption of green technology/methods to reduce food waste

SDG 7: AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

- **Energy Efficiency:** Utilise energy-efficient lighting and equipment throughout the venue.

SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

- **Green Transportation:** Promote the use of public transportation, bicycles, and electric vehicles for the conference.

SDG 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

- **Zero Waste:** Encourage reusable or compostable materials and reduce plastic use.
- **Eco-Friendly Materials:** Use recycled paper for conference materials.
- **Sustainable Catering:** Provide locally sourced, organic, and vegetarian/vegan meal options.



FORMAT OF THE CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

Delivered by prominent experts and thought leaders in sustainable development, with representation.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Featuring diverse perspectives on critical sustainability issues, including policy, research and practice.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Researchers will present their papers on various themes, followed by Q&A sessions.

PHD COLLOQUIUM/WORKSHOPS

Interactive sessions focusing on practical skills and knowledge in sustainability, and constructive feedback on PhD candidate work to help them ground their research in theory and practice.

INNOVATION SHOWCASE

Innovation showcase and competition for new inventions across Africa.

NETWORKING EVENTS

Opportunities for participants to connect, exchange ideas, and explore collaboration possibilities.

COMPANY SHOWCASE

Opportunities for companies/ organisations to connect with academia, exchange ideas, and explore collaboration possibilities in Green and sustainable development.



THEMES & TOPICS

CONFERENCE THEME

“Reimagining Innovation Pathways for Sustainability: Research, Practice and Policy”

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, AND ECONOMICS

- Green entrepreneurship and innovation
- Circular economy practices
- Sustainable finance and investment
- Projects on dynamic environment
- Sustainable supply chain management

SOCIAL EQUITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Financial Inclusion
- Gender and social inclusion in sustainable practices
- Community-led conservation efforts
- Addressing inequality in access to resources

GREEN TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATION

- Emerging technology: Application of Artificial Intelligence, Internet of things and Robotics
- Sustainable materials and design
- Waste management and recycling innovations
- Smart cities and green building technologies

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

- Innovative farming techniques
- Food security and sustainable nutrition
- Agroecology and permaculture

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

- Climate-resilient infrastructure
- Renewable energy solutions
- Carbon footprint reduction strategies

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

- Policy frameworks for sustainable development
- International agreements and local implementation
- Role of governments and NGOs in promoting sustainability



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- **Competitive paper submission opens:** 1 September 2025
- **WIP abstract submission opens:** 1 September 2025
- **PhD Colloquium paper submission opens:** 1 September 2025
- **Innovation Showcase submission opens:** 1 September 2025
- **Last date of submission for Competitive papers, WIP abstracts, PhD Colloquium and Innovation Showcase:** 31 October 2025
- **Acceptance Notice date:** Rolling basis
- **Final papers (corrected after review process) submission date:** 30 November 2025
- **Registration opens:** 30 November 2025
- **Early Bird registration closes:** 15 December 2025
- **Registration closes:** 28 February 2026

NOTE: PLEASE BE AWARE THAT NO INVOICES WILL BE ISSUED BETWEEN 20 DEC 2025 AND 5 JAN 2026. ANY REQUESTS RECEIVED DURING THIS TIME WILL BE PROCESSED IN THE NEW YEAR.



CALL FOR PAPERS/ ABSTRACTS

Original submissions may be made as either Work-in-Progress (WIP) Abstracts or Competitive Papers. **WIP Abstracts** present proposals for future studies, incomplete or ongoing research, or emerging ideas related to the conference theme, to generate feedback and stimulate discussion. **Competitive Papers** may be submitted on any focus area related to the theme of the conference, provided they are linked to at least one Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and AU Agenda 2063. These contributions can span across disciplines and may include full research papers, case studies, technical papers, or literature review papers.

WIP ABSTRACT GUIDELINES:

- WIP Abstracts should be 300–500 words and clearly outline the research objectives, methodology, findings, and implications for sustainable development.
- All abstracts will be subjected to a double-blind peer review process.
- WIP abstracts will be included in the conference proceedings
- An individual is entitled to present a maximum of two WIPs

COMPETITIVE GUIDELINES:

- All full-length competitive papers will be subjected to a double-blind peer review process.
- Competitive papers will be considered for publication in the partner journals associated with the conference.
- Papers that do not comply with the format requirements of submissions will be desk-rejected and returned to the authors for resubmission.
- An individual is entitled to present a maximum of two papers.

WIPs, abstracts, and competitive papers submissions should be made directly on the conference website.

SUBMISSION LINK



AUTHOR GUIDELINES:

The guidelines outline the formatting, structure, and ethical requirements for papers submitted to the ICGSD. Papers must be prepared in MS Word using Arial font, UK English, and follow the provided template. Competitive papers may not exceed 6,000–7,000 words, while PhD Colloquium papers are limited to 5 pages. Authors must provide clear titles, affiliations, abstracts (max 300 words), and 3–6 lowercase keywords.

Figures and tables must be high-quality, correctly captioned, and sources indicated. APA 7 style referencing with DOIs/URLs is mandatory. Ethical clearance details, if applicable, and acknowledgements may be included. A similarity index of max 20% (1% per source) is required with a summary report screenshot. Any use of AI tools must be declared.

 **DOWNLOAD GUIDELINES**



CALL FOR INNOVATIONS – INNOVATION SHOWCASE

The ICGSD invites innovators, researchers, and changemakers to submit cutting-edge solutions under the theme: “Reimagining Innovation Pathways for Sustainability: Research, Practice and Policy.” Selected innovations will be showcased during the conference to highlight practical, scalable, and sustainable ideas that align with the SDGs and national priorities.

CATEGORIES OF SUBMISSIONS SHOULD MATCH THE CONFERENCE THEMES WHICH INCLUDE

- Sustainable Business, Management, and Economics
- Green Technologies and Innovation
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Social Equity and Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
- Environmental Policy and Governance

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The innovation project submitted will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

RELEVANCE TO CONFERENCE THEMES

- The innovation must align with one or more conference themes
- Clear explanation of how innovation contributes to green and sustainable development goals.

ORIGINALITY AND INNOVATIVENESS

- Demonstrates a novel approach or significant improvement over existing solutions.
- Addresses gaps or challenges in sustainability practices or technologies.



SCALABILITY AND APPLICABILITY

- Potential for scaling the innovation to different contexts, regions, or industries.
- Practical feasibility for implementation in diverse settings.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

- The extent to which the innovation contributes to environmental, social, and economic sustainability.
- Includes measurable outcomes like reduced emissions, resource efficiency, or improved livelihoods.

PRESENTATION AND DOCUMENTATION

- Clarity and quality
- Well-defined objectives.
- Comprehensive methodology.
- Supporting evidence (data, case studies, or prototypes).

ALIGNMENT WITH SDGS AND NATIONAL GOALS

- Explicit connection to specific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), AU Agenda 2063, or national green development strategies.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission should be made directly on the conference website.

[SUBMISSION LINK](#)

The following template should be utilised

[📄 TEMPLATE LINK](#)



CALL FOR PhD COLLOQUIUM PARTICIPATION

As part of the ICGSD, the PhD Hub for Africa, a flagship strategic project of the North-West University Business School, will, in collaboration with the University of Fort Hare, host a PhD Colloquium. This platform will provide doctoral candidates with the opportunity to present their research, receive expert feedback, and engage in scholarly dialogue. The session aims to amplify African-led research on sustainability and foster a strong community of African scholars across the continent.

Objectives: This is a 3-day full-colloquium that provides a platform for PhD candidates to:

- Share their research-in-progress
- Receive constructive feedback from experts
- Connect with peers and mentors across Africa
- Strengthen their academic profile

Eligibility: Registered PhD students from any discipline aligned with sustainability across Africa and the African Diaspora.

AUTHOR AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

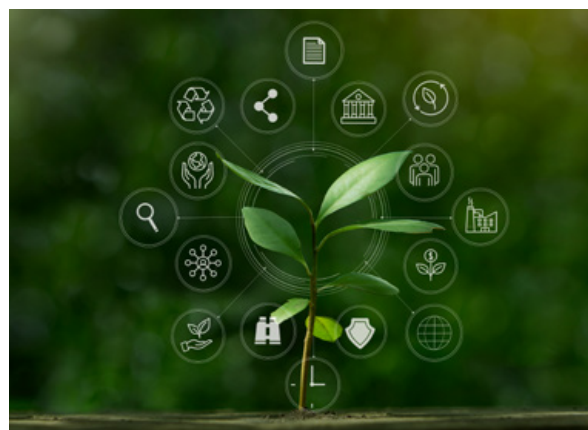
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PhD candidates must submit research proposals using the PhD Colloquium Paper template

[DOWNLOAD PhD COLLOQUIUM PAPER TEMPLATE](#)

Submissions must be related to the **conference themes.**

Papers that do not comply with the format requirements of submissions will be returned to the authors for corrections.



POST-CONFERENCE PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

The 2026 ICGSD provides publication opportunities for all full competitive papers and peer-reviewed papers presented during the conference.

Selected high-quality papers will be considered for publication in special issues of the following journals, all of which are included on the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) Accredited List in South Africa:

- **Administrative Sciences** (Accredited in Scopus & DOAJ, ISSN: 2076-3387)
- **Business Ethics and Leadership** (Accredited in DOAJ, ISSN 2520-6761)
- **Theory, Methodology, Practice** (Accredited in DOAJ, ISSN 1589-3413)
- **Journal of Financial and Management Sciences** – University of Kigali, Rwanda (ISSN: 3078-5111 / Online: 3078-512X; Crossref DOI: 10.70970, Non-DHET accredited)

Please note: *All submissions to these journals are subject to a peer-review process aligned with each journal's scope. An additional publication fee will apply for accepted papers.*

Additional accepted papers will be published online in the Conference Proceedings with an ISBN and a DOI.



VENUE



The 2026 ICGSD will be hosted at the Protea Hotel Stellenbosch and Conference Centre, Technopark. Conveniently located just 30 km from Cape Town International Airport and overlooking the De Zalze Wine Estate, the venue combines modern conference facilities with the charm of the Cape Winelands, offering an inspiring setting for a world-class conference experience.



[VISIT HOTEL WEBSITE](#)



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When booking, the individual must provide the hotel with their name and contact details and advise them that it is for the ICGSD conference.

Important Notice:

The ICGSD Organising Committee is not involved in delegates' travel and accommodation arrangements. All delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation, travel, transfers, and flights.

THINGS TO DO WHILE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE

Make the most of your visit by exploring some of the Western Cape's most iconic attractions:



- **Explore the Cape Winelands with wine tastings and scenic tours**
- **Take the Table Mountain cable car for panoramic views**
- **Visit the iconic Cape Point nature reserve**
- **Relax on the beaches of False Bay**
- **Discover the charm of Stellenbosch & Franschhoek**
- **Enjoy authentic South African cuisine**
- **Experience cultural highlights like Robben Island and Kirstenbosch Gardens**





PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8-12 MARCH 2026

**Sunday,
8 March 2026**

Registration & Welcome function

**Monday,
9 March 2026**

Conference day 1

Keynotes, panel discussions, paper presentations, and
PhD Colloquium

**Tuesday,
10 March 2026**

Conference day 2

Keynotes, panel discussions, Paper presentations & PhD
Colloquium, and Innovation showcase

Gala Dinner

**Wednesday,
11 March 2026**

Conference day 3

Keynotes, panel discussions, paper presentations, and
PhD Colloquium

**Thursday,
12 March 2026**

Leisure Day



REGISTRATION & FEES

Presenter:

R7 750 per person

Early Bird: R6 740

Includes access to the welcome function, gala dinner, daily refreshments, and lunches during the conference.

Attendee/Accompanying

Person:

R3 500 per person

Early Bird: R3 050

Includes access to the welcome function, gala dinner, daily refreshments, and lunches during the conference. Please note that accompanying persons and attendees are not permitted to present. All presenters are required to register under the Presenter category.

Student (PhD Colloquium)/ (Innovation Showcase):

R3 000 per person

Early Bird: R2 610

Includes access to the welcome function, gala dinner, daily refreshments, and lunches during the conference.

PLEASE NOTE:

*Early bird discounts are valid until
15 December 2025*



REGISTRATION PROCESS



Complete the online registration form on the official conference website

CLICK HERE

Provide the required invoice details according to your institution's requirements (please note that most institutions require a VAT number).

Once your registration is submitted, you will automatically receive a copy via email. (If you do not receive the invoice and confirmation immediately, please do not re-register, contact us for assistance.)

For any questions regarding registration and payments, please contact us at registration@icgsd.com

Payment must be made into the designated conference account. Please ensure you use **3B02981** followed by your name and surname as the payment reference.

Submit proof of payment (as provided by your institution) via email to registration@icdsg.com. Without this proof, we are unable to confirm your registration.

If you wish to register an accompanying person or a non-presenting attendee, please complete a separate registration form and include the individual's name and surname as the payment reference.



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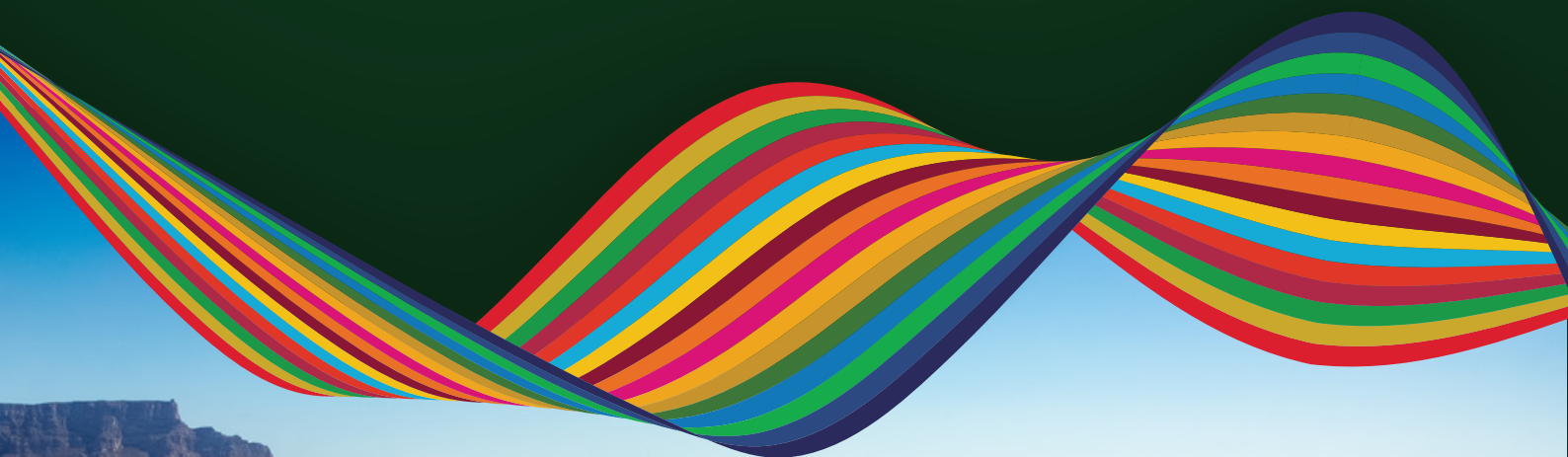




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