

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



CALL FOR PAPERS

*THEME: REIMAGINING INNOVATION PATHWAYS FOR
SUSTAINABILITY: RESEARCH, PRACTICE AND POLICY*



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
**GREEN AND
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**


**8-12
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2026**


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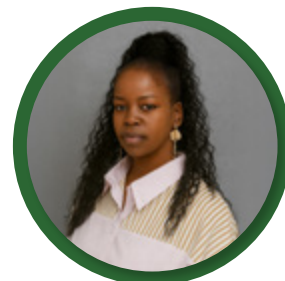
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



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.

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 International Conference on Green and Sustainable Development (ICGSD) is a flagship platform that connects researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and civil society to address pressing sustainability challenges.

KEY GOALS:

- 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

● **Abstract Submission of Competitive paper deadline:** October 30, 2025

● **Abstract Innovation Showcase Submission deadline:** October 30, 2025

● **PhD Colloquium full Submission:** October 30, 2025

ACCEPTANCE NOTICE DATE: ROLLING BASIS

● **Competitive paper submission deadline:** November 30, 2025

● **Innovation showcase deadline:** November 30, 2025

● **PhD Colloquium full Submission:** November 30, 2025

● **Registration open:** November 30, 2025

● **Registration close:** February 28, 2026

NOTE: FROM DECEMBER 20, 2025, TO JANUARY 5, 2026, SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE IN ITS HOLIDAY SEASON. PARTICIPANTS ARE KINDLY ADVISED TO EXPECT DELAYED RESPONSE TIMES DURING THIS PERIOD.



CALL FOR PAPERS/ ABSTRACT

AUTHOR GUIDELINES:

The guidelines outline the formatting, structure, and ethical requirements for papers submitted to the International Conference on Green and Sustainable Development (ICGSD). Papers must be prepared in MS Word using Arial font, UK English, and follow the provided template. Competitive papers may not exceed 25 pages (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.

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ABSTRACT GUIDELINES:

The first step in the submission process is to submit an abstract, whether for a competitive paper or the Innovation Showcase. This initial submission will be reviewed to determine suitability for the conference before authors are invited to proceed with the full paper.

Abstracts should be (max 300 words) and clearly outline the research objectives, methodology, findings, and implications for sustainable development

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR FULL PAPERS:

Contributions may be in the form of competitive **full-length papers**. Competitive papers (full-length papers) may be submitted on any focus area related to the theme of the conference and linked to at least one SDG and AU Agenda 2063.

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FORMAT & LANGUAGE

- Submit in **MS Word** using the official template.
- Font: **Arial**, size 11 (text), size 14 (headings), size 16 (title).
- Fully justified text, line **spacing 1.15**.
- Written in **UK English**.

LENGTH

- **Competitive paper:** Max 25 pages (6,000–7,000 words, incl. references).
- **PhD Colloquium paper:** Max 5 pages (excl. references).

TITLE & AUTHORS

- Title no longer than **two lines**, first letter of each word capitalised.
- Use an asterisk (*) to mark the **corresponding author**.
- No titles (e.g., Dr, Prof); include **affiliations** for all authors.

ABSTRACT & KEYWORDS

- Abstract: **Max 300 words**, one paragraph, no sub-headings.
- Keywords: **3–6**, in **lowercase**, alphabetical order, comma-separated.

FIGURES & TABLES

- Figures: Caption **below** the figure.
- Tables: Caption **above** the table.
- Ensure **high quality** for clear reproduction.
- Always provide **sources** (e.g., “Authors’ Own Work”).

ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

- Use sparingly; define on **first mention**.

ETHICS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Include **ethical clearance details** if applicable (approval number).
- Acknowledgements section is **optional** (funding, personal notes).

REFERENCES

- Use **APA 7** referencing style.
- Include **DOIs** or **URLs** where available.

SIMILARITY INDEX

- Max **20% overall similarity**, with max **1% per source**.
- Submit a **screenshot of the summary page** of the similarity report.
- Remove similarity report page after acceptance.

AI DECLARATION

- Declare any use of **AI tools** (e.g., ChatGPT) for language refinement, paraphrasing, formatting, etc.
- Kindly take note that no AI tool may be utilise for content creation.
- Authors remain fully responsible for content integrity.

CONTRIBUTIONS CAN SPAN DISCIPLINES

AND MAY INCLUDE:

- Full research papers
- Case studies
- Technical papers
- Literature review papers



All **full-length competitive papers** will be subjected to a double-blind peer review process.

Only full-length papers published in the conference proceedings.

If, after the double-blind peer review process and acceptance, you do not wish to publish your full paper in the conference proceedings, you must indicate this in the registration. Thereafter, only the abstract will be included in the publication.

Papers that do not comply with the format requirements of submissions will be desktop rejected and returned to the authors for re-submission.

An individual is entitled to present a maximum of two papers.

Submission should be made directly on the conference website.

SUBMISSION LINK



CALL FOR INNOVATIONS – INNOVATION SHOWCASE

The International Conference on Green and Sustainable Development 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.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Innovation showcase submission report and future research, incomplete research, ongoing research, or ideas for future research to generate feedback on any topic listed below or related to the theme of the conference.

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.

[SUBMIT HERE](#)

The following template should be utilised:

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CALL FOR PhD COLLOQUIUM PARTICIPATION

As part of the International Conference on Green and Sustainable Development, the PhD Hub for Africa, a flagship strategic project of the North-West University Business School, will host a PhD Colloquium. A space for doctoral candidates to present their research, receive expert feedback, and engage in scholarly dialogue. This session aims to amplify African-led research on sustainability and build 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.



PHD HUB COORDINATORS

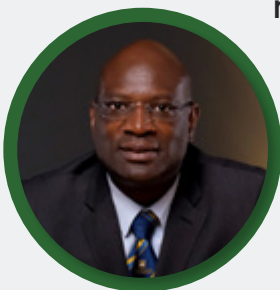
Professor E Mutambara, is an Interdisciplinary academic with interests, leadership, strategy, international business, entrepreneurship, organisational behaviour. He is a National Research Foundation (NRF) – rated researcher actively involved in research, and has published over 165 peer-reviewed journal articles. He has presented several research papers at local and international conferences where he has also chaired numerous conference proceedings. Professor Mutambara has supervised to graduation 42 PhD students and above 250 master's students to date. Over the years he has occupied various positions in various universities, including academic administration, leadership and research coordination. He has reviewed several academic papers for several publishing houses. He is passionate about post graduate teaching, learning & supervision, and strongly believes that today's business challenges are better solved through teaching & research.



Prof Emmanuel Mutambara

Richard Shambare is a C3 NRF Rated Professor of Entrepreneurship and Marketing. He currently is serving as the Dean of the Faculty of Management and Commerce at the University of Fort Hare. A leading scholar in the area of Entrepreneurship-Marketing Interface (EMI), Prof. Shambare's research explores topics at the intersection of marketing and entrepreneurship including the marketing activities

mediated through digital and social media technologies, the psychology of entrepreneurship, and microfinance. He has published extensively in international journals as well as presented papers at both national and international conferences. Prof. Shambare also supervises postgraduate students in these areas.



Prof Richard Shambare



VENUE



The 2026 International Conference on Green and Sustainable Development will be hosted at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West, just 27 km from Cape Town International Airport. Nestled in the Cape Winelands, the venue provides the perfect blend of accessibility, comfort, and scenic beauty for an engaging conference experience.

THE CONTACT DETAILS ARE:

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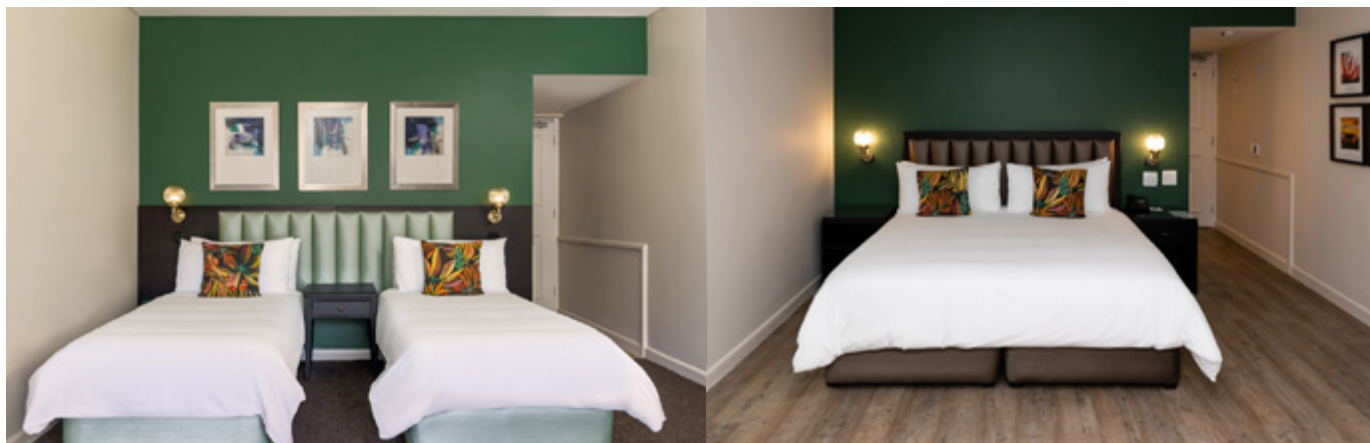
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THE ROOM RATES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

R3 240.00 per night for a Single Deluxe
B&B (*excl. 1% Tourism levy*)

R3 540.00 per night for a Double Deluxe
B&B (*excl. 1% Tourism levy*)



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**



CONFERENCE DATES

8-12 MARCH 2026

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**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

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

Exhibitor:

R5 500 per person

Includes exhibition space, access to the welcome function, gala dinner, refreshments, and lunches during the conference

Attendee/Accompanying Person:

R3 500 per person

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):

R4 750 per person

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

Please note: no early-bird discount applies



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 ICGSD 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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Cheque – Account Active

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Account number:
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ICGSD followed by your name
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