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Second Circular

Call for Abstracts and Registration

16th AAS Biennial Scientific Conference and General Assembly at
Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC), Shaaban
Robert Street, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

15th – 18th December, 2026



Theme: **Science, Technology, and Innovation for
Sustainable Development and Economic Prosperity in
Africa**





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Background

The African Academy of Sciences (AAS) is a Pan-African scientific organization established to promote and foster the growth of the scientific community in Africa by recognizing, supporting, and promoting excellence in scientific research performed by African scientists. In achieving its strategic mandates of advancing science, technology and innovation (STI), AAS organizes a 16th Biennial Scientific Conference themed *Science, Technology, and Innovation for Sustainable Development and Economic Prosperity in Africa*. This conference will be convened in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) from 15th to 18th December, 2026 and will bring together leading scientists, policymakers, development partners,





philanthropists, industry leaders, financial institutions, foundations, and government representatives to advance scientific excellence, strengthen research partnerships, and catalyze investment in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI).

The conference (<https://aasciences.africa/events/16th-aas-scientific-conference-general-assembly>) aims to advance the role of STI as drivers of sustainable development and economic prosperity in Africa by fostering investment in science, knowledge exchange, policy dialogue, and strengthening strategic partnerships among stakeholders. It will showcase the transformative impact of scientific investments and highlight the societal, economic and policy impacts of investments in science, technology and innovation.

Why Attend the 16th AAS Scientific Conference?

The 16th AAS Scientific Conference provides an exceptional opportunity for researchers, innovators, policymakers, industry leaders, development partners, and students to engage in meaningful dialogue on Africa's most pressing scientific and development challenges. It offers a vibrant platform to share cutting-edge research, establish strategic collaborations, exchange knowledge, and contribute to shaping science, technology, and innovation for sustainable development and economic prosperity across the continent.

By bringing together a diverse community of stakeholders, the Conference will foster interdisciplinary partnerships, strengthen the science–policy interface, promote innovation and technology commercialization, and inspire the next generation of African scientists. Participants will leave with new insights, expanded professional networks, and practical opportunities to advance research, influence policy, and create lasting societal impact.





Opening Ceremony: Guest of Honour

H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

Closing Ceremony: Guest of Honour

H.E. Dr. Emmanuel Nchimbi, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

- H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of the Republic of Nigeria
- H.E. Prof. Ameenah Firdaus Gurib-Fakim, Former President of the Republic of Mauritius (FAAS)
- Prof. Friday Okonofua, President, AAS
- Prof. Carlos Lopes, Former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), FAAS
- Prof. Hypolite Fofack, former Vice President and Chief Economist, Africa Exim Bank, FAAS

Conference Themes

Main Theme

Science, Technology, and Innovation for Sustainable Development and Economic Prosperity in Africa





Call for Contributions

Abstracts are invited from researchers supported by AAS programmes, universities, research institutions, industry, government and development partners across Africa and beyond. Abstract can be submitted under these four overarching themes:

Sub-Theme I: Frontiers in Scientific Discovery Innovation

a) Scientific Excellence and Emerging Research

- i. Breakthrough discoveries and frontier science
- ii. Priority research agendas
- iii. Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches
- iv. Research infrastructure and scientific capacity

b) Innovation, Technology, and Digital Transformation

- i. Artificial intelligence
- ii. Data science and big data analytics
- iii. Advanced manufacturing and emerging technologies
- iv. Digital research ecosystems

c) Health, Well-being, and Biomedical Advances

- i. Precision medicine and genomics
- ii. Pandemic preparedness and health security
- iii. One Health approaches
- iv. Mental health and population health research





Sub-Theme II: Science for Sustainable Development

a) Climate, Environment, and Sustainability

- i. Climate change and mitigation
- ii. Geo-biodiversity conservation
- iii. Sustainable resource management
- iv. Clean energy technologies and decarbonization

b) Public Health

- i. Health research systems, including vaccine and drug discovery
- ii. Tropical infections and diseases
- iii. Maternal and Neonatal Health
- iv. Non-Communicable Diseases

c) Food Systems, Agriculture, and Water Security

- i. Sustainable agriculture and food security
- ii. Agricultural biotechnology
- iii. Water resource management
- iv. Climate-smart farming systems

Sub-Theme III: Strengthening Science Systems (funding, infrastructure, governance, and talent)

a) Research Funding and Strategic Investment

- i. National and regional research priorities
- ii. Public-private partnerships





- iii. Philanthropic and development funding
- iv. Sustainable financing models for science
- v. Direct government funding for research

b) Human Capital Development

- i. STEM education and workforce development
- ii. Early career researcher support
- iii. Leadership in science
- iv. Gender equality, diversity, and inclusion in research

Sub-Theme IV: Translating Knowledge into Impact (partnerships, policy influence, and commercialization)

a) Societal Impact and Public Engagement

- i. Translating research into practice
- ii. Community engagement and citizen science
- iii. Science communication and combating misinformation
- iv. Measuring research impact

b) Science Policy, Governance, and Diplomacy

- i. Evidence-informed policymaking
- ii. Science diplomacy and international collaboration
- iii. Research ethics and integrity
- iv. Regulatory frameworks for emerging technologies

c) Partnerships and Collaboration

- i. Academia-industry-government collaboration





- ii. Regional and global research networks
- iii. Intellectual Property management, knowledge transfers and commercialization
- iv. Innovation ecosystems

d) Data, Open Science, and Knowledge Sharing

- i. Open science policies
- ii. Research data governance and ethics
- iii. Scientific publishing and accessibility
- iv. Digital repositories and research platforms
- v. AI and scientific research

e) Future Readiness and Strategic Foresight

- i. Horizon scanning and technology forecasting, including the role of AI in scientific research
- ii. Future risks and opportunities
- iii. Resilience of scientific systems
- iv. Scenario planning for emerging challenges

Conference Venue

The four-day conference (15th - 18th December 2026) will take place at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC), Shaaban Robert Street, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Abstract format and Requirements

1. Abstracts may be submitted via the link <https://nissti.costech.or.tz/login> or through aasconference2026@aasciences.africa (the official conference email address).





2. The complete title should be capitalized at the left of the page in Helvetica font, 14 Point. Title should be brief and clearly indicate the content.
3. Indicate “**Conference Abstract**” in the header.
 - a) Authors: (Helvetica size 11 point, justify.) Initials and surnames for every author must be provided. Do not include degrees or titles. The name of the presenting author should be underlined. An author’s name appearing on more than one abstract must be identical in each case.
 - b) Affiliations: Institutional affiliations must be provided under authors' names. Each author must be listed by institution, city, state/province and country. Do not include department, division, laboratory, etc. In abstracts where the authors have different affiliations, please indicate for each author the number of the corresponding affiliation using a superscript.
 - c) Text: Abstract text must be in Helvetica font, 12-point size, single space and justified. It must **not exceed 300 words** including tables which must be in text, not graphic, format. Abstracts will be reproduced exactly as submitted and will not be edited. Abbreviations should be standard and kept to a minimum. Spell out unusual abbreviations or acronyms in parentheses after first use. Do NOT identify author(s) or institution(s) in the text.
 - d) Make the abstract as informative as possible. Conclusions must be supported by data. Organize the body of the abstract as follows:
 - Objectives
 - Methods
 - Results & findings
 - Relevance and Conclusions

Who can submit?

The AAS invites researchers, innovators, policymakers, practitioners, early-career researchers, postgraduate students, industry partners, and development partners to





submit abstracts presenting original research, innovations, policy analyses, implementation experiences, and emerging scientific ideas.

Accepted contributions will be presented through oral and poster presentations, plenary sessions, and symposia. Conference proceedings and accepted abstracts will be published through the official AAS platforms or other platforms recognized by AAS.

Conference Website and Digital Access

The AAS Official website is <https://aasciences.africa/> provides delegates with information and lessons from previous conferences. Also provides information on conference updates, abstract submission, registration, accommodation, sponsorship opportunities, visa information, and frequently asked questions.

Important Deadlines

- 30th September, 2026: Abstract submission deadline. See detailed abstract format requirements below.
- 15th October 2026: Authors of selected abstracts notified and invited to submit full papers.
- 30th October, 2026: Deadline for submission of full (draft) papers.
- 14th November, 2026: Response on papers submitted.
- 20th November, 2026: Submission deadline for final presentations
- 15th – 18th December 2026: Conference.

All deadlines are in AoE (Anywhere on Earth) time zone.

Evaluation Criteria

Abstracts will be evaluated on the following indicators:

- Originality





- Scientific quality
- Methodological rigor
- Relevance to conference theme
- Significance
- Clarity

Registration

Registration for the 16th AAS Scientific and General Assembly Conference will open upon notification of accepted abstracts. Delegates are encouraged to register early to benefit from discounted rates. Registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of full payment. Registration can be made through our website <https://aasciences.africa/> or through our official email: aasconference2026@aasciences.africa.

Registration Categories

- AAS Fellows

Fellows of the African Academy of Sciences participating in the General Assembly and conference activities will be guided in accordance with AAS policies.

- Student Delegate

Open to undergraduate, master's and doctoral students enrolled at recognized higher learning institutions. Proof of current student status is required at registration.





- Student Delegate (Africa): A student studying at an institution of higher learning based in Africa.
- Student Delegate (Outside Africa): A student studying at an institution of higher learning based outside Africa.

- Academic / Researcher

Open to university faculty, researchers, scientists, postdoctoral fellows and staff from research institutions.

- Government Delegate

Applicable to representatives of ministries, government departments, agencies, regulatory authorities and public institutions.

- Development Partner / NGO

Applicable to delegates from international organizations, development agencies, foundations, civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations.

- Private Sector / Industry

Applicable to delegates representing private companies, consultancies, financial institutions, technology firms, innovation hubs and other commercial organizations.

- Exhibitor Representative

Applicable to personnel representing organizations exhibiting during the conference. Registration covers conference participation for one representative. Exhibition space is booked separately.





- Virtual Delegate

Provides online participation in selected conference sessions, access to electronic conference materials and a digital certificate of participation.

- Accompanying Person

Intended for spouses or accompanying guests. Registration includes participation in the opening ceremony, welcome reception, social events and closing ceremony, but excludes access to scientific sessions.





Registration Categories and Fees (in USD)

Category	Early Bird 30 th Sep, 2026	Regular 30 th Oct, 2026	On-site/Late 1 st Nov, onwards
AAS Fellows*	Complimentary	Complimentary	Complimentary
Invited Keynote & Plenary Speakers*	Complimentary	Complimentary	Complimentary
Student Delegate (Africa)	40	50	100
Student Delegate (Outside Africa)	100	125	150
Academic / Researcher	200	250	300
Government Delegate	300	350	400
Development Partner / NGO	350	400	450
Private Sector / Industry	500	600	700
Exhibitor Representative **	400	450	500
Virtual Delegate	100	125	150
Accompanying Person	150	175	200

* Complimentary registration is subject to the policies of the African Academy of Sciences and applies to invited participants only.

** Exhibition booth rental and sponsorship packages are charged separately.





Registration Benefits

Full in-person registration includes:

- Admission to all scientific sessions, plenary sessions and approved side events.
- Conference materials, delegate badge and conference kit.
- Electronic conference programme and abstract book.
- Lunches and scheduled tea/coffee breaks throughout the conference.
- Welcome reception and official networking events.
- Access to the exhibition area.
- Certificate of participation.

Payment Information

Detailed payment instructions, including bank account details, online payment options and invoicing procedures, are provided at the end of this circular.

Cancellation and Substitution Policy

- Registration fees are non-transferable except through an official delegate substitution approved by the Conference Secretariat.
- Requests for cancellation must be submitted in writing.
- Any applicable refunds will be processed in accordance with the Conference Cancellation Policy to be published on the conference website.
- Administrative charges may apply to approved cancellations.

Important Information

1. Early Bird registration closes on the date announced by the Organizing Committee.
2. Registration is confirmed only after full payment has been received.
3. Student delegates must provide valid proof of enrolment in an academic program
4. Registration fees do not include accommodation, travel, visa costs or personal insurance.





5. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend the conference programme where necessary.
6. Delegates requiring visa support letters should complete registration before requesting an invitation letter.
7. Special registration waivers or discounts may be awarded to recipients of travel grants or invited participants at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
8. Official conference language(s) will be English. However, interpretation or translation services will be provided for all plenary and session presentations, into French and/or Portuguese.

Visa and International Travel Information

Invitation letters and procedures for obtaining VISA and processing timelines, are as per Tanzania VISA guidelines; they shall be provided in the third circular.

Expected Outputs

The conference is expected to produce:

- The Dar Es Salaam Declaration on Science, Technology and Innovation for Africa's Development and Prosperity,
- Conference Proceedings,
- Policy Briefs for African Governments,
- Recommendations for STI investments,
- New research and institutional partnerships,
- A Young Scientists Networking Platform,
- Scientific publications and special journal issues, and
- Innovation and technology showcase reports.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Sponsor – USD 50,000 and above

- Premium branding
- Exhibition space
- Speaking opportunity
- Recognition during opening ceremony

Gold Sponsor – USD 25,000

- Branding opportunities
- Exhibition booth
- Conference materials visibility





Silver Sponsor – USD 10,000

- Exhibition booth
- Promotional materials inclusion

Bronze Sponsor – USD 5,000

- Logo placement
- Acknowledgement in conference materials

Call for Partnership and Support

The AAS invites governments, development partners, private sector organizations, philanthropic foundations, research institutions and individuals to support this important continental initiative. The conference provides a unique platform to advance science, innovation and sustainable development while contributing to Africa's long-term prosperity.

Awards will be presented for Best Oral Presentation, Best Poster Presentation, Outstanding Early Career Researcher, Young Scientist Award and Innovation Award as shall be determined by the Organizing Committee.

Accommodation

Delegates wishing to participate in the 16th AAS Conference can make direct booking with any hotel of their choice. The LOC has however listed you with hotels of various categories that are located within less than 20 minutes walking distance. Further, the hotels have agreed to provide special rates for our delegates provided that they select or mention AFRICAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES during booking. The categories are as follows:

Hotel Name	Category	Normal rates (USD) / night	Special rates (USD) for 16AAS Delegates	Contacts
Serena Hotel-5 star	Single (Standard) room, B/F	220	170	Director of Sales and Marketing: slusala@serena.co.tz
Serena Hotel-5 star	Executive Suites	450	390	
Serena Hotel-5 star	Diplomatic suites	900	700	





Johari Rotana-5 star	Standard City View Room	300	195	Booking Code: 16AAS Conference 2026 rukia.chuma@rotana.com
Johari Rotana-5 star	Standard Sea View Room	355	220	
Johari Rotana-5 star	Club Rotana Room	405	270	
Johari Rotana-5 star	Classic Suite	415	280	
Johari Rotana-5 star	Premium Suite - Sea View	490	355	
Johari Rotana-5 star	Club Rotana Suite	550	415	
Johari Rotana-5 star	Ambassador Suite	1080	945	
Johari Rotana-5 star	Royal Suite	5,030	4,995	
Hyatt Regency-5 star				Amina.kapya@hyatt.com
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel - 4 star	Deluxe room (1 Queen Bed, 200 x 180) – pool, City view – 28sqm	155 Special corporate rate (Single) 175 Special corporate rate (Double)	135 Special corporate rate (Single) 155 Special corporate rate (Double)	Sales Manager: sales@fourpointsdaressalaam.com
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel - 4 star	Deluxe room (2 Single Beds, 100 x 180) – pool,	155 Special corporate rate (Single)	135 Special corporate rate (Single)	





	City view – 28sqm	175 Special corporate rate (Double)	155 Special corporate rate (Double)	
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel - 4 star	Deluxe room (1 Queen Bed, 200 x 180) – pool, City view – 28sqm	155 Special corporate rate (Single) 195 Special corporate rate (Double)	135 Special corporate rate (Single) 175 Special corporate rate (Double)	
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel - 4 star	Premium Executive room (1 Queen Bed, 200 x 180) – pool, Partial City view – 38sqm	195 Special corporate rate (Single) 215 Special corporate rate (Double)	175 Special corporate rate (Single) 195 Special corporate rate (Double)	
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel - 4 star	Single (1 Queen Bed, 200 x 180) and living room, Harbor view – 56sqm	350 Special corporate rate (Single) 350 Special corporate rate (Double)	330 Special corporate rate (Single) 330 Special corporate rate (Double)	





Southern Sun Hotel- 4 star	Standard Room	125	125	Grace.shao@southernsun.com
Southern Sun Hotel- 4 star	Executive Room -	220	220	
Southern Sun Hotel- 4 star	Junior Suite -	430	430	
ONOMO HOTEL – 3 Start	Standard Queen	112	72	Cluster Finance Manger, East Africa Region: fm.daessalaam@onomohotel.com
ONOMO HOTEL – 3 Start	Business room	132	92	
ONOMO HOTEL – 3 Start	Junior Suite	152	112	
ONOMO HOTEL – 3 Start	Suites	182	142	
Holiday Inn-4 star	Standard room		99	Sales and Marketing: sales.team@holidayinn.co.tz
Holiday Inn-4 star	Executive room		119	
Holiday Inn-4 star	Suite		139	
Mkomila Royal Annex	Basic rooms	25	25	+255-760339768 mkomiloannexhotel@gmail.com
Florida Executive Inn		25	25	+255-768466161 floridaexecutiveinn@gmail.com
Courtyard Sea View Hotel	Basic rooms	100	100	+255 755 448 525
Tiffany Diamond Hotel	Basic rooms	100	100	





Makunganya street				+255 677 016 826
Tiffany Diamond Hotel Makunganya street	Bouble room	120	100	

Transportation and Local Logistics

The JNICC, the venue of the 16th African Academy of Sciences Scientific Conference, is conveniently located approximately 13 km from Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA). The journey typically takes 15–20 minutes by road under normal traffic conditions, although travel times may be longer during peak hours. Taxis, hotel shuttle services, and app-based ride-hailing services are readily available at the airport, providing convenient transportation to the conference venue and nearby hotels. Participants should make personal arrangements from the airport to the hotel.

Communication

Personal phone calls will be at the participant's expense. However, wireless internet will be provided in the meeting venue thus participants will have access to the internet during the meeting. To call Tanzania from abroad, the country code is +255.

Currency

In Tanzania, the local currency is the Tanzanian Shilling (TZS). As of 17th August 2026, the exchange rate was US, \$1 equals approximately TZS 2645.24. You can exchange money at many authorized banks and Bureaux de change if you need Tanzanian shillings for your transactions. Also, note that most commercial banks have Automated Teller Machines (ATM) where one may withdraw local currency using their bank's credit/debit card.





Credit cards

Most major credit cards (MasterCard, American Express and VISA) are widely accepted. In addition to credit cards, it is advisable to carry easily exchangeable currency in cash.

Weather

The weather in Dar Es Salaam in December is warm and humid with average daily highs around 31°C to 32°C (88°F–90°F) and lows near 25°C (76°F–79°F). For details, please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com/weather/@160260/ext> for the forecasts.

Power plugs and outlets

In Tanzania, the most common plug type is Type G (see image below), which has two flat parallel pins and a grounding pin. Tanzania operates on a 240V supply voltage and 50Hz.



You are advised to carry a power plug adapter if your appliances do not conform to the above specifications.

Health and Insurance

You are advised to arrange your travel insurance against sickness, accident, and third-party risk for the period of the meeting. The AAS will **not assume responsibility for any expenditure on insurance**, including the following:

- Cost incurred by the participant in respect of travel insurance, accident insurance, medical bills, or hospitalization fees in connection with attending the meeting.
- Any loss or damage to the personal property of participants while attending the meeting or losses or damages claimed by third parties because of any negligence on the part of the participants.
- Compensation in the event of death or disability of participants in connection with attending the meeting.

Pre - & Post – Conference Tours





Delegates wishing to visit our beaches and national parks prior or / and after the Conference can do so by contacting tour / safari companies directly. The 16AAS LOC has listed a few recommended companies for you to choose and make your booking.

Recommended safari companies in Arusha:

1. Kibo Guides
Contacts: +255621 482 828
<https://www.kiboguides.com>
2. Mauly Tours
Contacts: +255 754 266 522
<https://mauly-tours.com/tour/tanzanian-trio-safari/>

Recommended safari companies in Zanzibar:

1. Fisherman Tours & Travel Ltd,
Ms. Shangwe Yussuf
reservations@fishermantours.com
+255773662662
2. Zanzibar Exotic Tours & Safaris Ltd.
Ms. Fatma Muhuddin - Sales and Marketing Manager
sales@exoticzanzibar.com
+255-672623043

Payment Details

All payments should be made through the Conference Account as detailed below:

Local Bank Transfer Details

Account Name: THE AFRICAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Account number: 53110026130

Currency: Tanzanian Shillings (TZS)

Bank Name: NMB BANK PLC

Swift code: NMIBTZTZ

Branch Code: 531

Bank Address: P.O Box: 888

Dodoma, TANZANIA





Physical Address: Bunge Branch
Parliament Grounds, Uzunguni, Dodoma
TANZANIA

Delegates can make cash payments through the NMB Bank account number provided above. They may also use *Lipa numba 12363824* or make bank transfer and share the payment receipt with the LOC. Alternatively, they can click the link below to make payments using a bank card:

https://merchant.nmbbank.co.tz/paymentlink/VYxiszsb3syux_I-Arve8A...

Contact Information

For further information or inquires, contact: AAS 2026 Committee at abstracts@aasciences.africa

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The following questions address common enquiries from prospective delegates. Additional information and updates will be available through the official conference website and communication channels.

1. Who can participate in the conference?

The conference is open to researchers, innovators, policymakers, practitioners, postgraduate students, early-career researchers, industry representatives, development partners, philanthropic organizations, government institutions, and all stakeholders interested in advancing science, technology and innovation in Africa.

2. Who is eligible to submit an abstract?

Abstracts are welcome from researchers affiliated with universities, research institutions, government agencies, industry, development organizations, and AAS-supported programmes whose work aligns with one or more of the conference themes.

3. How do I submit my abstract?

Abstracts should be submitted through the official conference abstract submission platform (accessible through <https://nissti.costech.or.tz/login>) following the prescribed format and before the submission deadline. Submissions through email will not be accepted.

4. What is the deadline for abstract submission?

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **30 September 2026**. Authors are encouraged to submit early to allow sufficient time for review and communication of outcomes.





5. How will I know whether my abstract has been accepted?

Authors will receive an official notification from the Scientific & Technical Programme Committee by email after completion of the review process. Successful authors will receive further instructions regarding presentation preparation and conference participation.

6. What presentation formats will be available?

Accepted abstracts may be assigned to either oral or poster presentation sessions based on recommendations of the Scientific & Technical Programme Committee.

7. When does conference registration open?

Registration will open following notification of accepted abstracts. Delegates are encouraged to register early to benefit from applicable early-bird registration fees.

8. How can I pay my registration fees?

Registration fees may be paid using the payment methods provided in the conference circular or through the official online registration platform once available. Payment instructions and confirmation procedures will be communicated during registration.

9. Will I receive a payment confirmation or receipt?

Yes. An official payment acknowledgement and receipt will be issued after payment has been verified by the Conference Secretariat.

10. Can I request an invitation letter for visa purposes?

Yes. Delegates requiring visa support letters should complete their registration and follow the invitation letter request procedure provided by the Conference Secretariat.

11. Does the registration fee include accommodation and travel?

No. Registration fees do not cover accommodation, international travel, visa costs, airport transfers, personal insurance, or other personal expenses unless otherwise stated.

12. Will accommodation be arranged by the Organizing Committee?

Delegates are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. However, the Conference Secretariat has negotiated preferential rates with selected hotels, details of which are provided in the conference circular.

13. Will certificates of participation be issued?

Yes. Registered delegates who participate in the conference will receive an official Certificate of Participation.





14. Will conference proceedings be published?

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Abstract Book. Selected papers may also be considered for inclusion in the conference proceedings or other publication outlets as determined by the Organizing Committee.

15. What is included in the registration fee?

The registration fee includes access to scientific sessions, conference materials, lunches and scheduled refreshments, networking events, access to the exhibition area, and a certificate of participation, according to the applicable registration category.

16. Who should I contact if I require further assistance?

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