



Author guidelines for Abstracts

EMAN AFRICA CONFERENCE

“Sustainable management within a circular economy”

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Participants are invited to submit abstracts for conference proceedings and presentations at this conference. The conference is interdisciplinary, and we encourage innovative and interdisciplinary research covering a broad range of topics in Sustainability and Accounting. The conference endeavours to maximise the learning and feedback opportunities for all attendees, from early-career academics to experienced researchers and practitioners.

Abstract (max 500 words)

The abstract is for work-in-progress papers and will not be published in the special edition but will be reviewed by one reviewer for acceptance. An important benefit of abstracts is, therefore, the opportunity it allows participants to consider both the comments received by the review process and comments received at the conference, in improving their manuscripts before submitting them to an accredited journal. The abstract should include preliminary findings as a minimum.

An author can submit a maximum of three (3) abstracts (either as main or co-author) to the conference. After papers are submitted, contributing authors' names cannot be changed. If the author presenting the abstract is also the co-author of another abstract, the other author must also be present at the conference as either the sole or co-presenter.

Abstracts not complying with the required criteria and author guidelines will not be considered. Author guidelines are provided below. Only an abstract is required for the conference. The abstract should be structured, comprise no more than 500 words,

and include preliminary findings at a minimum. In addition to the abstract, a title and 6-8 keywords should also be provided.

The following information should be included in the abstract:

- Purpose
- Design/methodology/approach
- Findings/Results
- Originality/Contribution.

The following three sub-headings are optional and could be included if applicable:

- Research limitations/implications
- Practical implications
- Social implications.

Abstracts must be submitted in MS Word format (No PDF submissions will be accepted). The abstract heading should be Arial 14, with text Arial 12, using 1.5 spacing throughout the document. The headings in the abstract for the different subheadings should be in caps and bold, with any further headings only in bold.

- Headings should be numbered
- All references should use the Harvard reference method, preferably using referencing software such as RefWorks
- Standard MS Word margins should be used.

Abstract submissions must include a cover page and the abstract. The cover page should be a separate file that includes the abstract's title, the authors' name and surname, and the respective university the authors are affiliated with the corresponding author's email address. The abstract should include the title of the abstract and the abstract but should not have any reference to the authors.

Author guidelines: Refereed papers for conference proceedings (Full-length papers)

Papers for the conference proceedings should be limited to 8,000 words in length, with a structured abstract and keywords. This includes all text, including the structured abstract, references, and all text in tables, figures, and appendices.

- The maximum length of the abstract should be 300 words in total, including 6-8 keywords. The abstract should include the following four subheadings: Purpose, Design/methodology/approach, Findings and Originality/Contribution. The following three (3) sub-headings are optional and could be included if applicable: Research limitations/implications, Practical implications and Social implications.
- Papers need to be submitted in MS Word format (No PDF submissions will be accepted).
- Paper heading should be Arial 14 with text Arial 12 using 1.5 spacing throughout the document. The headings in the paper for the different sub-sections, such as abstract and introduction, should be in caps and bold, with any further headings only in bold.
- The headings should be numbered up to the third level.
- All references should use the Harvard reference method – preferably using referencing software.
- Standard MS Word margins should be used.
- Paper submissions must include a cover page and the paper. The cover page should be a separate file that includes the paper's title, the name and surname, and the respective university the authors are affiliated with, with the corresponding author's email address. The paper should include the title, abstract, and details of the paper but should not have any reference to the authors.
- Papers will be considered for Best Paper Awards.
- A paper cannot be submitted to the conference if the paper is under consideration at another journal.

A maximum of 40% of papers from a single institution will be allowed for publication in the special issue of the accredited journal. This will be proactively monitored and communicated to authors and/or institutions as required.

Refereed book chapters for an accredited Springer Nature Book Series

Chapter submissions by invitation for publication in a book series Geography & Sustainability, Springer Nature will be subject to a double-blind review process.