



# Call for Abstracts

ESAMI Global Research Colloquium 2026

Date: 25th - 27th November 2026

Venue: Arusha, Tanzania (Hybrid)

**Colloquium Theme:**

*Funding Research in Africa: Ecosystems,  
Partnerships, Infrastructure, Artificial Intelligence &  
Comercialization of Outputs*

**MARCH 2026**





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## About ESAMI Global Research

ESAMI Global Research, one of The Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI) pillars, would like to call for submission of original, high-quality research papers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ESAMI Global Research Colloquium scheduled to take place between **25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026** in Arusha, Tanzania. ESAMI Global Research Colloquium is an annual international conference focused on research ecosystems, governance, and partnerships in Africa, organised by the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI). The conference brings together researchers, students, practitioners, development partners, industry leaders, policymakers, from around the world. As a multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary event, ESAMI Global Research Colloquium addresses issues related to sustainable development, digitization, economics of international trade, gender equity and social inclusion, governance, and related fields within the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the African Union Agenda 2063. ESAMI Global Research Colloquium 2026 will be hosted at the Headquarters of the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute, Arusha, Tanzania.

Africa is at the crossroads in shaping its research landscape. Beyond knowledge generation, it is imperative to build multifunctional ecosystems that integrates researchers, institutions, and industries into a vibrant network of innovations. ESAMI Global Research Colloquium will examine pathways that can transform ideas into social impact. Discussions will explore strategies to strengthen partnerships between governments, universities, private sector, development partners, and to unlock sustainable funding models in Africa's research landscape. Participants will examine the infrastructure needed to support cutting-edge research, from digital platforms to research labs, and how AI can accelerate innovations and commercialization of research outputs that can drive entrepreneurship, shape policy, and provide solutions tailored to Africa's context.



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## Thematic Areas

Submissions should align with one of the following key thematic areas:

1. **Sustainable Development and Climate Action**
2. **Digital Transformation and Innovation**
3. **Governance, Leadership, and Organizational Performance**
4. **Trade, Finance, and Economic Integration**
5. **Competitive Strategy and Business Innovation**
6. **Social Impact and Inclusive Development**

## Conference Structure

ESAMI Global Research Colloquium 2026 will be graced by invited international guest speakers, keynote speeches, public lectures, panel discussions, and thematic parallel sessions. The colloquium theme and thematic areas will be addressed through oral presentations, poster presentations, and online presentations, with each contribution highlighting its relevance to the thematic areas.

## Submission Guidelines

Papers must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration for publication elsewhere. The colloquium accepts papers for both oral and poster presentations. Full research papers should not exceed 7,500 words, excluding references and appendices.

All submissions must demonstrate novelty, significant contribution to knowledge, policy, practice and potential for social impact. Papers that showcase pathways for commercialization of research outputs are particularly encouraged. Papers should be written in English and formatted according to standard academic conventions. Authors must ensure their work adheres to research ethics and standards.



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## Preparation of the text

1. The title page should include the title, the name(s) of the author(s) and their affiliation(s).
2. The manuscript should include an abstract of not more than 250 words and should include 3 to 5 keywords at the end of the abstract.
3. The text should be presented in Book antiqua, 12 pt., 1.5 Line spacing in Microsoft Word.
4. Manuscripts should not exceed 7500 words, excluding references and appendices.
5. The APA Style (7<sup>th</sup> Editon) of referencing should be used.

## Review Process

All papers will undergo a double-blind peer-review process. Papers will be evaluated based on relevance to colloquium themes, originality, methodological rigour, potential to contribute to advancing knowledge, policy, practice, contribution to economic development (for example through commercialization of research outputs) and social impact.

## Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should be submitted electronically to the following e-mail [research@esami-africa.org](mailto:research@esami-africa.org) and copy [postdoc@esami-africa.org](mailto:postdoc@esami-africa.org). The timelines outlined below should be strictly adhered to.



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## Important Dates

Date	Description
30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Call for Papers
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Deadline for Submission of Abstracts
30 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Deadline for Notification of Acceptance/Rejection of Abstracts
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Deadline for Submission of Full Papers
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Colloquium Registration Opens
15 <sup>th</sup> August 2026	Deadline for Early Bird Registration
30 <sup>th</sup> August 2026	Notification of Acceptance/Rejection of Full Papers
30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	Deadline for Regular Registration
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2026	Submission of Final Presentation
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2026	Final Programme Published
25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> November 2026	2 <sup>nd</sup> ESAMI Global Research Colloquium

## Conference Fees

	Early Bird Registration	Late Registration
Professionals	USD50	USD100
Students	USD25	USD50

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