

International Symposium

Communities, Conservation, & Sustainable Tourism

Summary

We are pleased to invite submissions for abstracts for a symposium on ***Communities, Conservation, and Sustainable Tourism*** to be held on **November 13-14, 2025**, at Sokoine University of Agriculture, Morogoro, Tanzania. It is co-organized by Sokoine University of Agriculture and Missouri State University, USA. The symposium aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and community stakeholders to explore the intersection of community engagement, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable tourism. We welcome contributions that highlight innovative approaches, case studies, theoretical developments, and empirical research on how communities can thrive while supporting sustainable tourism and environmental conservation efforts. Sessions will include keynote speeches, panel discussions, oral presentations and a poster session. On Saturday, November 15, there will be an optional half-day hike to one of the most popular destinations near the scenic city of Morogoro.

Themes and Topics of Interest

We invite authors to submit conceptual, empirical, and methodological contributions. Suggested topics of interest include, but they are not limited to:

- Community-based tourism and conservation initiatives
- The socio-economic impacts of nature-based tourism
- Governance and policy frameworks for sustainable tourism
- Indigenous knowledge systems and their role in conservation
- Cross-border co-operation and regional tourism policies
- Women/gender equality in tourism and resource conservation
- Challenges and opportunities for community involvement in tourism
- Cross-sector collaboration for sustainable tourism
- Intersection of tourism, social justice and poverty alleviation
- Climate change adaptation through conservation and tourism
- Harnessing AI and other technologies in tourism planning and management
- Pedagogy for sustainable tourism in Sub-Saharan Africa

Submission Guidelines

- Abstract length: 400-700 including references
- Abstract format: title of your paper, author name[s] and affiliations, purpose, study design, results, study implications, and 3-5 keywords, references.
- Accepted submissions will be published in the event proceedings
- For research work, we welcome both completed and works in advanced stage
- All submissions will undergo a peer-review process
- Submit your abstract here: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ccst2025>

Important Dates

- Event date: November 13-14, 2025
- Submission deadline: June 30, 2025
- Decision notification: July 30, 2025
- Early Bird registration open: June 01, 2025
- Regular registration open: September 01, 2025

Event Co-Chairs

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Keynote Speakers

Dr. Lawrence Allen, Clemson University, USA
Ms. Judy Kepher Gona, Sustainable Travel and Tourism Africa, Nairobi, Kenya
Dr. Aloyce Nzuki, Touchwood Consulting Ltd, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Registration Fee

DELEGATE CATEGORY	REGISTRATION TYPE	
	Early Bird	Regular
International delegates	\$200	\$250
Delegates based in Africa	\$125	\$175
Students based in Africa (with student status proof)	\$50	\$50
Accompanying person*	\$75	\$75

* Meals and tour only

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