Complete Paper Submission Guidelines

East African Community Conference (EACON 2024)

Background:

In the diverse landscapes of East Africa, the East African Community Conference (EACON 2024) manifests itself as a beacon of unity and collaboration. This delegates assembly serves to bolster cooperation and integration among the member states, weaving a silken thread of unity among the nations that comprise East Africa. Highlighting the recent addition of Somalia, the conference reaffirms the fervor of commitment within the region to both unity and the continual unlockment of dormant potentials within the EAC nations.

Objective:

Our upcoming conference aims to foster a sense of solidarity, communal growth, and shared knowledge among the East African Community. We have outlined specific key objectives as follows:

1. **Promoting Regional Integration:** Central to our discussion will be measures to bolster social, political, and economic collaboration among the East African states. We believe that regional integration has the potential to accelerate development and prosperity, thereby strengthening ties between participating nations.

2. **Fostering Collaboration:** One of our principal objectives is to encourage cooperation among our member states, especially in the field of investment. We seek to highlight the opportunities that collaborative ventures present and incentivize such mutually beneficial projects.

3. **Facilitating Knowledge Exchange:** One of our principal objectives is to encourage cooperation among our member states, especially in the field of investment. We seek to highlight the opportunities that collaborative ventures present and incentivize such mutually beneficial projects.

Conference Theme and Sub-Theme:

The theme of the conference, **" Strengthening Regional Cooperation in East Africa Community,"** powerfully resonates with our primary objective of enhancing camaraderie, fostering cooperation, and stimulating collective advancement within the spectrum of East African Community (EAC).

This theme acts as a guiding beacon, shining a light on our collective ambitions, while simultaneously focusing efforts on the abundant untapped potential within the EAC. It underscores our belief in unified strength and expresses our commitment towards realizing inherent capabilities that can drive growth and progress across our nations.

For a more immersive exploration and comprehensive understanding, we have further subdivided the core paradigm into a series of sub-themes. These micro to macro-observations allow attendees to delve deeper into the intricate aspects and versatile dimensions of our main theme. These sub-themes serve as dedicated touchpoints, illuminating key areas for negotiation, discussion, and potential breakthroughs in our journey towards regional integration.

The following **sub-themes/key areas of focus,** carefully crafted, extend from our central theme, offering a framework for enriched conversations, fruitful engagements, and provide a spotlight on diverse developmental facets of the EAC.

1. Economic Development and Trade for Investment Promotion
2. Exploring Migrations among East African Communities
3. Food Security and Agriculture
4. Promoting Intercultural Understanding and Social Cohesion
5. Strengthening Cooperation Among East African Communities
6. Environmental Conservation and Climate Resilience
7. Co-operation or integration? The legal challenges of membership in the EAC 8. Peacebuilding, Conflict Resolution, and Security

Paper submission

Authors are warmly encouraged to actively participate and contribute to the EAC Conference 2024 by submitting their papers. The conference organizers seek high-quality research contributions that present original and unpublished results of conceptual, constructive, empirical, experimental, or theoretical work in various areas of Interdisciplinary fields. Authors are invited to present their work, which may include figures, tables, and references, addressing the themes and topics relevant to the conference.

Important Dates		
01	17th April 2024	**Deadline for paper Submission**
02	30th May 2024	**Notification of Acceptance**
03	24th -25th June 2024	**Conference Date**

Submission Guidelines:

- **Originality:** Papers should be original and not previously published or under review elsewhere.
- **Submission Deadline:** Abstracts should be submitted by April 17th, 2024.
- **Submission Template:** Papers should follow the specified conference template and formatting guidelines, which are available in the following sections.
- **Author Information:** Include your names and affiliations in the submission email. This information will be used for identification purposes and correspondence.
- **Double-Blind Review:** EAC Conference 2024 will employ a double-blind review process, meaning that the reviewers will not know the identities of the authors, and vice versa.
- **Submissions:** Papers should be submitted via email to papers@eaccon.com. **Notification of Acceptance:** Authors and co-authors should expect to receive an email from the conference Editorial Board notifying them of the approval or rejection of their submitted papers by May 30th, 2024.

Paper Formatting

- **Paper Size:** Use the standard A4 paper size (European).
- **Margins:** Set margins to 2.54 cm for the top, bottom, left, and right - **Line Spacing:** Maintain a line spacing of 1.5 throughout the paper.
- **Orientation:** All pages should be in portrait orientation. Rotate landscape pages accordingly.
- **File Format:** Submit your paper in either Word or PDF format.
- **IEEE Format:** Citations should follow the IEEE style format, including in-text citations and the reference list.
- **Length Limit:** The maximum length for submitted papers is 10 pages, including tables, figures, and references.
- **One-Column Format:** Maintain a one-column format for the entire paper.

Paper Structure

- **Title:** Provide a clear and informative title that reflects the content of the paper.
- **Abstract:** Include an abstract of no more than 250 words summarizing the objectives, methodology, key findings, and significance of the paper.
- **Introduction:** Clearly state the purpose and relevance of the study, along with the research question or objectives.
- **Literature Review:** Provide a brief overview of the relevant literature and existing knowledge on the topic.

- **Methodology:** Describe the research design, data collection methods, and analytical techniques employed in the study.
- **Results and Discussion:** Present the findings of the study and interpret them in relation to the research objectives. Use tables, graphs, or figures where appropriate.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize the main findings and their implications. Highlight the contribution of the study to the conference theme and sub-theme.
- **References:** Include a list of all cited references following IEEE citation style.

Plagiarism Policy and Publication Ethics

Our plagiarism policy and publication ethics aims to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity within the EAC Conference 2024. By adhering to this policy, authors, reviewers, and conference participants contribute to the creation of a reputable and trustworthy academic environment.

Responsibilities of Authors:

Authors submitting research papers, or any other form of presentation to the EAC Conference 2024 are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

- All submissions must be **original work,** and authors should properly acknowledge and cite any previously published or presented work they have included.
- Authors must provide **proper attribution** for all sources used in their work, including ideas, theories, data, and direct quotations. Proper citation formats, such as APA, MLA, or IEEE, should be followed.
- In **cases** of **collaborative work**, authors should clearly identify and acknowledge the contributions of all co-authors.

Review Process:

The conference organizers and program committee members have the responsibility to ensure the integrity of the research presented. The following steps will be taken to detect and address plagiarism:

- **Plagiarism Detection Software:** All submitted papers and other forms of presentations will be screened using plagiarism detection software to identify potential instances of plagiarism.
- **Reviewers' Evaluation:** Reviewers will be instructed to report any suspicions of plagiarism they encounter during the review process. They should carefully evaluate the originality, clarity, and attribution of the submitted work.

Plagiarism Detection and Actions:

If plagiarism is suspected or detected in any submission, the following actions will be taken:

- **Investigation**: The conference organizers will conduct a thorough investigation to determine the extent of the plagiarism and the originality of the work.

- **Communication**: The author(s) involved in the suspected plagiarism will be notified promptly and provided with an opportunity to respond to the allegations.
- **Severity Assessment**: The severity of the plagiarism offense will be assessed based on the extent of the plagiarized content, intent, and previous history, if applicable.
- **Penalties**: The penalties for plagiarism may range from a warning and correction of the submitted work to immediate rejection of the paper, disqualification from the conference, or prohibition from submitting future work to the conference for a specified period.
- **Reporting:** In severe cases, the conference organizers may report the plagiarism incident to the author's affiliated institution, funding agencies, or relevant professional bodies.

Policy Enforcement:

The conference organizers reserve the right to amend and enforce this plagiarism policy. Any changes to the policy will be communicated to all participants and published on the conference website.

Withdrawal Policy

Withdrawal Request: Authors who wish to withdraw their papers or presentations from the conference website must provide a withdrawal request letter timely that clearly mentions reason(s) for withdrawal. Once a withdrawal request is received, the conference organizers will review and decide based on author's withdrawal reasons and justifications.

Review Process: Once a withdrawal request is received, the conference organizers will review and decide based on the following considerations:

- If the withdrawal request is received before the notification of acceptance, the paper will be withdrawn from the review process.
- If the withdrawal request is received after the paper has been accepted and included in the conference program, the withdrawal will be granted. The paper will be marked as withdrawn in the conference proceedings and program.

Publication and Copyright: In cases where a paper has been published in conference proceedings or other related publications, the following guidelines apply:

- If the paper has been published as part of the conference proceedings or made available online before the withdrawal request, it will remain accessible, but clearly marked as withdrawn.
- Authors who have officially withdrawn their papers or presentations retain the copyright to their work, and it may be submitted to other conferences or publications with appropriate citation and acknowledgment.

Registration and Refunds: Authors who have withdrawn their papers or presentations may be entitled to registration fee refunds based on the conference registration policy. The following guidelines should be followed:

- Early Withdrawal: If the withdrawal request is received before the conference registration deadline, authors may be eligible for a full or partial refund, as per the conference registration policy.
- Late Withdrawal: If the withdrawal request is received after the conference registration deadline, authors may not be eligible for a refund, as per the conference registration policy.

Communication and Notification: The conference organizers will promptly communicate the decision regarding the withdrawal request to the authors. The withdrawn status will be clearly indicated in the conference program, proceedings, or any other relevant publications.

Presentation Guidelines

The EAC Conference 2024 features formal presentation sessions on various interdisciplinary topics. The conference venues provide basic facilities such as a video projector and a board.

Contact Information:

For inquiries and submission guidelines, please visit the EACON 2024 website at https://eaccon.com/call-forpapers/.

Join us at EACON 2024 to contribute to the dialogue on regional integration and sustainable development in East Africa. Together, let's unite nations and unlock potential within the EAC.

For inquiries, please contact us at info@eaccon.com.