

## Guidelines for Submission

### The East Africa Community Conference (EACON 2025)

**Theme:** *Advancing Productive Sector Cooperation for Socioeconomic Transformation in the East African Community*

**Dates:** October 7–8, 2025

**Location:** Mogadishu, Somalia

The **East African Community Conference (EACON2025)** invites researchers, policymakers, development partners, private sector actors, and academics to submit original and high-quality research papers for presentation at the conference to be held on **October 7–8, 2025** in **Mogadishu, Somalia**.

This year's theme, "*Advancing Productive Sector Cooperation for Socioeconomic Transformation in the East African Community*," aims to deepen regional dialogue and foster evidence-based policy and business solutions to shared challenges and opportunities across the EAC region.

#### Thematic Areas

Submissions should align with at least one of the following thematic areas:

#### Agriculture & Food Security

- AI and precision farming for productivity and sustainability
- Data-driven agriculture and predictive analytics
- Automated irrigation and smart planting systems
- Climate-smart practices: water conservation, land management, agroforestry
- Building resilience to climate change in the agricultural sector
- Strengthening food security through regional value chains
- Enhancing Somalia's integration into EAC agro-trade networks

## Digital Payments & Financial Inclusion

- FinTech for inclusive growth
- Mobile money and cross-border payment systems
- Regulatory frameworks and digital ID systems
- Blockchain and AI-powered financial solutions
- Interoperability challenges in digital finance
- Cybersecurity and consumer protection
- Public-private partnerships for digital inclusion
- Financial literacy for rural and underserved communities

## Trade Facilitation & Economic Integration

- Addressing non-tariff barriers (NTBs)
- Reforming customs procedures and trade logistics
- Regional infrastructure development (roads, rail, ports)
- Harmonization of trade and investment policies
- Aligning national policies with EAC frameworks
- Promoting cross-border business efficiency
- Leveraging AfCFTA for broader economic integration

## Paper Submission

Authors are warmly encouraged to actively participate and contribute to the **EACON2025** conference by submitting their research abstracts, papers, and e-posters. The conference organizers seek high-quality research contributions that present original and unpublished results of conceptual, constructive, empirical, experimental, or theoretical work in various areas of Interdisciplinary fields.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.

## Author Guidelines

To submit a paper to **EACON2025**, please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **Originality:** Ensure that your paper is original and has not been previously published or under review elsewhere.
2. **Submission Deadline:** Make sure to submit your paper before deadline, papers submitted via a different channel or after the deadline will not be considered for review.
3. **Submission Template:** papers should follow the specified conference template and formatting guidelines, which are available for download on the **Downloads section**.
4. **Submission:** All paper submissions should be sent via email to [papers@eaccon.com](mailto:papers@eaccon.com).
5. **Email:** 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 abstracts.
6. **Anonymity:** To ensure a fair review process, do not include your names and affiliations in the body of the paper. Maintain anonymity throughout the document.
7. **Author Information:** Include your names and affiliations in the submission email. This information will be used for identification purposes and correspondence.
8. **Double-Blind Review:** **EACON2025** will employ a double-blind review process, meaning that the reviewers will not know the identities of the authors, and vice versa.

## Paper Formatting

1. **Paper Size:** Use the standard A4 paper size (European).
2. **Margins:** Set margins to 2.54 cm for the top, bottom, left, and right
3. **Line Spacing:** Maintain a line spacing of 1.5 throughout the paper.
4. **Orientation:** All pages should be in portrait orientation. Rotate landscape pages accordingly.
5. **File Format:** Submit your paper in either Word or PDF format.
6. **IEEE Format:** Citations should follow the IEEE style format, including in-text citations and the reference list.

7. **Length Limit:** The maximum length for submitted papers is 10 pages, including tables, figures, and references.
8. **One-Column Format:** Maintain a one-column format for the entire paper.

### Paper Structure

1. **Title:** Provide a clear and informative title that reflects the content of the paper.
2. **Abstract:** Include an abstract of no more than 250 words summarizing the objectives, methodology, key findings, and significance of the paper.
3. **Introduction:** Clearly state the purpose and relevance of the study, along with the research question or objectives.
4. **Literature Review:** Provide a brief overview of the relevant literature and existing knowledge on the topic.
5. **Methodology:** Describe the research design, data collection methods, and analytical techniques employed in the study.
6. **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.
7. **Conclusion:** Summarize the main findings and their implications. Highlight the contribution of the study to the conference theme and sub-theme.
8. **References:** Include a list of all cited references following IEEE citation style.

### Presentation Guidelines

The EACON2025 features formal presentation sessions on Productive Sector and Socioeconomic Transformation in the East African Community. Each session allows a maximum of **15** minutes, with a **10**-minute presentation and 5 minutes for audience commentary and questions. The conference venues provide basic facilities such as a video projector and a board. Presenters are required to submit their final PowerPoint presentations by September 25, 2025 at 15:00 to ensure a smooth conference experience.

## Publication Opportunities

Selected papers will be published in the **EACON Conference Proceedings** and considered for publication in affiliated journals or regional policy briefs.

## Short Biography of the Authors

### Important Dates:

- Call for Papers Announcement: May 29, 2025
- Abstract Submission Deadline: July 15, 2025
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance: July 30, 2025
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: August 25, 2025
- Notification of Full Paper Acceptance: September 05, 2025
- Conference Dates: October 7–8, 2025

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