



7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Kampala, Uganda, Protea Hotel

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### Introduction:

Resilience of ecological and social systems has gained heightened attention globally and are at the center of the United Nations Global Development Agenda 2030. The interest is manifested in; (a) the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets, (b) the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2015-2030 with its four priorities and 7 targets (c) the Paris Agreement geared at keeping temperature within the 1.5<sup>o</sup> - 2<sup>o</sup>C threshold. The Global Sustainability agenda aspired to build sustainable and resilience pathways and systems. There is broad convergence among scientists, policy makers and practitioners, development actors and governments that contextual knowledge creation and utility coupled with harnessing evolving and emerging technology are critical ingredients. The 2<sup>nd</sup> **International GORILLA conference** is anchored and spurred by the desire to contribute to the realization of the Global Development Agenda 2030. The GORILLA conference will be organized around the following subthemes;

1. Nature Based Systems in Mitigating Hydro-meteorological Hazards and Disasters
2. Climate Smart Agriculture for Sustainable Resilience
3. Land Degradation Neutrality and Net Zero
4. Water resources and water systems in the Anthropocene
5. Migration and Displacement: Socio-ecological Intricacies and Benefits
6. Biogeography, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Conservation
7. Geographies and Contexts of COVID-19 Processes and Sustainable Recovery
8. The Future of Smart Cities and Urban Systems in Sub Saharan Africa (SSA)

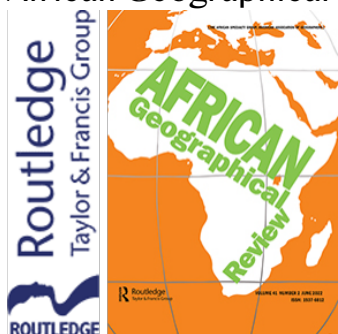
### Submission of Abstracts:

We invite you to submit a 250-word abstract targeting one of the following conference subthemes. The abstract should articulate the investigated problem, the methods employed, major results and conclusions from the study. Abstracts can be submitted for either oral or poster presentation. Abstracts are submitted online at: <https://gorilla.mak.ac.ug/submit-abstracts>. Abstracts will be evaluated as they come. Timely feedback on acceptance of the abstracts will be communicated to the authors.



## Special Issue Publication:

A special issue publication from the GORILLA conference is planned to be executed with the African Geographical Review (AGR) Journal which is published by Taylor & Francis on behalf of the American Association of Geographers' Africa Specialty Group. The AGR impact score for 2022 is 2.68. About 10-12 outstanding manuscripts presented at the GORILLA conference will be considered for publication in the special issue, which is expected to come out in 2023. Interested authors will be requested to submit full manuscript by **30<sup>th</sup> November 2022**. The manuscripts will go through a peer review process for quality control purposes.



## Important Dates

**Deadline for abstract submission:**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

**Latest Notification on abstract acceptance:**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

## Registration

Registration for the conference can be done at <https://gorilla.mak.ac.ug/register>. The registration fees are indicated below and will cover conference materials, meals and refreshments at the conference venue.

Standard fees:	\$300
Students	\$150
Conference Dinner	\$50
Excursion	\$200 (Optional)

## More Information

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