



4th INTERNATIONAL GORILLA CONFERENCE

KAMPALA, UGANDA

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



The Geographical Science for Resilient Communities, Ecosystems and Livelihoods under Global Environmental Change welcomes abstract submissions for the 4th International GORILLA Conference

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
31st July 2026

SUB-THEMES:

1. Geographies of Climate Change Resilience: Contradictions & Opportunities
2. Environmental Risk and the increasing Polycrisis
3. Geospatial Artificial Intelligence for Sustainability of Livelihood
4. Emerging Geographic Technologies and Innovations for Resilience
5. Green-based transitions for sustainable livelihoods
6. Cities of the Future: Reimagining Urbanity in the Age of Innovation and Sustainability
7. Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Nature-based Solutions
8. Biodiversity, Biogeography and Ecosystem for Societal Resilience
9. Early Warning Systems & Anticipatory Actions for Resilient Communities
10. Geographies of water systems resilience
11. The changing geography of agrifood systems
12. Climate mobility, displacement and natural resource conflict.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

We invite you to submit a 250-word abstract targeting one of the conference sub-themes. 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 should be submitted online at: <https://gorilla.mak.ac.ug>. The abstracts will be reviewed in real-time and feedback on acceptance will be given to the proponents after being subjected to a peer review process.

More Information

Information for the conference can be obtained from the conference website: www.gorilla.mak.ac.ug or by sending an email to: gorilla.conference@mak.ac.ug

GORILLA CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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Science-Policy-Practice Dialogue Sessions

The 4th International GORILLA conference will be embedded with two dialogue sessions aimed at bridging the gaps between science, policy, and practice, with a focus on generating actionable and policy-oriented measures to drive societal transformation. These sessions will involve panelists from academia, parliamentary forums, development actors, practitioners, and local community members discussing critical issues in the global development agenda.

Excursion

A three-day post-conference field excursion will be organized to the Rift Valley in Western Uganda. The excursion will explore interesting features of Western Uganda, including the Great East African Rift Valley. We will explore the mind-body and nature. The cost of the excursion is \$300, covering transport, park entry fees and meals.



Important Dates

Deadline Abstract Submission: 15th September 2026
Latest Notification of Abstract: 30th September 2026

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	\$200
Conference Dinner	\$50 (Optional)
Excursion	\$300 (Optional)

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