

Call for papers

Africa Innovation Summit 2018

“Innovation to address Africa’s Challenges”

6 – 8 June 2018

Kigali Convention Center, Rwanda

<http://www.africainnovationsummit.com/>

It is a pleasure to invite you to submit your paper to the **Africa Innovation Summit 2018**. The conference is organized by Ihaba, and will take place at the **Kigali Convention Center, Rwanda, on the 6-8 June 2018**.

The AIS2 follows the first Africa Innovation Summit (AIS) that took place in Praia, Cabo Verde in February 2014. The first summit counted with over 350 participants from about 30 countries, including the participation of several African Heads of State, ministers, innovators, investors, senior officers of regional and international organizations and entrepreneurs. It was an innovation system in action! The participants unanimously agreed on the need to continue to promote the dialogue and committed to supporting the initiative going forward.

As part of this commitment, the AIS2 is focused on innovation as a tool to address Africa’s pressing challenges, such as poverty, health, productivity, competitiveness, economic diversification, food security, climate change and governance.

We encourage researchers, practitioners and professionals across the region to submit proposals for papers on a topic of their choice relating to the following **topics of interest**:

- Innovation to address sectoral issues: including Water-Energy-Food nexus, Health, Education, etc
- Innovation solutions related to transversal issues: including Policy, Financing, Infrastructure Inclusion, Governance, Environmental sustainability, Climate Change, etc

The **principles guiding the Summit** are:

- Call to Action: clear intent to concretely inform policy/ action in the continent.
- A Futures-perspective: collectively and creatively thinking ahead about responses to future threats, transitions and possibilities for our continent.

Submission of papers:

1. The deadline for submitting an extended abstract (**1,500 words**) and full author details is **20th February 2018**. Selection of papers is based on the abstract, and presenters will be notified whether they have been successful by **mid-March 2018**.
2. The full paper is due on **15th May 2018** and must be an original submission not presented or published elsewhere.
3. The organising committee will try to raise funds to support travel for those in special need (preference will be given to young scholars and people coming from low income countries).
4. Both abstracts and full papers should be submitted via <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ais2018>. Please follow the link and contact *submissions@africaninnovationsummit.com* if you have questions related to the submission process.
5. Written contributions should be in English – oral presentations at the conference will be translated into three languages (English, French and Portuguese).
6. Full papers should be no more than 5,000 words, single spaced in Times New Roman 12 point.
7. Papers should be in English with an abstract.

Other submissions:

Submissions for posters presentation are also accepted. To submit your poster abstract, please click on the following link:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ais2018>

Selection:

Extended abstracts (1,500 words) will be blind reviewed by members of the Scientific Committee. You can find further information on the Scientific Committee at the conference website: <http://www.africaninnovationsummit.com/>

Important Dates:

Deadline for submission: 20th February 2018

Notification of acceptance: 15th March 2018

Deadline for final paper submission: 15th May 2018

For any enquiries regarding the programme, please contact:
submissions@africaninnovationsummit.com

We look forward to seeing you at the Africa Innovation Summit 2018!!