



5th Edition of Conference on Cooperatives and the Solidarity Economy

04-07 November 2025

Venue: Quartermain Premier Hotel, Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa [ZA]

CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual conference on cooperatives and the solidarity economy aims to contribute to the body of knowledge on cooperatives and the solidarity economy. It brings together academics and practitioners for the development of a robust knowledge base on the cooperative sector. The conference creates a platform for dialogue among academics, practitioners, and policymakers for the co-creation of fit-for-purpose knowledge that will advance the cooperative agenda.

Conference Activities

1. The conference will be a four-day event with opening and closing plenaries, a learning forum and dedicated paper presentation sessions.
2. A pre-conference workshop will be held a day before the start of the conference with emerging/young researchers to deepen their research skills in studying cooperatives. You can find more details about the workshop on www.aci-ac.org.
3. On the last day of the conference there will be an opportunity for delegates to have an exchange with local cooperatives and social enterprises.

Conference Themes

1. Enablers of the cooperative movement.
2. Leveraging the cooperative model for socio-economic development.
3. Cooperatives, social and solidarity economy.
4. Cooperatives, climate change, resilience, and inclusion.
5. Cooperatives and sustainability.
6. Critical reflections and studies on the 1st and 2nd International Year of Cooperatives (IYC)

We also welcome the submission of panel proposals. It is the responsibility of the person submitting the proposal to invite contributions to the panel. A panel may have up to 40 minutes. Panel proposals can be submitted on the conference website.

All submissions will be subjected to a double-blind peer review. All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings under ISBN: 978-1-0370-3697-2(e-book)

Conference Scientific Committee

Dr Andrew Emmanuel Okem, Africa Cooperatives Institute of SA, South Africa (Chair)
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Mr Sizwe Mkwanazi, University of Johannesburg, South Africa (Programme Chair)
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Call Submission Dates

Draft Paper Submissions Open:	27 January 2025
First Call for Submissions:	28 January – 31 March 2025
Second Call for Submissions (full manuscripts):	7 April – 13 June 2025
CCSE Research Writing Workshop - Online:	5 May 2025
Final Call Submissions:	30 June – 12 September 2025
Hard Deadline for all Submissions	10 October 2025
Early bird Registration end date:	30 June 2025
Final Date for Registration:	30 September 2025

Event Dates

Pre-Conference Webinar:	02 October 2025
New and Emerging Researchers Workshop:	04 November 2024
CCSE 2025 Learning Forum and Local Exchange Tour:	05 November 2025
Conference:	06-07 November 2025

The Submission Process

The conference has two pathways to submission. Authors can submit an abstract or a draft paper. The following steps are followed in each of the pathways.

Abstract Pathway

- Author submits an abstract (400 words)
- The abstract is sent for review.
- Once received, the review feedback is sent to the author(s).
- If accepted, the author(s) must submit a full draft paper within 3 weeks of receiving feedback and the draft paper must be submitted before the closing date for submissions.
- Paper is sent for review, and final feedback is shared with author(s).

Full Draft Paper Pathway

- The author submits a full draft paper in line with the conference manuscript guidelines.
- The paper is sent for review.
- Reviewer reports are received, and feedback is sent to author(s).
- If accepted, the author(s) must implement any recommendations and submit the final draft.

Fees

The conference provides two fee strands. These are the early bird fees and standard rates. Early bird fees are valid until 30th August 2025. The breakdown is provided below.

Fee Type	Young and Emerging Scholars	Authors	Guests
Early Bird Fees	110 USD	215 USD	100 USD
Standard Fees	150 USD*	250 USD	120 USD

All conference participants will gain access to proceedings and to all conference sessions.

- The standard fees will apply from 30th August 2025

Abstract/Paper submission: Please download the abstract submission template from the conference website and submit your paper at www.aci-ac.org under the CCSE tab. All submissions must be made via the conference website.

Conference & Workshop Venue: All the events and activities of the conference will take in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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