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Theme

Environmental Economics and Dynamics of Fair and Sustainable Development: Challenges, Instruments and Perspectives

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SCHEDULE

<p>Call for Papers Launch Abstract Submission Deadline Notification of Acceptance Full Paper Submission Deadline Conference Dates</p>	<p>February 2, 2026 April 8, 2026 (midnight) May 7, 2026 May 20, 2026 (midnight) June 26–27, 2026</p>
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AGRUMENT

In a global context defined by climate urgency, ecosystem degradation, and socio-economic challenges, environmental and ecological economics have become essential pillars for designing sustainable public policies and transforming development models. Confronted with profound and accelerating planetary changes -driven by climate change, biodiversity loss, pressure on water resources, and multiplying risks- the scientific community and policymakers must combine efforts to address these civilizational threats. This collective determination is embodied in political commitments like the Paris Agreement (2015), the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the European Green Deal (2019), which together aim to build fairer, more sustainable, and more resilient pathways for growth.

In Africa, these challenges take on a particularly critical dimension. Over the past three decades, the continent has been increasingly exposed to severe climate extremes, despite contributing only 3–4% of global greenhouse gas emissions. This situation highlights a profound climate injustice: African countries suffer some of the most severe impacts while their per capita emissions are five to ten times lower than those of industrialized or emerging nations, meaning they pay the highest price.

This climate injustice is compounded by financial injustice. Despite their historical responsibility, industrialized and major emerging economies have not fulfilled key commitments, such as the annual \$100 billion climate finance pledge, leaving vulnerable communities exposed to both climatic and financial peril.

COP30, to be held in Brazil from 10 to 21 November 2025, represents a crucial opportunity to reassess financing mechanisms, redefine responsibilities, and strengthen global commitments. It is imperative that the international community use this moment to secure a just ecological transition by establishing stable financial resources. This is the only way to lift the dual burden of climate and financial injustice that continues to hinder equitable and sustainable development across Africa.

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Several national experiences, though promising, reveal the scale of the remaining challenges. In Morocco, where water stress is acute and droughts are increasingly frequent, an ambitious transition has been launched via a National Sustainable Development Strategy, bolstered by major renewable energy and reforestation programs. Similarly, Senegal- highly exposed to sea-level rise and coastal erosion- has placed sustainability at the core of its Emerging Senegal Plan. Nevertheless, like many in the region, it faces significant financing gaps that constrain its adaptive capacity and limit the scope of its climate commitments.

Consequently, it is imperative to recognize and integrate the decisive contribution of the traditional ecological knowledge and practices upheld by indigenous and local communities. Having developed robust ecosystem management systems over centuries, these communities possess a deep-seated conservation ethic and a refined understanding of natural dynamics, constituting a precious intangible heritage. This heritage offers indispensable conceptual and practical frameworks for designing resilient and sustainable development models that are authentically adapted to local contexts.

It is within this crucial framework that the present international conference seeks to establish a dedicated platform for scientific dialogue and the exchange of experiences, bringing together researchers, experts, institutions, local stakeholders, and holders of traditional knowledge. Its overarching objective is to deepen the understanding of current environmental challenges and to identify concrete economic, financial, and social instruments capable of supporting a just and balanced transition for Africa.

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SCIENTIFIC THEMES

The scientific themes of the conference are structured around the following axes:

- Axis 1:** Inclusive ecological transition and new models of local development
- Axis 2:** Economic and financial instruments in support of the transition
- Axis 3:** Resilient management of common goods: water, biodiversity, and natural capital
- Axis 4:** Innovation, green entrepreneurship, and territorial dynamics
- Axis 5:** Vulnerabilities, climate risks, and resilience mechanisms
- Axis 6:** Multi-level governance, public policies, and environmental justice
- Axis 7:** Social inequalities, gender, and climate justice
- Axis 8:** Anthropogenic pressures: demography, urbanization, and new balances
- Axis 9:** Environmental education, citizen engagement, and behavioural change
- Axis 10:** Environmental and food security: geopolitical issues and conflicts
- Axis 11:** Traditional ecological knowledge, indigenous practices, and the valorisation of cultural heritage

Note: This list of themes is not exhaustive, and we therefore welcome all relevant and constructive proposals.

CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

We invite you to carefully review and strictly adhere to the following instructions.

• **Presentation Languages & Duration of Papers**

- **Accepted languages:** Papers may be presented in **French, English, and/or Arabic**.
- **Duration:** The duration of each paper is strictly limited to 15 minutes. This time constraint is essential to respect the symposium schedule and allow for discussion.

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• **Key Elements of Your Proposal**

- **A title:** Clear, concise, and evocative of the subject.
- **A symposium theme:** Specify the thematic axis in which your paper falls.
- **An abstract: 300 to 500 words.** This abstract should concisely present the research question, methodology, expected or main results, and the conclusion of your paper.
- **A short bio-bibliography:** Briefly present the author(s) (approximately **100-150 words** per person), mentioning your research areas and your main publications or works related to the topic.

• **Submission Deadline**

- **The deadline for submitting your complete proposal is set for:** **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**, at midnight (UTC+1, Morocco Time).

No proposal submitted after this date will be considered.

• **Practical Submission Instructions**

- **Email address for submission:** r.aicha05@gmail.com
- **Submission format:** Please compile all requested information into a single document (preferably in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format) and attach it to an email sent to the address above. The file name must be: "[YOUR LAST NAME]_[Abbreviated Title]" e.g., NAME_Impact of Climate Change.
- **Email subject:** We recommend using the following format for your email subject line: "[Your LAST NAME]: [CIDAIDE1-Abbreviated Title]" e.g., CLOUD: CIDAIDE1- Impact of Climate Change.

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