

Sixth Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development

26 - 28 September, 2018

The [Global Association of Master's in Development Practice Programs \(MDP\)](#), in collaboration with the [Sustainable Development Solutions Network \(SDSN\)](#), will hold the [Sixth Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development \(ICSD\)](#) on 26-28 September, 2018, at Columbia University in New York City.

If you would like to present at the conference, you must submit an abstract as directed below. The conference is also open to observers (i.e. non-presenters). Simply register on the conference website to join us.

The conference theme is **Breaking Down Silos: Fostering Collaborative Action on the SDGs**. The aim of the conference is to bring together persons involved in research, policy, practice, and business. Participants will share practical solutions for achieving the SDGs at local and national levels. Abstracts should be **directly relevant** to one of the following Topics. We have a large number of Topics on offer this year, several focusing on **specific SDGs (listed in order)**:

1. Linking Policy, Operations, and Workforce toward Meeting Global Health Goals
2. Opportunities of Marine Natural Capital for Sustainable Blue Growth
3. Metrics and frameworks for assessing Sustainable Urban Development
4. Ensuring Public Engagement and Accountability for Sustainable Urban Development
5. Climate Change Adaptation in Coastal Towns and Small Cities
6. Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Building in Agriculture
7. Economics and Demography of Natural Disasters
8. Clean and Affordable Energy as a Keystone for Sustainable Development
9. Globalization, Value Chains and Decent Work
10. Indigenous Approaches to Understanding and Practicing Sustainable Development
11. Mainstreaming Gender in Agenda 2030: Interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goals
12. Breaking Down Silos in Government Administration
13. Breaking Down Silos in Universities: Imaginative Interdisciplinary Approaches to Sustainable Development Research, Education, and Practice
14. Collaborative Arts & Culture to Help Achieve the SDGs
15. What's Law Got to Do With It? Legal Preparedness for Delivering the SDGs

Interested presenters should submit an abstract of at least 300 words but not exceeding 500 words, in English, by 1 May, 2018, via the conference website. Each abstract may only be submitted once and

under one Topic. **Failure to answer questions on the submission form or the submission of the same abstract under multiple topics is likely to result in the abstract being declined.**

The scientific committee will review abstracts and send all decision letters by 30 May 2018. Abstracts can be accepted as either poster or oral (i.e. PowerPoint) presentations. Presenters invited to give oral presentations must submit a full paper by 1 August, 2018, in order to maintain their position in the program. Presenters failing to submit full papers will be moved to poster presentations. Presenters who do not register before the 1 September 2018 deadline may also forfeit their spot in the agenda.

Abstract Timeline

1 March 2018	Call for Abstracts Open
1 May 2018	Deadline for Submission of Abstracts
1 June 2018	Abstract Decision Letters Emailed
1 August 2018	Full Papers Due (For Accepted Abstracts Only)
1 September 2018	Registration Deadline for Presenters

[Visit our online portal to submit your abstract.](#)