INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

AI-Augmented Pathways to Sustainable Development

Reimagining Economy, Society, and Governance for an Inclusive Future

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Conference Overview

Artificial intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative general-purpose technology, reshaping production systems, governance mechanisms, and social

relations worldwide. This international conference brings together scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to critically examine how AI can be aligned with sustainable development goals while ensuring equitable, ethical, and inclusive outcomes.

Conference Focus: AI augmentation—emphasizing AI as a complementary capability that enhances human judgment, institutional effectiveness, and collective problem-solving for sustainable development.

Purpose & Scope

The conference aims to:

- Advance theory-driven and empirically grounded research on AI-enabled sustainable development

- Encourage interdisciplinary engagement across economics, management, public policy, environmental studies, and data science

- Foster dialogue between scholarship, policy, and practice

- Support doctoral and early-career researchers through mentoring and publication opportunities

- Generate high-quality academic and policy outputs, including edited volumes, special journal issues, and policy briefs

Conference Tracks
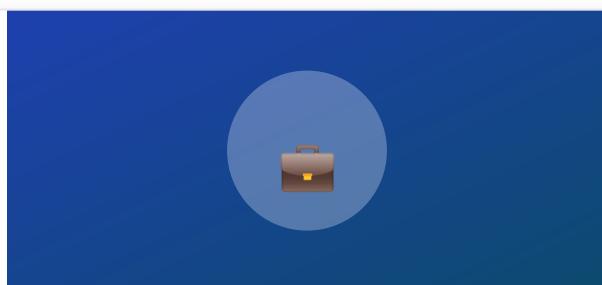
Track 1: AI & Sustainable Economic Transformation

Productivity, green growth, sustainable finance, industrial policy, labour markets.

Track 2: AI-Enabled Governance & Public Policy

Digital governance, evidence-based policymaking, regulatory frameworks, transparency.
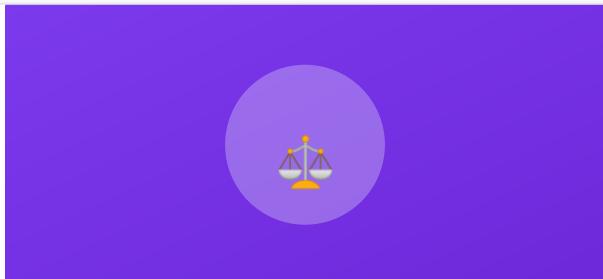
Track 3: Ethics, Equity & Inclusive Development

Algorithmic bias, digital divides, gender and social inclusion, ethical AI frameworks.

Track 4: AI, Environment & Climate Action

Climate modelling, environmental monitoring, biodiversity conservation, energy transitions.
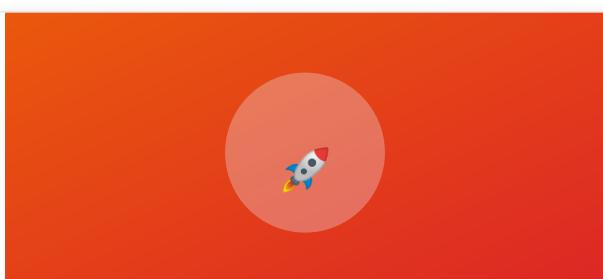
Track 5: Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Regional Development

Startups, MSMEs, innovation ecosystems, Industry 4.0, AI-enabled regional development.
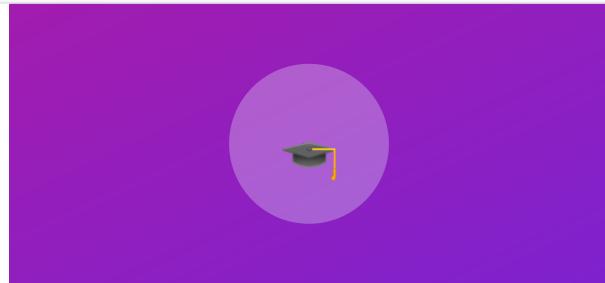
Track 6: AI in Higher Education & Knowledge Systems

AI-enabled pedagogy, research processes, academic governance, knowledge transformation.

Call for Papers

Submission Types

- Empirical research papers (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods)

- Conceptual and theory-building papers

- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses

- Policy-oriented and institutional analyses

- Case-based studies with analytical depth

Submission Format

Extended Abstracts: 800–1,000 words, clearly outlining research questions, theoretical framing, data/methodology, and expected contributions.

Full Papers: Prepared in standard academic format.

Submission: Send to **ai.sdg.conference2324@gmail.com**

Important Dates

20 January 2026

Submission Deadline

Submit your extended abstracts or full papers

31 January 2026

Notification of Acceptance

Authors notified of acceptance decisions

23-24 February 2026

Conference Dates

International conference at GNDU, Amritsar

Special Opportunities

Doctoral & Early-Career Researcher Colloquium

Doctoral scholars and early-career researchers are encouraged to participate and benefit from:

- Structured feedback on research design and theory development

- Publication mentoring by senior scholars and journal editors

- Recognition through best paper and best doctoral paper awards

Publication Opportunities

Selected high-quality papers will be considered for:

- Edited volumes with reputed academic publishers

- Special issues of peer-reviewed international journals

- Policy briefs and white papers

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