



The Belmont Forum, Future Earth and Future Africa at the University of Pretoria: Call for SRI2022 session proposals

The invitation to submit session proposals for the Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress 2022 (**SRI2022**) is open!

This call for session proposals is open to groups composed of anyone working in sustainability science and practice, which includes the research sector, government, business, philanthropy, art, and civil society. The second edition of the SRI Congress will be held at the Future Africa Institute and Campus at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, June 20-24, 2022, and online.

Get involving in shaping the program of SRI2022, which will consist of over 100 online and hybrid international sessions and events, highlighting the latest research and innovation in the field of sustainability. The first SRI Congress, SRI2021, held in June 2021, brought together over 700 speakers and more than 2000 participants from 100 countries.

For this call, we accept proposals on the **four Congress themes:**

Nexus issues

Novel perspectives looking at critical intersections in multiple areas including but not restricted to sustainable food systems and human wellbeing; resilience, adaptation and addressing risk; evidence-based and actionable contributions to the SDGs and beyond; narratives of progress, wealth, and well-being; water, food, energy, society; resources use efficiency.

Different ways of knowing

Recognizing that knowledge is versatile, SRI2022 explores the various ways of understanding, conceptualizing, and learning about the world. An inclusive approach to knowledge will dramatically broaden the spectrum of solutions available for action-forward sustainability work.

New horizons

Sustainability is about our relationship with the future, and SRI2022 seeks to explore emerging issues and trends that shape our world tomorrow. In a time of rapid change, looking ahead is more important than ever. What are the challenges and solutions that might surprise us? How can we get ahead of the curve and build our preparedness and resilience? How to predict the unpredictable? Who are the new players and what are the unlikely coalitions? Under this theme, we are particularly open to new and unexpected ideas.

African science and innovation (Cross-cutting theme)

One of the key objectives of SRI2022 is to showcase the richness of African science and innovation in sustainability. From tested local solutions to advanced academic research, the African continent has a wealth of knowledge and innovation to offer globally. In addition, SRI2022 is hoping to strengthen the inter-African dialogue and networks by offering an inclusive platform for increased visibility and collaboration.

We are particularly interested in supporting contributions from young and early career professionals and researchers, indigenous groups, and participants from low- and middle-income countries.

Proposals can be submitted in English, French, Japanese, Mandarin and Spanish. We accept proposals for both online and hybrid sessions. Explore the Congress themes, session types, submission guidelines and selection criteria on our website.

Submission deadline is February 5, 2022, at 23:59 SAST (UTC +2).

Please also note that we will be organizing two informational webinars for anyone interested in submitting a session proposal. **These webinars will take place on December 9, 2021, at 09:00 SAST (UTC+2) and 17:00 SAST (UTC+2).**

Access information here: [Submit a Session Proposal - SRI2022](#)

Mark your calendars! More information coming soon!