

ACIST 2020

Theme: *Digital Technologies for a Smart Africa*

Dates: 2nd - 4th July 2020

Venue: Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Call for Submissions

Continuous innovations in information and communications technologies (ICTs) across the world are increasing the pace of the creation and dissemination of digital information in Africa. Alongside this is the increasing adoption of smart ICTs that are capable of adaptations to the environment and modifications of behaviours and entire societies. Smartness also includes capabilities for sensing and learning from the environment to complement human efforts.

The 2020 (6th) proceedings of ACIST focuses on how African societies are leveraging and can leverage the smart capabilities in digital technologies to address organizational and societal challenges. Technology-enabled solutions offer solutions to many of these challenges. Technology-based solutions facilitate solutions in areas such as:

- Resource exploitation and allocation
- Citizen engagement
- Infrastructure enhancement
- Public and private decision making
- Human capabilities extension
- Business innovation
- Social services delivery

Against this backdrop, ACIST 2020 seeks to discuss the role of information systems and technology (IST) research and education in the relationship between digital technologies and a smart Africa. We invite you to participate in ACIST 2020 through this call for completed papers, research-in-progress papers or posters, position papers, panel discussion topics, and exhibition posters on topics that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Digital Innovation
- Blockchain technologies
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Smart Technologies and Development
- Sustainable (Green) ICTs
- ICT and Organisational Structuring
- Smart Devices and Mobile Ecosystems
- Internet and IS Development
- Smart Networks and Collaborations
- Information Systems Management
- Digital Society, Knowledge and Identity
- ICT Curriculum and Education
- Philosophy & Methods in IS Research
- ICT and Social Inclusion/Exclusion
- Digital Platforms and Smartness
- Ubiquitous Computing
- Big Data and Business Intelligence
- Cloud and Smart Computing
- Smart Cities & Wireless Communications
- Smart Government and Smart Business
- Smart Collaborations & Crowdsourcing
- ICT in the Oil and Gas Industry
- Information and Computer Security
- Decision Support Systems
- Human Behaviour and ICT
- ICT-Enabled Services

As we prepare for the conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, it is hoped that IST researchers in Africa and elsewhere will think creatively, broadly, and provocatively about *Digital Technologies for A Smart Africa* from many different theoretical, philosophical, policy and practical perspectives.

Paper submissions will be subjected to double-blind reviews by at least two Programme Committee members. Accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings with **ISSN 2467-8988**; and will be considered for further review and publication in the [African Journal of Information Systems](#) with [ISSN 1936-0282](#) (alternatively [you can also click here](#)).

IMPORTANT DATES

2 nd – 4 th July 2020	Conference Days
10 th March 2020	Call for Submissions
18 th May 2020	Deadline for Submission of Full Papers, Research-in-Progress Posters, Panel Discussion Topics, Exhibition Requests
30 th May 2019	Notification of acceptance or rejection of Full Papers, Research-in-Progress Posters, Panel Discussion Topics, Exhibition Request
20 th June 2019	Deadline for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of Camera-ready Papers • Early-bird Registration

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