



**16<sup>TH</sup>** Globelics  
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Conference  
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## **16<sup>th</sup> GLOBELICS International Conference ACCRA 2018**

**Innovation, Economic Growth and Sustainable  
Development: Strengthening Institutions for  
Greater Relevance, Effectiveness and Inclusivity**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

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## Background

The Global Network for the Economics of Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems (GLOBELICS) is an open and diverse community of scholars working on innovation and competence building in the context of economic development. The major purpose of the network is to contribute to building capacity and create a forum for exchange worldwide in the innovation and development research field. It was conceived at the very beginning of the new millennium. Inspired by the work of Christopher Freeman and Richard Nelson, the network was initially built on conversations among scholars in the South and in the North and developed by economists and experts in innovation systems.

Over time, the network has integrated expertise from a wider social science background and experts on broader aspects of development. The network comprises of more than 2000 scholars engaged in research on how innovation and competence building contribute to economic and sustainable development. The network is open and diverse in terms of disciplines, perspectives and research tools. The Network has various events including PhD academies and Conferences. The Conference, which is an annual event is a natural incubator for international research projects and a meeting place where project groups with worldwide participation meet, present and coordinate their research work. The Conference brings together over 300 leading and young scholars from all over the world and aims at building research capacity and orienting research toward the local challenges of the host country.

## The Globelics International Conference 2018

The 16<sup>th</sup> Globelics Conference will be held in Accra, Ghana, hosted by the ***CSIR-Science and Technology Policy Research Institute (STEPRI)*** at ***Mensvic Grand Hotel*** in collaboration with Africalics.

Ghana is the fourth African country after South Africa, Senegal and Ethiopia to host the GLOBELICS annual Conference. This presents an opportunity to showcase Ghana, a politically stable country, which is currently undergoing a number of transformations to modernise its economy and create jobs. There is a government agenda to create an industry in every district to generate jobs and improve livelihoods especially in the rural areas. The output of the Conference is expected to contribute immensely to the options of the government in achieving this flagship project dubbed “one district one factory”.

The conference will combine plenary sessions, presentations of research papers in parallel tracks, thematic panel sessions, special sessions, poster presentations, symposia and exhibition on industrial research in Ghana and Africa, as well as innovative start-ups presentations, sightseeing and cultural tours.

## Conference Theme

The main Conference theme for Globelics 2018 is ***Innovation, Economic Growth and Sustainable Development: Strengthening Institutions for Greater Relevance, Effectiveness and Inclusivity.***

The conference invites papers addressing the role of different types of actors such as the State, local or traditional authorities, global networks, universities and research institutions, private sector, non-governmental organisations / civil society organisations and media in generating innovation, building capacity and strengthening institutions for sustainable development and inclusive growth. In particular, it aims to explore new approaches to understand innovations and institutional transformations within countries, across different economic sectors, and different operation level (macro, meso and micro), without losing sight of contextual gender disparities.

The conference will also consider the need to tackle new challenges related to innovation and capacity building in addition to inclusive development in knowledge and political systems. The conference also welcomes papers studying how development policies can be implemented at different levels and across different countries to innovate out of emerging crisis of climate change, “resource curse”, youth unemployment, poverty, health and gender inequalities.

## Conference Tracks

Accepted papers will be organized around parallel paper tracks encompassing the following sub-themes:

1. Science, technology, innovation and the sustainable development goals: Policy and Practice
2. Agricultural innovation systems: Addressing the poverty challenge
3. University relationships with industry, policy and society: the developmental university
4. Intellectual property rights, open innovation and development
5. National, regional and local innovation systems
6. Renewable energy: innovating inclusive and resilient infrastructure
7. Sectoral innovation systems: technology policy and catch-up
8. Creative industries, smart cities and sustainable urban development
9. Trade, FDI, value chains and innovation networks
10. Entrepreneurship, youth employment and innovation management
11. The role of innovation in overcoming the resource curse: prescriptive models for sustainable growth
12. Innovation for Inclusive development: Indigenous knowledge, informal economy and micro and inform small enterprises
13. The gender dimension of innovation and development
14. Improving the quality of life: Sustainable healthcare, water and sanitation innovation systems
15. Empirical methodologies, data requirements, indicators, different approaches and methodologies

## Important dates

Call for papers	January 19, 2018
Open for submission of papers	February 26, 2018
Deadline for submission of papers	April 1, 2018
Acceptance notification	May 14, 2018
Deadline for application for travel support	April 1, 2018
Response to applicants for travel support	May 15, 2018
Conference registration	June 15, 2018
Conference registration deadline	July 15, 2018
Last date for upload of final version of paper	September 15, 2018

## Paper submission

We encourage scholars in the scientific institutions, universities, private enterprises and public sector institutions to take this opportunity to present their work under the sub-themes to leading scholars in the field of innovation and development. We especially encourage young researchers to submit papers in the relevant sub-thematic tracks.

Papers for oral presentations and poster presentation must be written in English, and the selected ones must be presented at the conference in English. Submission of full paper (in PDF) **not exceeding 12,000 words** (including notes, tables, appendices, list of references, etc.) should be made from **February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018** via the online submission form available at the Conference website, [www.globelicsconference2018.org](http://www.globelicsconference2018.org). **Papers must be submitted no later than April 1, 2018.**

The selection of papers is based on a peer review process that focuses on relevance, academic quality and originality. Globelics reserves the right to use available software to control for plagiarism and to take appropriate action in such cases.

## Travel support

Faculty members and PhD students from developing countries with accepted papers to the conference can apply for travel support. Application for travel support must be submitted at the same time as submission of paper (**not later than April 1, 2018**). Further information on procedure for application of travel support is available on the Conference website.

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