



**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS  
AFRICAN GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE  
2-5 MAY, 2017  
ENTEBBE, UGANDA**

**Conservation and Development in a Changing Climate**

**Background**

The Nature Conservancy's African Great Lakes Project is organizing an international conference that will take place from 2-5 May, 2017 in Entebbe, Uganda. The objective of the conference is to bring together stakeholders to link science and best practices to solutions for conservation and sustainable development of the African Great Lakes, in order to increase coordination, strengthen capacity, inform policy and management with science, and promote basin-scale ecosystem management in the region. The African Great Lakes Conference organizers invite abstracts for oral and poster presentations from scientists, conservation practitioners and resource managers that focus on one or more of the conference sub-themes:

- Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity Benefits
- Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Management
- Climate Change Impacts, Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience
- Population Dynamics, Health, and the Environment
- Balancing Conservation and Development
- Basin Governance and Financing

**African Great Lakes Region**

Spanning an area of 850,000 km<sup>2</sup>, the region boasts high biological diversity, and its ecosystems sustain more than 50 million people in parts of 12 nations: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. The region's seven major lake basins are Lake Albert, Lake Edward, Lake Kivu, Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa, Lake Tanganyika, Lake Turkana and Lake Victoria. Much of the region is characterized by growing populations and poverty that forces agriculture into fragile ecosystems, as well as a growing energy demand that results in deforestation and habitat degradation of globally significant species. In addition, pollution, a lack of clean water supply, limited access to health care services and climate change, pose critical challenges for communities. For the first time in almost two decades, a diverse group consisting of national government resource agencies, lake basin management groups, multi-lateral agencies, academic institutions, the private sector and non-governmental organizations, will share regional perspectives on aquaculture, agriculture, hydropower, fishing, transportation, extractives and tourism. The conference will facilitate commitments and collaboration to combat challenges to human and lake health and its platform will provide a channel for communities, governments and businesses to explore funding for innovative, effective sustainable resource management and integrated development solutions for the African Great Lakes region. For more details, visit the [African Great Lakes Conference](#) website.

**General Submission Guidelines**

The abstracts should be enlightening and relevant, informed by experience, practice, policy, and research, and demonstrate application to environmental management, health, development, and conservation in African Great Lakes Basins. The abstract should be concise and summarize the significant findings of the paper/presentation. For researchers, abstracts will be selected based on their scientific merit and on their relations to the sub-themes. Authors should address the objective of the conference and relate to sub-

theme summaries listed under [Conference Themes](#). For practitioners, abstracts will be selected based on demonstration of practicality, experience and replicability of lessons across and beyond the region.

### **Abstract Submission**

- Abstracts must be submitted via email to [info@greatlakesofafrica.org](mailto:info@greatlakesofafrica.org);
- Authors are requested to choose a sub-theme(s) for their abstract;
- Abstracts must be written in English;
- All abstracts must be sent as Word documents;
- Authors have full responsibility to submit a correct abstract;
- A maximum of two abstracts may be submitted per lead author;
- Authors submitting an abstract to one or two regular session(s) can indicate whether it should be considered for poster presentation if not accepted for the regular session.

### **Abstract Structure**

All abstracts should be submitted in Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, double-line spacing. The abstract summary is limited to 250 words, including 4 keywords. Abstracts should be structured in one of the following formats:

- Standard Format: Introduction and Objectives, Methods, Results and Conclusion;
- Qualitative Research Studies: Introduction, Methods, Findings, Discussion and Recommendations;
- Experiential & Practice (for practitioners and policymakers): Introduction, Action, Outcome, Replication Possibilities, Discussion and Recommendations;
- Historical Survey: Introduction, Approach, Findings and Discussion.

### **Poster Submission**

- Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts for consideration as posters in English or French;
- All of the above instructions for abstract submissions also apply for poster submissions.

### **Paper Submission**

If accepted for presentation, authors will be required to submit a full paper for peer review. Papers will either be placed on the African Great Lakes website, published in a journal, or both. Authors that wish be published in a journal are encouraged to follow standards and requirements of journals in which they are interested to publish their work. Journal preference should be indicated during submission. Selected papers will have to an opportunity to be published in journals such as:

- Journal of Great Lakes Research (via Special issue);
- Lakes and Reservoirs: Research and Management.
- Fisheries Management and Ecology

### **Important Dates**

- December 10, 2016: Call for Abstracts announced;
- January 30, 2017: Deadline for submission of abstracts;
- February 1-15, 2017: Technical review of abstracts;
- February 28, 2017: Authors notified if abstract is accepted for presentation or poster;
- March 30, 2017: Deadline for submission of full paper;
- April 15, 2017: Deadline for submission of presentation;
- April 30, 2017: Deadline for addressing reviewer comments.

**Funding**

We encourage authors whose papers or posters are accepted to seek funding for participation in the conference. Partial funding will be available for select authors and presenters based on need.

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