

Call for Abstracts

Third ICSD Africa Branch Colloquium

24-25 June 2026
Nairobi, Kenya



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The solutions to Africa's persistent and complex development challenges lie fundamentally within the continent itself. It is therefore imperative that scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and civil society actors across Africa convene to critically engage with these challenges and advance contextually grounded social development transformative solutions. Against this backdrop, the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) Africa Branch will host its Third Colloquium under the theme:

African Solutions to Achieving the Vision of the Doha Political Declaration

The colloquium is convened in the wake of the Second World Summit for Social Development, held in Doha, Qatar, in November 2025 and provides a critical African platform to examine how the summit commitments can be realised within diverse African contexts through locally grounded, evidence-based, and socially just approaches.

Abstracts are invited for papers that provide empirical insight into African social development innovations that engage with the Doha Declaration, and specifically with one or more of the following priority areas:

- Eradicating poverty
- Promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Advancing social integration
- Addressing the social development skills and human capital loss in Africa

We invite abstracts that focus on empirical research on African innovations, emphasising rigorous analysis rather than merely showcasing programmes or initiatives. Submissions should highlight the novelty of the innovation, explain what makes it unique or significant within its context, and describe how it was designed, including the evidence or research that informed its development. Authors should detail the research methodology, provide empirical evidence of outcomes and observe impacts, and discuss the implications of their findings for social development, theory, policy-making and novel solutions within the African context.

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Important Dates:

- 10 April 2026 – Deadline for Submission of Abstracts
- 20 April 2026 – Notification of Acceptance
- 24–25 June 2026 – ICSD Africa Branch Colloquium

The colloquium is organised as a **pre-conference event** of the 2026 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development (SWSD 2026), themed “Harambee for Sustainable Shared Futures.”

The colloquium will be limited to 70 participants. Participation will therefore be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration fee is \$50 and details regarding registration, payment and confirmation will be provided upon acceptance of abstracts.