



# Climate-U

Transforming Universities  
for a Changing Climate



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## Climate-U Network Conference Higher Education and the Climate Crisis

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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**24-27 September, 2024**

**Venue: Kenyatta University  
Conference Centre,  
Nairobi, Kenya / online**

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#### Programme:

**24<sup>th</sup> September**

Student-led activities

**25<sup>th</sup> September**

Workshops

**26<sup>th</sup> September**

Research papers, symposia and poster presentations

**27<sup>th</sup> September**

Policy dialogue (morning) and excursions (afternoon)

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#### Important dates & contact

- **Submission of abstracts and proposals**  
(workshop, oral and poster presentations)  
24<sup>h</sup> May, 2024
- **Notification on acceptance**  
14<sup>st</sup> June, 2024
- **Registration opens**  
01<sup>st</sup> June, 2024

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## Conference Information

The [Climate-U network](#) brings together universities from around the world committed to working together to address the climate crisis. The network was born out of the Climate-U project (Transforming Universities for a Changing Climate) which ran from February 2020 - January 2024, funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund.

The aim of the network is to strengthen climate action and sustainability efforts within each institution and collaboratively given that the sustainability challenges traverse sectors and regions. Universities are central to the transformation of societies, through their unique role in professional development, knowledge production and public debate. While there has been increasing attention to the active role universities can play in recent years, and many institutions have made commitments to achieving carbon neutrality and just transitions, there is still a significant knowledge gap.

Building on the [Higher Education and the Climate Crisis](#) event held in London in October 2023, this conference provides a space for debate, exchange of ideas and sharing of new research on diverse aspects of the higher education-climate crisis-sustainability axis. It offers a platform for a range of activities that will include interactive seminars, workshops, research papers and poster presentations featuring interdisciplinary perspectives from prominent speakers and decision-makers in climate education.

The mode of the conference will be blended with both in-person events to be held at the Kenyatta University Conference Centre, Nairobi, and virtual participation.

We welcome submissions for presentations from academics, practitioners, activists, early career researchers and students. Please review the submission requirements for abstract proposals overleaf.



## Conference sub-themes

1. Transdisciplinary approaches to addressing the Climate Crisis in Higher Education
2. Sustainable Campus Initiatives and Best Practices
3. Climate Justice, Intersectionality, Equity and Higher Education
4. Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives on the Climate Crisis
5. Student Activism and Engagement for Climate Action
6. Climate Communication, Policy, and Public Engagement Strategies
7. The Role of Higher Education Institutions in Advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
8. Sustainable Development and Community Partnerships.

## Invitation to submit a proposal

All abstracts should be submitted to [greeneducationhub@ku.ac.ke](mailto:greeneducationhub@ku.ac.ke) by Friday, 24th May 2024

We welcome submissions for presentations from academics, practitioners, activists, early career researchers and students. The following types of submission are welcomed:

- **Individual paper**  
Empirical research or theoretical paper to be presented in parallel sessions
- **Symposium**  
Grouping of three or four paper presentations around a common theme
- **Workshop**  
Hands-on, participatory session led by a facilitator/s
- **Poster**  
Presentation of research in visual form inviting small group discussions
- **Artistic engagement**  
Including poetry, music, visual arts and short films.

## Registration fees

- In person attendance – \$100 (USD)
- Online participation – \$50 (USD)
- Students (in person or online) – \$50 (USD)

Registration will open **01<sup>st</sup> June, 2024**, with full details and where to register provided on the [conference website](#).

## Submission requirements

All submissions should contain the following information:

- Names, affiliations and contact details of all authors
- Indicate which is the presenting author
- Indicate which of the sub-themes the presentation relates to (or the open strand)
- Indicate whether in-person or virtual

- **Individual paper**  
Abstract of 250 words
- **Symposium**  
overview of 200 words followed by title and 100 word summary of each of the constituent papers.
- **Workshop**  
overview of 250 words. The proposal should indicate the objectives of the workshop, target audience and expected number of participants.
- **Poster**  
Abstract of 150 words
- **Artistic engagement**  
either the output itself or a short description.