

#TheAfricaWeWant

Call for videos to showcase emerging thought leaders in sustainable development

Background

The International Summit on the SDGs in Africa 2021, will be an online international event hosted by the University of Cape Town, South Africa from 13 to 15th September 2021. The key aim of the Summit is to mobilise collaborative efforts that will accelerate African-led activities in support of achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063. The latter is Africa's blueprint and master plan for transforming Africa into the global powerhouse of the future and it comprises 20 goals, 15 of which are linked to one or more of the 17 SDGs. See [here](#) how they link.

Call

We hereby invite postgraduate students (master's and doctoral students) from all fields of research to participate in and contribute to the Summit, by submitting 3-minute videos showcasing how their research addresses **#TheAfricaWeWant**. The video recording should speak to the impact of the student's research and how it is accelerating the achievement of the SDGs and Agenda 2063. The best videos will be showcased during the Summit and prizes will be awarded based on Summit attendees' voting.

The International Summit on the SDGs in Africa will be run across seven thematic tracks, and applicants are required to identify the track that their research falls under and indicate this on submission. It is recommended, but not compulsory, to refer to the list of SDG targets and indicators.

Applicants are encouraged to be creative and should aim to submit a video that will capture the audience's attention. The intention is to communicate remarkable contributions of research to a wider non-expert audience who are in grips with the developmental discourse in Africa and the world at large.

Requirements

1. Length of video should be maximum three minutes.
2. All videos must be accompanied by a 200-word narrative comprising: institutional affiliation, title, brief introduction, aims and how the video fits in with a specific Summit [thematic track](#) (TT).
3. Videos can be uploaded in MP4 or MOV or AVI format.
4. Video title, applicant's name and institutional affiliation should appear in the first screen of the video.
5. All videos should be in English or have English subtitles.
6. Only one video per participant is permissible.
7. Videos should be tailored to a non-scientific or non-academic audience, i.e., please use non-technical language
8. Creativity and engagement are encouraged.
9. Specific and tangible examples required.

Submission instructions

1. Fill in the [registration form](#) and select "*video submission for emerging thought leaders in sustainable development*" to upload your video.
2. Upload your video with the naming convention: TT[number 1-7]_Surname_Name, e.g. TT5_Smith_Joe (i.e. *thematic track 5_Smith_Joe*).
3. Upload a 200-word narrative (must be in English).
4. No submissions by email will be accepted.

Key Dates

Submissions open: **Friday, 13 August 2021**

Deadline for submission: **Wednesday, 4 September 2021, 5pm SAST**

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