
CONFERENCE THEMES

The three guiding themes of the conference will allow to discuss and to identify challenges and gaps to improve the contribution of scientific research to poverty reduction.

Theme 1: "Appropriate Technology"? Needs and Participation

This theme will focus on how to ensure that technologies for sustainable development are more effectively appropriated whilst responding to the social needs and the realities of the beneficiaries. Full papers and posters will need to reflect on such questions as:

- What defines "appropriate" technology?
- How did the research support the development of such an appropriate technology?
- How were the beneficiaries involved in the development of the technology?
- How did the beneficiaries accept to use the technology?
- How did the research take into account the social and beneficiaries needs?
- How do we ensure participation of the concerned stakeholders?
- How can research be better adapted to contexts?

Theme 2: Towards a Sustainable Integrated Development? Partnerships and Systems

This theme will discuss interdisciplinary research and the establishment of partnerships in a cross disciplinary way (i.e., involvement of stakeholders from diverse sectors: civil society, international organizations, decision makers, private sector, etc.). Full papers and posters will need to reflect on such questions as:

- What kind of system can be developed to encourage and implement an interdisciplinary approach?
- How can these partnerships help new directions for research, knowledge and capacity development needs related to sustainable technology?
- What kind of mechanism can support a multidisciplinary implementation and sustainable development?
- What kind of partnership can ensure economic, social and environmental long term system supported by technologies?

Theme 3: Technology: Transfer or Co-creation? Knowledge Sharing and Empowerment

This theme will explore ways of improving transfer and supporting co-creation of technologies. It will reflect on which methods and instruments are the most appropriate to guarantee the sustainability of the transfer, analyze its impact on society and what can be done to promote the exchange of knowledge. Full papers and posters will need to reflect on such questions as:

- What can be done for a better co-creation of technology?
- How can we better exchange North-South and South-South knowledge?
- How can local knowledge be valorized in scientific research?
- How can we improve intellectual cooperation and information diffusion?
- What can be done to exchange best practices?

These themes will define the sessions at the conference and will lead to a **Round Table** including presentations and debates around the question: **Is technology enough for a pro poor development?**