



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

## Call for Abstracts on Human Systems Transitions & Planetary Health

### Background

The [Institute for Climate Change and Adaptation \(ICCA\)](#), University of Nairobi, is partnering with the [Mawazo Institute](#) to host a climate week-long campaign through a series of virtual and in-person events around the theme **'Human Systems Transitions & Planetary Health'**. The events are scheduled to take place between 22 – 25 March 2022.

In the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) that was launched on 28 February 2022, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recognizes the centrality of planetary health in the human systems - ecosystem transitions interface even as societies strive to adapt to, maladapt, or mitigate climate change. This year, we focus on solutions and impact-oriented, transdisciplinary fields, and social movements that seek to evaluate the link human systems transitions have with planetary health.

During the climate week, the activities, co-designed by the two institutes, will focus on;

1. Encouraging and building transformative community networks among researchers, practitioners, and policy-makers.
2. Fostering thought-leadership and activating new thinking around approaches to Climate Change, by increasing and deepening awareness on the criticality of Planetary Health as a field.
3. Perception influence on the themes and topics covered that can translate into changes in behaviour at the individual, institutional, and systemic levels.

### Abstract submission is currently open.

Submissions will be done via e-mail to [icca@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:icca@uonbi.ac.ke)

### Important Dates & Information

**Thematic Areas:** Risks & Risk Governance; Human behavior, Impacts, & Planetary Health; Transformational/Contextualized Adaptation Science; Equity and Justice; Knowledge Perspectives & Human Capacity; Technology & Planetary Health; and Financing for Human Systems Transitions & Planetary Health.

**Call Targets:** PhD students, scholars / academics, impact researchers & practitioners, and institutions / organizations across Africa & the Global South.

**Deadline:** 10 March 2022

**Notification of Accepted Abstracts:** 14 March 2022

**Climate Week Campaign:** 22 – 25 March 2022

**Campaign Venue:** Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace & Environmental Studies, University of Nairobi (Kapenguria Road, Upper Kabete).

### **Guidelines for Abstracts Submission**

We invite abstracts for impact scientific and critical research as well as transformative practices that are important for understanding planetary health and its various implications. The call is suited for evidence that was gained through plurality of knowledge systems, methodological reflexivity, and other ethnographic means than scientific research or evaluation.

We recommend the following:

1. A summary of the research/issue(s)/best practice addressed by the abstract. Indicate the purpose and objective of the research, the hypothesis that was tested or a description of the problem being analyzed or evaluated, and the methods applied.
2. A brief description of the best impact research/ practice in form of new thinking, intervention, or planetary research as advocacy or activism;
3. A summary of key findings, lessons learnt in the form of what worked well, how, through what innovative approaches, and what can be improved;
4. Implications of the research or practice or policy. For example, what this mean to the southern theory, gender and research, and climate justice and equity among others
5. What Next? Possible next steps for implementation, or recommendations for policy or collective actions around Planetary Health.

#### **Note:**

Please provide authors' full contact and institutional affiliations. Priority will be given to abstracts with a heavy touch of transdisciplinarity. The abstract text body is limited to 300 words. Titles are limited to 50 words.

In a separate document, provide the authors' brief profiles; and submit to [icca@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:icca@uonbi.ac.ke)