

International Symposium on Drylands Ecology and Human Security (ISDEHS)

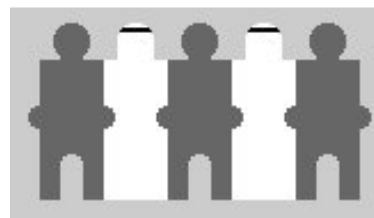
Regional Perspectives, Policy Responses and Sustainable Development in the Arab Region - Challenges and Opportunities

Dubai, December 4-7, 2006

Call for Submissions

Researchers from academia, civil society organizations and governmental institutions are invited to submit abstracts that deepen our understanding of the environmental concerns in drylands as well as reposition the ongoing desertification debate within the context of human security.

We do not wish to waste your time by giving you lots of instructions about how to format your abstract – however out of fairness **please observe these few guidelines!**



Acceptance of the abstract in the symposium and assignment to a session are determined solely by the Session Convenors in collaboration with the Organizing Committee based on a review of the abstract and its subject matter. Submitted abstracts will be accepted either for oral or poster presentation.

Abstracts should include:

- ✓ the title and an abstract of about 500 words
(Please use one inch margins on all sides and not to exceed one page on A4 or 8.5 x 11-inch paper. Please observe only one rule: **Do not use uppercase!!!**)
- ✓ the session considered most relevant (where possible)
- ✓ the type of preferred presentation: Oral or Poster (Please do not forget!)
- ✓ the name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s) contact information

Please send your abstract only to papers@isdehs.com or your corresponding Session Convenor!

Do not send it to each and every email address that can be found on our website!

You will receive **notification and your corresponding Abstract ID** within 5 days.

Your submissions must be in a “**ready to print**” format. We will reject all contributions that are full of careless spelling and stylistic mistakes! We assume that a scientist, either teaching or having a leading position in society is mature and responsible enough to write a few words in a respectable manner or at least makes a visible effort to do so.

The **deadline for submitting your abstract is October 15, 2006**. (at 24:00 EST)

Please note that this is already the extended deadline installed by the Organizing Committee.

Be assured that we will take this deadline seriously and that it applies to all our participants.

We are not a commercial event that is looking for **quantity instead of quality** – in fact, we already have received more abstracts from over 40 different countries than we could possibly accept to our 3 day symposium and will only select according to scientific standards.

Colleagues that do not respect deadlines, do not fall into our “**profile of a serious scientist**” therefore we will **reject every contribution** that does not reach us before this specified date.

Some of you will travel a long distance to join us in scientific dialogue in Dubai - we want to assure you that your trip will be worthwhile and that you will find an audience that is **committed** to our common goal to create an ongoing dialogue between researchers, experts from projects as well as development institutions and policy makers from the Arab world with the global scientific community.

Important Note

Please be reminded again that there will be **no funding or waiving of registration fees from ISDEHS** for this conference and that accepted participants need to **pay their registration fee before receiving an official invitation letter**, which could be used to apply for a visa to the United Arab Emirates or funding from their corresponding institutions.