

3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

SustainX 2026

Shaping Smarter,
Greener & Inclusive
Societies

- RESPONSIBLE AI
- SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT
- REGENERATIVE TOURISM
- SOCIAL INNOVATION



CONFERENCE DATES

20–21 November 2026

Optional Study Tour · 22 Nov

CONFERENCE VENUE

Academy of Economic Studies
of Moldova (ASEM), Chişinău

CONFERENCE FORMAT

In person, with a proposed online
presentation stream

HOSTED BY : ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES OF MOLDOVA (ASEM)



A Multi disciplinary Forum for Responsible Innovation & Transformation

DATES

Fri–Sat, 20–21 Nov, 2026

LOCATION

ASEM · Central Chişinău, Moldova

WORKING LANGUAGE

English

AUDIENCE

Academia · Government ·
Industry · Civil society

SUBMISSIONS

Abstracts & full papers ·
Double-blind review

STUDY TOUR

Optional ·
Sunday, 22 Nov, 2026

SustainX 2026 is conceived at a time of rapid technological, environmental and social transformation. Governments, businesses, destinations and communities are simultaneously addressing climate risk, digital disruption, resource constraints, changing labour markets and persistent inequality — challenges that call for solutions which are technically credible, ethically governed and responsive to local contexts.

Artificial intelligence, data analytics and smart systems can improve decision-making, service delivery and resource efficiency, but their value depends on transparent governance, human oversight and alignment with sustainability goals. The conference places responsible AI within the wider agenda of ethical management, ESG, circular economy, workforce transition and institutional resilience.

A second focus is sustainable and regenerative tourism — how destinations and hospitality organizations can advance conservation, community participation, smart management, climate resilience and more equitable value creation. A third, integrating dimension is social innovation: solutions developed with communities to improve education, health, livelihoods, public services and inclusion.

Together, these three lenses seek practical pathways that balance people, planet & prosperity.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Connect responsible technology with sustainable development.
- Advance ethical management and accountable governance.
- Support regenerative tourism and sustainable hospitality.
- Promote inclusive, community-centred social innovation.
- Create partnerships across academia, policy and industry.
- Translate research into practical, SDG-aligned action.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Interdisciplinary research exchange.
- Policy and practice recommendations.
- New institutional partnerships.
- Publication pathways for selected work.

POSITIONING STATEMENT

A platform for global dialogue, evidence-based knowledge exchange and partnerships that align technological progress with environmental stewardship, responsible management and social wellbeing.

Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

The Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (ASEM) is a public higher education institution in Chişinău with a strong profile in economics, business, finance, accounting, management, public administration, information technology, international economic relations, tourism and related disciplines. Founded in 1991, ASEM provides an appropriate interdisciplinary setting for a conference connecting responsible technology, sustainable management, tourism and inclusive development.

HOST & CO-ORGANIZER

Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (ASEM), Chişinău

INTERNATIONAL CO-ORGANIZERS

Indian Tourism & Hospitality Congress (ITHC)
Western Sydney University (WSU)
Critical Tourism Studies Asia Pacific (CTS-AP)
IGU Commission on the Geography of Tourism, Leisure & Global Change

THEMATIC TRACKS

Five tracks for interdisciplinary exchange

01 Responsible AI, Digital Governance & Future of Work

- Responsible AI, ethics, transparency, accountability and human oversight.
- AI-supported strategy, decision-making and human-AI collaboration.
- Future of work, skills transitions, productivity and employee wellbeing.
- Data governance, privacy, cybersecurity and digital trust.
- AI for resource efficiency, climate intelligence and resilience.

02 Responsible Management, ESG & Circular Economy

- ESG governance, sustainability reporting and sustainable finance.
- Ethical leadership, stakeholder engagement and corporate governance.
- Circular business models and green supply chains.
- Net-zero pathways and responsible operations.
- Sustainable HR management, culture and employee wellbeing.

Tracks 03–05 & the special track

03 Sustainable & Regenerative Tourism and Hospitality

- Regenerative, community-led, nature – positive tourism models.
- Smart destinations, visitor-flow analytics and governance.
- Climate resilience & crisis preparedness in tourism.
- Green hospitality operations and sustainable food systems.
- Heritage, culture, marketing and experience innovation.

04 Social Innovation, Inclusion & Human-Centred Development

- Social entrepreneurship, impact investment and inclusive models.
- Education, lifelong learning and digital inclusion.
- Health, well being and responsible health technology.
- Citizen-centred public services and policy innovation.
- Youth, women & marginalized communities as drivers of change.

05 Regional Resilience, Sustainability Transitions & Cross-Border Cooperation

- Policy frameworks for sustainable development & resilience.
- Energy, water, food and resource-system transitions.
- Climate adaptation, smart cities & resilient infrastructure.
- Cross-border cooperation & regional governance.
- South–South cooperation & European integration perspectives.

CROSS-CUTTING LENS

Each track welcomes conceptual work, empirical studies, comparative research, policy analysis, teaching cases, industry cases and practice-oriented innovation.

Every track accepts work at any stage – from early conceptual framing to field-tested practice.

SPECIAL TRACK

06 AI for the SDGs & Human-Centred Sustainability

High-impact research linking responsible AI to one or more of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

An interdisciplinary audience

Researchers & faculty

Doctoral & master students

Policy makers & public authorities

Industry & professional bodies

Civil society & social innovators

Destination & hospitality leaders

CALL FOR PAPERS & PUBLICATION POLICY

Submission routes

EXTENDED ABSTRACT · 250–300 WORDS

Required for review

Include purpose, method, principal or expected findings, contribution and 4–6 keywords.

FULL PAPER · 4,000–7,000 WORDS

Optional

Only needed if the author wishes to be considered for proceedings, an edited volume or a partner publication opportunity.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Working language: English. A dedicated Romanian-language local session may be created only if approved by the programme committee.
- Submissions must be original, relevant to a conference track and not under review in substantially identical form elsewhere.
- Authors should use the official template once it is published on the conference website.
- Standard oral presentation: 12 minutes plus 3 minutes for questions; final timing depends on the programme.
- Abstracts and papers will be submitted through the conference submission platform or e-mail – to be confirmed.

PEER REVIEW & PUBLICATION POLICY

Submissions will be assessed for thematic relevance, originality, methodological or conceptual quality, clarity and contribution. Conference acceptance does not constitute acceptance by any journal, book publisher or proceedings series.

Selected high-quality papers may be invited for consideration in a partner journal, edited volume or conference proceedings, subject to written partnership confirmation, independent peer review, editorial decision, scope requirements and publisher policies. Indexing in Scopus or any other database is not guaranteed.

01

Tourism Geographies

ABDC-A · 6.6 Impact Factor · Q1 & Scopus Indexed

02

Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities

03

Scopus-indexed conference proceedings

04

Edited book with ISBN

International publisher

Planning ahead for travel & visas

IMPORTANT DATES

- Call for abstracts / papers
26 Jul 2026
- Abstract submission deadline
31 Aug 2026
- Abstract decisions issued
10 Sep 2026
- Early-bird registration closes
25 Sep 2026
- Optional full paper deadline
15 Oct 2026
- Final presenter registration
31 Oct 2026
- Final programme published
6 Nov 2026
- Conference
20–21 Nov 2026
- Optional post-conference tour
22 Nov 2026

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 · FRI 20 NOV

Registration & opening ceremony

- Keynote addresses 1–2
- Plenary policy / industry panel
- Parallel technical sessions
- Networking activity

DAY 2 · SAT 21 NOV

Keynote addresses 3–4

- Industry–academia interface panel
- Parallel technical sessions
- Best-paper / emerging-scholar recognition
- Closing ceremony

DAY 3 · SUN 22 NOV

Optional study visit (Chişinău area)

- Cultural and sustainability-focused visit
- Separate registration and payment

The programme sequence is indicative. Session numbers, keynote speakers, rooms and exact times will be confirmed after peer review and venue planning.

Delegate Categories & Rates

Delegate category	Early bird by 25 Sep	Regular by 31 Oct	Late / onsite
International academicians / faculty	€150	€180	€220
Corporate / industry / policy professionals	€200	€240	€280
International PhD / research scholars / postdocs	€100	€130	€160
ITHC / confirmed partner-institution members	€100	€130	€150
ASEM & Moldova-based faculty / researchers	€50	€70	€90
Moldova-based PhD candidates / researchers	€35	€50	€70
International master / undergraduate students	€50	€70	€90
Moldova-based master / undergraduate students	€20	€35	€50
Online presenter — academic / professional *	€60	€80	—
Online presenter — student / PhD *	€35	€50	—
Listener / non-presenting participant	€20	€30	€40

* Online categories apply only if the hybrid presentation stream is technically approved. † Accepted presenters must register by 31 October; late / onsite registration is for attendees and subject to capacity.

FEE INCLUDES

- Conference access and presentation slot
- Certificate and conference kit
- Coffee breaks and lunch on both conference days
- Digital programme and planned book of abstracts

FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Accommodation and personal travel
- Airport transfer, visa or travel insurance
- Post-conference tour
- Publication charges, if any

Optional post-conference tour — indicative price €45–65 per person; final itinerary, minimum group size and price to be confirmed.

Practical Information for Delegates

CONFERENCE VENUE

Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (ASEM) 61 Bănulescu-Bodoni Street, MD-2005 Chişinău, Republic of Moldova

ARRIVAL

Chişinău International Airport · IATA: RMO
Approximately 13 km from the city centre

LOCAL TRANSPORT

Taxi and public-transport guidance will be included in the final delegate pack. Any organized airport transfer must be confirmed separately.

ACCOMMODATION

A list of recommended hotels and any negotiated rates will be published on the conference website. Not included in the registration fee.

VISA SUPPORT

Registered participants with an accepted contribution may request a conference support letter. A support letter does not guarantee visa issuance; the decision rests solely with the competent authorities.

PARTICIPANTS TRAVELLING FROM INDIA

Delegates should consult the Embassy of the Republic of Moldova in India and begin arrangements early. Visa and exemption rules may change — check official sources before booking travel.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION LINKS

- ASEM official website — ase.md
- Moldovan visa information — mfa.gov.md
- Embassy of Moldova in India — india.mfa.gov.md
- Chişinău Airport — airport.md

OPTIONAL POST-CONFERENCE STUDY TOUR · 22 NOVEMBER

Proposed as a cultural and sustainability-focused visit in or around Chişinău. Destination, transport, insurance, inclusions, minimum group size and final price are being confirmed before registration opens.

Proposed organizing structure

CHIEF PATRON(S)

Rector of ASEM : · Er. Shri BhikhuBhai Patel, President CVMU · Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Bansal, President ITHC

CONFERENCE CHAIRS / DIRECTORS

One ASEM academic lead: · Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Walia · Prof. (Dr.) Joseph M Cheer

CONFERENCE CONVENERS

ASEM convener: · Prof. (Dr.) Prashant Gautam · Dr. Pooja Choudhary

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

International reviewers representing the five tracks; membership subject to individual consent

ORGANIZING SECRETARIAT

ASEM administrative lead · India-side administrative lead : · finance, registration & visa-support

TECHNICAL TEAM

Submission platform, website, hybrid delivery, certificates and delegate communication

CONFERENCE CONTACTS

Conference website

To be confirmed

Conference e-mail

To be confirmed — role-based address

Named contacts

ASEM contact (TBC) · India-side contact (TBC)