CALL FOR PAPERS AND DEMONSTRATIONS
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About WITFOR

The World Information Technology Forum (WITFOR) was initiated by the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) and has been organized by IFIP periodically since 2003 in cooperation with several stakeholders in the host country. So far WITFOR has been held in Lithuania, in 2003; in Botswana, in 2005; in Ethiopia in 2007; in Vietnam in 2009 and in India, in 2012. WITFOR brings together senior policy-makers, academics, NGOs and GO representatives, ICT experts, and the private ICT sector.

WITFOR investigates successful ICT strategies in developing countries and examines different initiatives and projects on effective, context sensitive development and use of ICT applications.

WITFOR 2016 will be held in San José, Costa Rica, in collaboration with the Costa Rican Public Universities, under the overarching theme of ICT for Promoting Human Development and Protecting the Environment. In particular, WITFOR 2016 intends to bring together members of the ICT community from governments, academia, industry and associations, to discuss recent proposals aimed to reach the sustainable development goals, promoted by the United Nations, in order to improve global conditions by reducing poverty and hunger, achieving universal education, promoting gender equality, ensuring environmental sustainability, combating diseases, and reducing mortality.

Conference Topics

The conference goals will be pursued through technical sessions as well as keynote speeches on important topics. The technical sessions will refer to the following main areas:

**ICT and cross-cutting development issues, involving human, environmental and economic development problems**
- ICT and climate change
- ICT and sustainable energy
- ICT and employment
- Digital divide
- E-government
- E-readiness and ICT impact
- Smart cities

**ICT and human development problems**
- ICT and poverty
- ICT and food security
- ICT and health
- ICT and education
- ICT and gender
- ICT and conflict resolution/human rights
- ICT and human settlements
- ICT role on enhancing human capabilities
Full and short papers

We welcome academic contributions as well as practical solutions and examples related to the areas described above. Particularly, we encourage full and short papers using a variety of approaches or perspectives (human, environmental, and economic) to address pressing sustainable problems. **Full papers** should present completed projects or initiatives and can have 10 to 12 pages (2 additional pages are possible at an additional cost). **Short papers** can be used to present on-going or proposed projects, and should have 5 to 7 pages (1 additional page is possible at an additional cost).

Submissions will go through the normal reviewing process associated with a quality symposium, that is, each paper will be reviewed by at least three Programme Committee Members. Criteria for acceptance for papers are its originality, relevance, applicability and quality. Accepted papers will appear in the conference proceedings published by Springer-Verlag as a volume of the IFIP Series Advances in Information and Communication Technology (AICT).

Submission details for full and short papers can be found at [http://www.witfor2016.org/submission.html](http://www.witfor2016.org/submission.html).

Demonstrations

To complement the papers to be presented during the technical sessions, we are also looking for demonstrations of pilot/sample projects in different stages (completed, halfway, just started, proposed), case studies, technical recommendations, experiences, policies, initiatives and best practices regarding innovative ICT applications promoting human development and/or protecting the environment, in the same areas proposed for the papers. These presentations do not require an associated paper and will not be published in the proceedings.

Proposals for demonstrations (two pages maximum), describing the ICT application and its context, should be submitted for evaluation. Criteria for acceptance of demonstrations include the relevance and innovation of the application, as well as its impact.

Submission details for demonstrations can be found at [http://www.witfor2016.org/submission.html](http://www.witfor2016.org/submission.html).
General WITFOR 2016 information and submission instructions can be found at http://www.witfor2016.org.

**Important dates**

- **Submission deadline** (extended) (for full and short papers)
  - MARCH 2016 10
- **Notification of acceptance**
  - MAY 2016 01
- **Camera ready deadline** (not applicable to demonstrations)
  - JUNE 2016 01

*Submission deadline for Demonstrations: March 30, 2016

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