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Sustainability and Development, as concepts and calls to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and guarantee human well-being are perhaps the greatest challenges facing humanity. Scholars, practitioners, and decision makers see in these fields unprecedented possibilities to aspire for and achieve societal goals, especially with the [United Nations-sponsored sustainable development goals](#) finding traction with governments and NGOs alike.

In collaboration with multiple scholarly journals, including [World Development](#), our international conference on Sustainability and Development brought together 600 diverse, interdisciplinary researchers and practitioners in 2018 to engage with the best approaches and means to achieve greater sustainability and development. This year, we aim to continue this engagement while also pushing forward discussions around the development of a professional society that will support the work and networks of those working on sustainability and development.

Abstracts for oral presentations, lightning talks, organized sessions, posters, and workshops welcome. This year, we encourage poster submissions from undergraduate students, and will offer waived registration for all those accepted. We also invite proposals for special issues together with abstracts for included papers and authors. Access theme descriptions, abstract guidelines, the abstract/financial assistance request submission portal, and directions for special issue proposal submissions here: <https://umsustdev.org/2019-conference/>

**ABSTRACTS DUE MAY 1, 2019**

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- Equality, Equity and Development
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