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Preface

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Abstract: This volume presents the peer-reviewed proceedings of the International Conference on Social Sciences and Sustainable Development (ICSSSD). The contributions collected here explore the social, cultural, economic, and institutional dimensions of sustainable development through a wide range of themes, including intelligent education, architecture and the built environment, language and communication, job seeking and employment, the digital economy, energy development, and talent cultivation. Together, these papers reflect the interdisciplinary character of the conference and its commitment to understanding sustainability as a social process rather than merely a technical or economic goal. They offer theoretical analyses, empirical studies, and policy-oriented reflections that address both local and global challenges. We hope this collection will stimulate further research and cross-sector dialogue on how social science knowledge can contribute to more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable futures.

Keywords: social sciences; sustainable development; intelligent education; architecture; talent cultivation; interdisciplinary research.

1. Conference introduction

2026 International Conference on Social Sciences and Sustainable Development (ICSSSD) has been held from June 26 to 28, 2026, in Changsha, China. This event was organized to provide an international and interdisciplinary forum for researchers, educators, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss the social foundations of sustainable development.

The ICSSSD program addressed a broad set of themes. In the area of intelligent education, contributors examined digital learning, educational technology, and pedagogical innovation. Papers on architecture and the built environment explored sustainable design, urban space. Language-focused contributions considered linguistic diversity, communication and language education in social and sustainable development contexts. Studies of the digital economy addressed platforms, data, innovation, and digital transformation. Contributions on energy development considered energy transition, policy, and sustainability challenges. Finally, work on talent cultivation focused on human resource development, education, and the cultivation of capable individuals for sustainable societies.



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We extend our sincere gratitude to the organizing committee, whose dedication and vision made this conference possible. We are equally grateful to the keynote speakers, session chairs, and discussants who contributed their expertise and insight to the intellectual life of the conference. Above all, we thank the authors whose work appears in this volume for entrusting us with their scholarship and for their commitment to the shared project of building more sustainable and equitable societies.

1.1. Scope of this conference and keynote talk list

International Conference on Social Sciences and Sustainable Development (ICSSSD 2026) is an international and interdisciplinary forum for researchers, educators, practitioners, and policymakers to exchange ideas on the social, educational, economic, technological, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The conference recognizes that sustainability is shaped not only by economic growth and technological innovation but also by education, language, labour, governance, energy systems, human capital, and resilient infrastructure.

- Social Applied Science
- Media, Information, and Communication
- Economic sustainable development
- Ecological sustainable development
- Social sustainable development
- Multimedia Technologies in Education
- Digital learning ecosystems and educational technology
- Language acquisition, translation, and communication
- Talent cultivation and industry–education integration
- Digital economy, data economy, and sustainable development
- Sustainable energy development
- Sustainable architecture

By bringing these diverse topics together, ICSSSD 2026 aims to promote cross-disciplinary dialogue and support research that contributes to inclusive, resilient, and sustainable futures.

The details of Keynote Speakers for ICSSSD 2026 as follows:

Professor Nkolo Fo é

University of Yaound éI, Cameroun

1.2. Peer review statement

All papers submitted to ICSSSD 2026 were subject to a rigorous, transparent, and fair peer-review process. The technical program committee and the conference organizing committee were committed to upholding the highest standards of academic quality, originality, and ethical integrity. This statement outlines the review procedures adopted to ensure that only high-quality contributions were accepted for publication.

Reviewers evaluated each paper according to the following criteria: originality and novelty; technical quality and soundness; relevance to the conference scope; clarity of presentation; significance and impact; and ethical standards. The peer–review process for the conference was designed to ensure that every published paper made a meaningful and original contribution to the field.

Proceedings editors:

Prof. Litong Qu, Hunan Normal University, China

Type of review: single-blind review

Number of submissions received: 26

Number of submissions accepted: 13

Number of reviews received: 52

Number of reviewers: 12

Average number of reviews per paper: 2

2. Organization*2.1. Conference Chairs*

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