ICT for Sustainability

Call for workshop proposals 2016

The ICT4S conferences bring together leading researchers in ICT for Sustainability with government and industry representatives, including decision-makers with an interest in using ICT for sustainability, researchers focusing on ICT effects on sustainability and developers of sustainable ICT systems or applications.

A series of workshops will be held in conjunction with ICT4S 2016 conference to facilitate the creation and exchange of ideas between academia, industry, and government participants. Workshops provide a setting for presenting challenges to researchers and practitioners as well as working together with experts in the field to overcome those challenges. ICT4S 2016 workshops may be either half-day or one day long and may be held before or after the main conference.

Potential **topics** for workshops are the same as, but not limited to, the ones of the ICT4S 2016 conference: http://2016.ict4s.org/theme-and-topics

Important dates

♦ Proposal submission deadline: 29 February 2016
♦ Proposal acceptance notification: 7 March 2016

Detailed guidelines for Workshop proposals

Proposals must be written in English and not exceed four pages in length. Proposals should contain:

1. *Motivation and objectives of the workshop*
   - 300 words with the motivation and objectives of the workshop topic. (Note: If your workshop is accepted then this description will be used as early publicity for the workshop.)
   - A more detailed discussion of the anticipated outcomes of the workshop (e.g., open research problems to pursue, validation objectives, empirical studies, etc.).

2. *Workshop format and needed services*
   - What will be the format for the workshop (e.g., paper presentation and discussion, keynotes, breakout sessions, panel-like discussions, experiments, or a combination thereof)?
   - How do you plan to make the workshop interactive and result-oriented?
   - Which roles and responsibilities will you assign to participants during the workshop (e.g., presenter, discussant, facilitator, etc.)?
   - What are the requirements in terms of rooms, equipment, and support staff (i.e., student volunteers)?
   - Workshop organizers can work with the workshop chairs to specify the services and facilitation support that they wish to employ.

3. *Target audience*
   - What backgrounds should the workshop attendees have?
   - What is the range (min, max) for number of attendees for the workshop?
   - Is the workshop open to all conference participants or by invitation only?
   - What mix of industry and research participants is being sought?
4. *Workshop contributions and evaluation*
   - What types of contribution are being solicited for the workshop (e.g., full papers, position papers, posters, demos, experiments, or other interactive sessions)?
   - What type of evaluation process will be used?
   - For scientific workshops that solicit submissions: The potential program committee (i.e., how large will the PC reviewing the papers be)?
   - How do you intend to evaluate the level of success and type of contribution of the workshop itself?
5. *Workshop duration*
   - Indicate if you plan for a half-day WS or a full-day WS.

Submissions

Workshop proposals can be submitted in PDF format via EasyChair:
https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ict4s2016

Duties of WS organizers
- Write a summary of the WS on 1-2 pages to be included in the conference proceedings.
- Responsible for managing papers for the WS, including designing a submission and selection process.
- If the WS has proceedings, cooperate with the WS-chairs on this.

Evaluation Criteria

All workshop proposals will be reviewed by the WS chairs and they will come up with a suggestion to the program chairs and general chair, who will take final decision. Acceptance will be based on:
- Relevance to the conference topics (See the description/background information at the conference site);
- Evaluation of the workshop's potential to advance the state of research and/or practice or bridging disciplines, between research and practice;
- Potential for attracting an appropriate number of participants;
- Organizers' ability to lead a successful workshop Overall composition of the WS topics.

Workshop chairs

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