



Kind attention to:

Dean / Director / Principal of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) & Universities

Dear Professor,

Subject: Invitation to Participate in Research Paper Competition on “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” on 19th Sept. 2025 at Bengaluru

Greetings from **Vision Karnataka Foundation!**

We are pleased to inform you that **Vision Karnataka Foundation (VKF)** is organizing the **SDG Summit 2025 – Building Gen SDG** on **10th October 2025** in Bengaluru, with a focus on fostering academic and policy-level discussions around the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

As a part of this summit, we are conducting a **Research Paper Competition** to encourage students, scholars, and faculty to engage in meaningful research and contribute their insights toward achieving the SDGs.

Highlights of the Competition:

- **Top 5 papers** will be awarded a **cash prize of ₹10,000 each**.
- **Top 50 selected papers** will be **published in an ISBN book**, offering national recognition to the authors. *Few best quality paper authors will be supported & guided for publication in ABDC listed Journals*
- Selected participants will be invited to present their papers during the SDG Summit 2025.

Themes of the research papers

1. Role of NGOs in Localizing SDGs: Grassroots Implementation and Impact
2. Bridging the Gap: Academia-Industry Collaboration for Sustainable Innovation
3. AI and Automation: Threat or Opportunity for Decent Work (as per SDG8)
4. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH): Collaborative Models for Rural & Urban India
5. Digital Platforms for Market Linkages in Agriculture
6. Role of FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations) in Sustainable Agriculture
7. Innovating for Impact: Strengthening Industry and Infrastructure to Drive Climate Action
8. Building Green: Low-Carbon Materials from Industrial Waste
9. Soil to Sustenance: Responsible Farming for a Hunger-Free Future
10. Case Studies of Successful CSR Interventions by Corporates & NGOs

We warmly invite you to participate in this initiative and encourage your PG (MBA/PGDM), co-researchers, PhD/FPM scholars and faculty to submit research papers on any of the above



mentioned themes. We believe this competition will be a valuable platform for your institution to showcase thought leadership and research excellence in the area of sustainability.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation and collaboration in making this event a grand success.

Yours sincerely,

Organising Committee

VKF's SDG Summit-2025



GENERAL GUIDELINES for Submission of Research Papers

1. Title and Author Details

The paper should have a clear and concise title and it should be as per the themes provided

Include author(s) name, affiliation, email ID, and contact details (compulsory)

If multiple authors, indicate the corresponding author.

2. Paper Structure

The paper should include the following sections:

1. Title Page
2. Abstract (200–300 words)
3. Keywords (4–6 relevant terms)
4. Introduction
5. Literature Review (if applicable)
6. Objectives / Problem Statement
7. Methodology
8. Data Analysis / Findings
9. Discussion
10. Conclusion and Recommendations
11. References / Bibliography
12. Annexure / Appendix (if any)

3. Length of Paper OR word limit

Full Paper: 3,000 to 5,000 words (excluding references and annexures)

- Abstract Submission (for initial review): 200–300 words
- Extended Abstract (if required): 800–1,000 words

4. Formatting

Font	:	Times New Roman, Size 12 pt
Line Spacing	:	1.5
Margins	:	1 inch (or 2.54 cm) on all sides
File Format	:	.docx or .pdf
Page Numbering	:	Bottom center
Referencing Style	:	APA format
Language	:	English (UK or US, be consistent)

5. Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism limit: Less than 10% and max. of 15% on Turnitin and AI should be <5%



- All papers will be checked using plagiarism detection software.
- The Authors should submit the Plagiarism and AI Report along with the Full paper.

NOTE: *Papers with high similarity index &/or AI% will be rejected without review.*

6. Originality

The work must be original and unpublished.

Should not be under consideration elsewhere at the time of submission.

Authors are solely responsible for ethical research conduct.

7. Review Process

A review committee comprising of Academic Experts, Industry Professionals & CSR Leaders will conduct the review of all the research papers

- Any suggestions/changes to paper by the committee to be followed

8. Submission Timelines

Full Paper Deadline : 25th September 2025

Final Acceptance Notification : 30th September 2025

The Abstract & Research Papers should be submitted by email to:

- vkfsdgsummit2025@gmail.com

9. Publication

The Authors will have publication opportunity in following ways.

Selected Good quality papers will be published

- As Edited Book with ISBN and
- Few best quality paper authors will be supported & guided for publication in ABDC listed Journals
 - E-Proceedings (as PDF) of SDG Summit with all the 'accepted Abstracts' will be shared with the Authors & Delegates by email.

10. Submission Method

Submit via Email to: vkfsdgsummit2025@gmail.com

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