

International Research Symposium - 2026
Department of Demography
Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

09th December 2026

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Symposium Theme: Population and Sustainable Development

Symposium tracks:

1. Population Transition, emerging challenges and policy responses
2. Fertility, reproductive health and family
3. Mortality, morbidity, health and well-being
4. Migration, urbanization and sustainable communities
5. Youth, gender and development challenges
6. Population ageing and inclusive living: care, social security, and well being
7. Population, environment, climate change and disaster management
8. Demography in the digital era
9. Population diversity and social cohesion
10. Demographic dividend, economy, decent work and labour markets

Submission

1. Submit all abstracts to demars-conference@demo.cmb.ac.lk no later than 10th September 2026 on or before 4.00 p.m. (IST).
2. Abstract should be submitted according to the given template by completing all sections
3. Relevant symposium track and the number should be mentioned in the provided place

Abstract preparation

4. Abstract should include the following sub-headings
 - Title: (Maximum 12 words)
 - Introduction/background
 - Research question/objective
 - Methodology
 - Results (at least 50% of the abstract should be for results)
 - Major conclusions
 - Keywords (3-5 key words should be provided according to alphabetical order in italics)
5. Abstract should be based on original research
6. Abstract must be a maximum 300-words
7. Abstract should be written in English, coherent and free of language errors
8. Abstract should be in 'Times New Roman' size 11 with 1.5 spacing on A4 paper

Important Dates

Submission of Abstracts: 10 September 2026

Notification of Acceptance: 10 October 2026

Conference Date: 09 December 2026

Special notes

Local presenters should present physically at the symposium

International presenters can present physically or online

Abstracts will be published in the symposium proceedings