

REGIONAL CHAPTER



**ISWA**  
International Solid Waste Association



**AFRICA**  
Africa



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**AWW**  
**AFRICA**  
**WASTE IS**  
**WEALTH**  
**SUMMIT**  
**2026**

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS





## OVERVIEW

The third Africa Waste Is Wealth Summit (AWWS III), scheduled for June 3-5, 2026, in Nairobi, Kenya, marks a significant milestone as the **official International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) Africa Regional Conference**. Held under the auspices of the ISWA Africa Regional Chapter (ISWA ARC) and in partnership with the **Government of Kenya's Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry**, the Summit is a primary vehicle for advancing circular economy frameworks, sustainable waste management systems, and Africa's broader climate commitments.

AWWS III is an implementation and investment platform that transforms policy dialogue into bankable projects. It aligns governments, development partners, investors and industry to structure partnerships, mobilize resources and scale integrated waste and circular economy infrastructure across Africa.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### Submission Window:

3rd – 1st May 2026

### All abstracts must be submitted via:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6QUAPeSVbd>

### Selected authors:

Notified in May 2026.

**Late submissions will not be considered.**

## OUTCOMES

- Accepted abstracts will be assigned to panels, technical breakout sessions, case studies, fireside chats or pre-panel presentations.
- Successful submissions will also unlock **one** slot for a **speaker conference pass**.

## TYPE OF SUBMISSIONS

Research papers | Policy analyses | Technical case studies | Pilot project presentations | Investment models | Innovation showcases | Cross-country comparative studies | Case studies.



## ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

- Maximum 350 words
- Clearly indicate selected theme
- Include title, author(s), organization and country
- Highlight practical relevance and impact
- Demonstrate alignment with Africa-focused implementation outcomes

## WHO SHOULD SUBMIT

- Practitioners and operators;
- Policymakers and regulators; Investors,
- DFIs and financiers;
- Technology and infrastructure providers;
- Cities, counties and municipalities;
- Academia and research institutions (practice-led work);
- Government;
- Industry experts;
- Any other relevant institution/ Organization aligned with the conference's objectives.

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## CONFERENCE THEMATIC AREAS

OVERARCHING THEME	CLUSTERED TRACKS	STRATEGIC FRAMING
Theme I: Policy, Governance & Systems Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy, Regulation and Governance (EPR, plastics policy, regional harmonization)</li> <li>• Circular Cities and Municipal Systems</li> <li>• From Projects to Infrastructure: Scaling Africa's Waste Management Systems</li> </ul>	This theme examines how Africa transitions from fragmented initiatives to structured, bankable, and policy-anchored systems. It emphasizes regulatory reform, long-term infrastructure planning, strengthened municipal capacity, and regional harmonization to enable scalable, investment-ready waste management systems.
Theme II: Finance, Markets & Industrial Value Chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance and Investment for Circular Systems (blended finance, carbon markets, bankable projects)</li> <li>• Methane Mitigation &amp; Climate Action from Waste Systems</li> </ul>	This theme positions waste management as both an investable asset class and a climate solution. It focuses on unlocking blended finance, carbon revenue mechanisms, green bonds, industrial demand creation, and climate-aligned funding instruments to catalyze market transformation at scale.
Theme III: Technology, Standards & Operational Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology, Innovation and Digitalization in Waste Management (AI &amp; IoT)</li> <li>• ISWA Technical &amp; Standards Stream (best practice, operations, treatment, accreditation)</li> </ul>	This theme integrates technical leadership from TTNM, ISWA, and partners with Africa's expanding innovation ecosystem. It prioritizes standards development, operational excellence, digital integration, advanced treatment technologies, and professional accreditation to strengthen performance, compliance, and system reliability.
Theme IV: Inclusive Transition & Human Capital Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informal Sector Integration and Inclusive Value Chains</li> <li>• Education, Youth and Green Skills Development</li> </ul>	This theme places people at the center of systems transformation. It focuses on formalizing and integrating informal workers, advancing gender inclusion, promoting youth entrepreneurship, expanding green skills training, and strengthening social protection mechanisms to ensure a just and inclusive transition.

