



[Invitation] 4th International Forum on Sustainability Science (IFSS) 2026, 05-07 October 2026

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ORLANDO E. MANUEL Ph.D., CESO V Schools Division Superintendent			
By:	☐ ASDS	☐ CID Chief	☐ SGOD Chief
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Dear RDC Members,

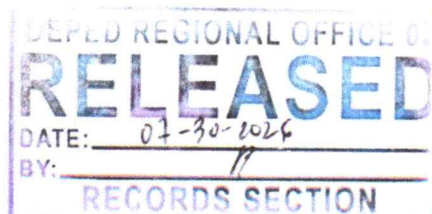
The University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU) is inviting representatives from your esteemed agency to participate in the **4th International Forum on Sustainability Science (IFSS) 2026**, to be held on **05-07 October 2026** at the Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU), Magalang, Pampanga.

Attached is the IFSS 2026 Briefer for your information and perusal.

Should you have any questions, you may contact the IFSS 2026 Secretariat at ifss@upou.edu.ph. You may also reach the UPOU FMDS office through its landline at 049 536 6001 to 06 loc. 821, 333; 536 6010. For program-related concerns, please look for Ms. Raizza Anna Alforja. For invitation-related concerns, please look for Ms. Vanessa Autor.

Regards,

RDC2 Secretariat



July 22, 2026

To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

In view of this aforementioned activity, this Office reiterates that the participation of public and private schools is voluntary and shall be subjected to the non-disruption-of-class policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.

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BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS Ph.D., CESO III
 Director IV / Regional Director



Theme: *SUMLAG! Inclusive Sustainability Transitions through Co-creating Resilient Communities, Livelihoods, and Sustainable Destinations*

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4th International Forum on Sustainability Science (IFSS) 2026

Pampanga State Agricultural University, Magalang, Pampanga, Philippines
05-07 October 2026

Theme: *Sumlag!* Inclusive Sustainability Transitions through Co-creating Resilient Communities, Livelihoods, and Sustainable Destinations

The **International Forum on Sustainability Studies (IFSS) 2026** aims to provide a multidisciplinary platform for scholars, practitioners, policymakers, civil society organizations, community leaders, and development partners to exchange knowledge, research, and innovative practices on sustainability transitions. Anchored on the principle of inclusivity, the forum highlights the need for collaborative and participatory approaches in addressing interconnected social, economic, and environmental challenges.

As communities worldwide continue to face the impacts of climate change, inequality, economic uncertainty, displacement, and environmental degradation, there is a growing need to strengthen inclusivity and resilience through sustainable and people-centered development pathways. IFSS 2026 seeks to foreground the role of communities, indigenous peoples, local institutions, social enterprises, academic institutions, and public-private partnerships in co-creating solutions that promote social equity, sustainable livelihoods, ecological integrity, and resilient destinations.

Used as an aspirational call in the theme, "*sumlag*", a *Kapampangan* word associated with rising or shining, reflects and calls for a shared aspiration to build inclusive, resilient, and sustainable futures for communities, livelihoods, and destinations.

The forum will emphasize the **triple bottom line of sustainability—social inclusion, economic viability, and environmental stewardship**—while fostering dialogue on transformative practices, policies, technologies, and governance mechanisms that contribute to sustainable futures.



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FORUM OBJECTIVES

To discuss and synthesize multidisciplinary research and cross-sectoral practices that advance theoretical and applied knowledge in sustainability science, fostering collective action toward inclusive and resilient community transitions.

Specific Objectives:

- To examine pathways for participatory governance, social equity, and the integration of indigenous knowledge systems into community resilience frameworks.
- To assess economic models that promote social entrepreneurship, circular economies, and sustainable agricultural and food systems.
- To evaluate evidence-based strategies for climate change adaptation, ecosystem restoration, and low-carbon community transitions.
- To appraise regenerative tourism frameworks that protect cultural heritage and strengthen destination resilience and sustainability.
- To identify multi-stakeholder partnerships and policy innovations that drive transformative learning and inclusive sustainability governance.

IFSS invites researchers, both locally and internationally, to submit their research papers and/or research posters aligned, but not limited to the following tracks:

1. Social Inclusion, Equity, and Community Resilience

- Participatory governance and community empowerment
- Social justice, gender, and inclusive development
- Indigenous knowledge systems and cultural sustainability
- Health, education, and social protection in sustainability transitions

2. Sustainable Livelihoods and Inclusive Economies

- Social entrepreneurship and green enterprises
- Circular economy and local economic development
- Sustainable agriculture, food systems, and fisheries
- Decent work, digital transformation, and future livelihoods

3. Environmental Stewardship and Climate Resilience

- Climate adaptation and disaster resilience
- Biodiversity conservation and ecosystem restoration
- Renewable energy and sustainable resource management
- Waste reduction, circular systems, and low-carbon transitions



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4. Sustainable Tourism and Resilient Destinations

- Community-based and regenerative tourism
- Heritage, culture, and destination sustainability
- Tourism governance and inclusive destination management
- Resilience planning for tourism-dependent communities

5. Innovation, Partnerships, and Sustainability Governance

- Multi-stakeholder collaboration and co-creation
- Sustainability education and transformative learning
- Policy innovation and evidence-based governance
- Technology, digital innovation, and sustainability solutions

IFSS 2026 envisions strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration and collective action toward inclusive and resilient sustainability transitions that leave no one behind.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Prior to submission, please prepare the following:

- **Abstracts:** Should be **250–300 words** in length, include **title, author/s name(s), affiliation(s), and email address**.
- **Biosketch:** Submit a **short bio (max 100 words)** of the presenting author/s.
- **Submission Type:** Indicate your preferred presentation format: **oral or poster**.

Complete details of the abstract submission can be accessed through the IFSS 2026 website at <https://ifss.upou.edu.ph/>.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Call for Abstract/Papers:** 29 June to 10 August 2026
- **Notification of Acceptance:** 15 August 2026 (or earlier)
- **Early Bird Registration:** until 04 September 2026
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline:** 14 September 2026
- **Deadline of Submission of Presentation Materials:** 03 October 2026
- **Conference:** 05-07 October 2026



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REGISTRATION RATES

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Category	Registration Fee
Professional / Presenter (Face-to-Face)	Php 4,000.00

REGULAR REGISTRATION

Category	Registration Fee
Professional / Presenter (Face-to-Face)	Php 4,500.00
Student (Face-to-Face)	Php 2,000.00
Professional / Presenter (Online)	Php 2,500.00
Student (Online)	Php 1,500.00

CONTACT US

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