

# EASTERN AFRICA RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



**EARIMA**  
Eastern Africa Research and  
Innovation Management Association

## 8<sup>TH</sup> EARIMA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE KIGALI SERENA HOTEL, RWANDA 26 – 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026

*Advancing Research and Innovation for African Socio-economic  
Transformation*

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

EARIMA is a non-profit Association, with its Secretariat hosted at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. While it was formed in 2011, it was registered in 2015. EARIMA, *inter alia*, focuses on establishing and strengthening regional Research and Innovation (R&I) management networks, where R&I managers can access information, share experiences and best practices, and benchmark their progress.

EARIMA member countries are Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania, Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda. As part of its mission, EARIMA conducts Annual Conferences held in its member countries. The eighth Annual Conference shall be held at the Kigali Serena Hotel (for details, see <https://www.serenahotels.com/kigali>) in Rwanda for the first time.

Main theme of the conference:

*Advancing Research and Innovation for African Socio-economic Transformation*

Sub-themes of the conference:

1. *Strengthening Research and Innovation in Bio-manufacturing*
2. *Up-checking Research and Innovation in the Era of AI*
3. *Advancing Technology Transfer for Industrial Development*
4. *Upgrading the Role of Research and Innovation in the Humanities*
5. *Managing Research and Innovation Grants*
6. *Amplifying Research and Innovation Ethics*

The conference shall be preceded by a pre-conference training workshop on R&I Management in Africa. During the conference, there shall be panel discussions on various R&I management issues.

*The conference package is \$250 (paid-up members) or \$300 (non-members) for breakfast/ teas, stationery, and lunches. Payment details: Name: EARIMA; Account No. 0252396251700, CRDB Bank Plc, UDSM Branch, Swift Code CORUTZTZ. M-PESA No. +255768511556 - EARIMA Secretariat.*

We now invite ALL members and stakeholders to submit ABSTRACTS on the sub-themes, and to request SPECIAL/PANEL SESSIONS.

Submit your abstract here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDH4FsvrgdLUer9DOYvR7w1yxqXOFuFeeI3KScfe9bP\\_19-w/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDH4FsvrgdLUer9DOYvR7w1yxqXOFuFeeI3KScfe9bP_19-w/viewform?usp=dialog)

Deadline for abstracts submission: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026

For more information about the 8<sup>th</sup> conference in Kigali, see the EARIMA *website* at <https://earima.net> or contact us at [secretariat@earima.net](mailto:secretariat@earima.net) or Mobile: +255768511556.

EARIMA welcomes you ALL to Kigali for the first time!

