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8TH EARIMA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE KIGALI SERENA HOTEL, RWANDA IN COLLABORATION WITH UNITED FOR HEALTH RWANDA 17 – 20TH NOVEMBER 2026

Advancing Research and Innovation Management for African Socio-economic Transformation

SECOND 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 2026 EARIMA annual conference, in collaboration with United for Health Rwanda, 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 Management for African Socio-economic Transformation

Sub-themes of the conference:

1. *Advancing Research and Innovation in Health Systems in Africa*
2. *Pathways to Impactful Research and Innovation in Africa*
3. *Pathways to Professionalisation of Research and Innovation Management in Africa*
4. *Research and Innovation Management in Bio-manufacturing*
5. *Research and Innovation Management in the Era of AI*
6. *Technology Transfer Management for Industrial Development*

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 tea, stationery, and lunch. 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 & Keynote Speeches.

Submit your abstract here:

<https://forms.gle/h7X1aoqXg2pvrDkJ7>

Deadline for abstract submission extended to 30th September 2026

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

EARIMA Secretariat & LOC, in collaboration with UNITED for Health Rwanda,
welcomes you ALL to Kigali!

