



Call for Abstracts Requirements and Guidelines

2nd Jamaica GIS User Conference - September 23- 25, 2020

Theme "Geospatial Technologies: Shaping Our Future".



This document represents the formal requirements for individuals interested in submitting abstracts for consideration to participate as presenters in the 2nd Jamaica GIS User Conference, scheduled to occur virtually on September 23-25, 2020.

ABSTRACT THEMES AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Land Information Council of Jamaica (LICJ) and National Spatial Data Management Branch (NSDMB) within the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC) will be hosting the 2nd Jamaica GIS User Conference 2020. The LICJ and NSDMB extend an invitation for the submission of abstracts for oral presentations at this virtual geospatial event. Abstracts should be submitted via email in English according to the following abstract themes and should include technical geospatial components.

ABSTRACT THEMES

- Urban and Regional Planning
- Sustainable Development
- Climate Change
- Transportation Planning
- Telecommunications
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Health
- Disaster Risk Management
- Environmental Management
- Resource Management
- Crime Management
- Housing
- Water Resources
- Social Sciences
- Utility Management
- Commercial/Business
- GIS Programming
- Education
- Indoor Mapping
- Remote Sensing
- Geospatial Application Development

KEY DATES TO BE REMEMBERED

Abstract Submission Deadline	21 August 2020
Author Notification	Announced on a Rolling Basis**
Registration open	31 August 2020
Registration Deadline for Selected Presenters	4 September 2020

****Abstracts will be reviewed and announced to authors on a rolling basis until submission deadline**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

To submit an abstract, authors and co-authors are required to prepare the following information:

- Full First and Surname Name(s).
- Affiliation Details: department, institution / company, city, state (if relevant), country, email address.
- Abstract Title: limited to 25 words in UPPER CASE.
- Abstract Text: limited to 300 words, including acknowledgements. We recommend using word-processing software (for example, Microsoft Word) for editing your abstract and counting the number of words.

ABSTRACTS SHOULD CLEARLY STATE:

- Category
- Title
- Background and Aim
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- Key Words

Use only standard abbreviations. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full word appears the first time.

Abstract Themes: abstracts must be allocated to a specific category from the list provided. You will need to select the category most suited to your abstract. Abstracts must demonstrate the use of geospatial technology in the body of work.

Tables: A maximum of three (3) tables of up to 10 rows x 10 columns can be included per abstract. When including a table, it is recommended that you save the table as an image (JPG format).

Graphs and Images: A maximum of two (2) images can be included per abstract. The maximum file size of each graph/image is 500 KB. The maximum pixel size of the graph/image is 600(w) x 800(h) pixel.

Maps, graphs, and images may be uploaded in JPG, PNG or GIF format only.

GENERAL POLICY

1. Potential presenters may submit up to a maximum of 2 abstracts
2. Accepted abstracts will be published in the official Conference publications, which will be provided in digital copy only and hosted on the Land Information Council of Jamaica's (LICJ) and Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC) website.
3. Presenting author/s of abstracts must be registered participants.
4. Abstracts must be the original work of the author/s and must be accompanied by a written paper which will also be published in the official Conference publications, which will be provided in digital copy only and hosted on the LICJ and MEGJC websites.
5. Abstracts must be submitted and presented in standard English with accurate grammar and spelling of a quality suitable for publication.
6. Abstracts can be saved in "Draft" status to be re-edited and modified until the submission deadline.
7. The submitted / draft abstracts cannot be edited after the submission deadline (21 August 2020).
8. Abstracts must be received by the announced deadline. Abstracts received after the deadline will not be considered.
9. Abstracts stating "*data will be discussed in the presentation*" will NOT be accepted.

UPON SUBMITTING THE ABSTRACT, THE AUTHOR/CO-AUTHOR CONFIRMS THE FOLLOWING:

- That I previewed this abstract and that all information is correct. I accept that the content of this abstract cannot be modified nor corrected after final submission and I am aware that it will be published exactly as submitted.
- Submission of the abstract constitutes my consent to its use in all conference publications (e.g. conference website, programs, other promotional materials, etc.)
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Disclosure of financial relationships that the author(s) may have with the manufacturer/supplier of any commercial products or services related to the work, should be indicated appropriately in writing.

ABSTRACT SELECTION AND PRESENTATION

All abstracts will undergo review by the GIS Day/GAW subcommittee of the Projects and Programmes Committee of the LICJ. The Committee will determine whether abstracts will be accepted as oral presentations with consideration to be given to topics and guidelines presented in this document. Submitting authors will be notified via e-mail on a rolling basis regarding the status of their abstract acceptance.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts for consideration towards participation in the upcoming 2nd Jamaica GIS User Conference.