

December 16, 2025

RE: 2nd CALL FOR PARTICIPATION - 12th International Conference on Appropriate Technology (12th ICAT)

Dear Colleague, Greetings:

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This is the 2nd Call-for-Participation for the 12th International Conference on Appropriate Technology (ICAT), which will be held in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, between November 24th and 27th, 2026. The theme of the conference is "**Harnessing Appropriate Technologies for Sustainable Development: Empowering Communities, Bridging Gaps and Driving Inclusive Growth**".

For two decades, the **International Network on Appropriate Technology** (INAT) has been a vociferous voice within the appropriate technology (AT) movement, holding biennial conferences in Africa and celebrating scholarly contributions to, and innovations in, the fields of science and technology. In collaboration with top African universities. Conferences have since been held in Zimbabwe (2004, 2006, 2016), Rwanda (2008), Ghana (2010), South Africa (2012, 2020, 2024), Kenya (2014), Benin (2018), and Sudan (2022).

The 12th ICAT will be hosted by the **National University of Science and Technology** (NUST) in collaboration with **Solus University** and **Chinhoyi University of Technology**. The local organizing committee is led by Mr **Sibangiso Ngwenya** and Mr **Khulekani Sibanda**, and the international organizing committee is led by Dr **Gada Kadoda** from INAT.

The first call for abstracts went out in September 2025, towards which we received 237 submissions from 15 countries, addressing the different topics of ICAT conferences. This **second call-for-participation is soliciting submissions for full papers, posters, workshops and appropriate technology demonstrations**. All will have their rightful place in the 12th ICAT.

Full submissions will undergo the same double-blind review process by our 40-member Scientific Review Committee. In addition, we are working on producing a **Scopus indexed conference proceedings** for the 12th ICAT as well as on publishing a selection of best papers in a special issue of a reputable **scientific journal**.

Oral platform presentations will be for papers that are accepted as such following the peer review process, and these will be published in the **12th ICAT Proceedings**. Short papers may also be submitted for poster presentations during our Poster Paper Sessions. You can also submit a proposal to hold a scholarly or hands-on workshop during the conference. Proposals may also be submitted for the Appropriate Technology fair, which will showcase AT projects that have been implemented or developed by various groups including NGO's, government laboratories and institutions, and commercial enterprises. Submissions for posters, workshops, and the technology fair, will also go through the peer review process and considered for publication.

To prepare your **FULL** submission, please download the instructions for authors and the submission template from our **conference's webpage**. Note the instructions on the first page for your specific submission category (full paper, poster paper, workshop proposal, or tech-fair proposal) about length and structure. Full submissions are due by **26 January 2026** to permit sufficient time for the double-blind peer review process.

All authors who have **NOT** gone through the abstract submission phase should register at Open Journal System (OJS) and **Make New Submission** using this link <https://conference-submissions.appropriatetech.net/>. **The submission portal will be available to accept submissions from 2 January 2026 onwards.**

Authors who have submitted abstracts will receive separate instructions.

We encourage and look forward to your contributions and hope to see you in Zimbabwe next year for what we think will be a very exciting conference! Kindly forward this email to colleagues in your network who you think would be interested in participating and thank you in advance for your help in publicizing the conference.

Please also note that although the conference venue was changed to Bulawayo from Victoria Falls to keep the costs down, there will be excursions to the Falls and other tourist sites that will be organized for interested participants. We will share this information in due course.

On behalf of the organizing committees, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Best regards,

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