

Detailed information on AARES conference submission types

1. Contributed Papers

The LOC invites submissions of Contributed Papers on topics related to the overarching theme of “Meeting the challenges of transition to a sustainable future”, including agricultural, resource, environmental, energy, and development economics. Presentations of Contributed Papers will be scheduled for **12 – 14 February 2025**.

To be considered for inclusion in the conference program, interested participants are asked to submit titles and abstracts of less than 500 words. Authors whose papers are accepted for presentation are encouraged to provide full papers to supplement their presentations. Authors of accepted abstracts will have the opportunity to make one verbal presentation in the Contributed Paper program of the conference. There are no restrictions on co-authorship for Contributed Papers. Delegates who submit more than one abstract as first author/presenter may only be offered one oral presentation in a Contributed Paper session and an additional slot in an ‘egg-timer’ session.

AARES places importance on engaging with early-career researchers and professionals and supports their career development. At the AARES conference, a cash prize awaits the best first-time presenter based on judgments from an expert panel.

2. Special Sessions

The LOC invites proposals for Special Sessions that seek to create opportunities to delve deeper into specific subject areas of research or policy, facilitate engaging discussions, and provide interactive experiences for participants. Special Sessions will be scheduled between the **12 – 14 February 2025**.

We encourage you to submit proposals for innovative and exciting session formats that go beyond traditional presentations, such as panel discussions, mini-symposia, roundtable talks, case studies, debates, and more. Examples of innovative formats include, but are not limited to:

- Expert presentations followed a panel discussion (Q&A format).
- Provocateur-Respondent format to encourage exploration of different perspectives on a particular theme or policy challenge.
- Ignite presentations: A set of concise presentations (usually 5 minutes) followed by an extended discussion session.
- PechaKucha 20x20 format to encourage use of visuals and high-level ideas followed by extended discussion session.

For the submission process, you will be asked to provide the following:

- **Title and Presenter Details**
- **Special Session Description (500 words or less):** This description will appear in the Conference Program. You may wish to prepare this description by addressing the following:
 - **Theme:** Provide an overview of the specific topics or themes that will be addressed during your session.

- **Format:** Describe the format and structure of your Special Session, highlighting any interactive elements or audience engagement strategies.
- **Presenter(s) Details:** Include a brief overview of the presenters (e.g., names and affiliations) or panellists involved in the session.
- **Special Session Format and Presenter Roles (500 words or less):** This detail will not appear in the Conference Program. Special Sessions will be allocated timeslots of either 1 hour, or 1.5 hours. Please specify which of these timeslots is most appropriate for your session. Please include details of the time allocated to each presenter, whether there will be a discussion panel, who will chair the session and so forth. For example, identify whether the session entails a set of speakers presenting papers on the designated theme, several “headline” speakers and selected discussants, short presentations from a panel of speakers followed by a general discussion or a Q&A session, or some other configuration.
- **Special Session Funding and Sponsorship (500 words or less):** Please detail any request for funding to support attendance of presenters in the session (e.g., complementary conference registration, travel expenses, accommodation). The LOC cannot guarantee availability of funding to support attendance of presenters. Requests are most likely to be successful where the proposed presenter is considered to be an event 'drawcard', and where the request for funding is modest. Outline any opportunities for sponsorship of the session. This is particularly relevant where funding is requested to support presenter attendance. It is the responsibility of the session organiser to seek sponsorship, but please liaise with Peggy Schrobback (Peggy.Schrobback@csiro.au) from the 2025 AARES LOC to exclude the possibility of multiple requests to the same potential sponsor.
- **Special Session Promotion Strategy (optional, 500 words or less):** Proposals that have a well-developed strategy for marketing their event will be warmly received.

3. Pre-Conference Workshops

The LOC invites proposals for Pre-Conference Workshops offer that a unique opportunity to delve deeper into specialised subjects, introduce new tools and techniques, and engage with a select audience of motivated participants. All Pre-Conference Workshops will be held on **Tuesday 10 February 2025**.

We encourage you to submit workshop proposals that cater to various skill levels and foster active learning experiences. Whether you are an expert from academia, industry, or the public sector, we welcome your valuable contributions. For the submission process, you will be asked to provide the following:

- **Title and Presenter Details**
- **Pre-Conference Workshop Description (500 words or less):** This description will appear in the Conference Program. You may wish to prepare this description by addressing the following:
 - **Workshop Objectives:** What are the main objectives of your workshop? What do you aim to achieve through this session?
 - **Workshop Focus:** What specific topics or themes will be covered in the workshop? What tools, techniques, or software will be introduced or explored?

- **Relevance and Need:** What skills and/or knowledge gaps might this workshop address within the society?
- **Target Audience:** Who is the intended audience for your workshop? What level of expertise or background knowledge do you expect from participants? How many participants are you anticipating (and whether there is a maximum capacity for your workshop)?
- **Learning Outcomes:** What do you expect participants to take away from the workshop? What skills, knowledge, or insights will they gain?
- **Pre-Conference Workshop Format and Presenter Roles (500 words or less):** Describe the workshop format, and the presenter roles and topics. This will not appear in the Conference Program. The duration of a Pre-Conference Workshops is usually half a day, or a full day. Please specify the intended duration of your workshop. You may wish to prepare this more in-depth description by addressing the following:
 - **Workshop Chair:** Identify the workshop chair or moderator responsible for facilitating the session.
 - **Format of the Session:** Specify whether the workshop will be a hands-on experience, a series of presentations, a discussion panel, or a combination of these formats.
 - **Presenter Roles and Topics:** Clearly define the roles of each presenter during the workshop. Specify whether each presenter will lead a specific section, participate in a panel discussion, or have other responsibilities. For each presenter, list the specific topics they will address during the workshop.
- **Pre-Conference Workshop Funding and Sponsorship (500 words or less):** The LOC may offer complementary pre-conference workshop registration for presenters making substantive contributions in workshops. Support for presenters making substantive contributions may also be offered in form of a complementary conference registration, funding for travel expenses/accommodation. Workshop presenters need to submit a funding support request to the LOC should they seek financial support. Requests are most likely to be successful where the proposed presenter is considered to be an event 'drawcard', and where the request for funding is modest. The LOC cannot guarantee availability of funding to support the attendance of presenters. Outline any opportunities for sponsorship of the session. This is particularly relevant where funding is requested to support presenter attendance. It is the responsibility of the session organiser to seek sponsorship, but please liaise with Peggy Schrobback (Peggy.Schrobback@csiro.au) from the 2025 AARES LOC to exclude the possibility of multiple requests to the same potential sponsor.
- **Pre-Conference Workshop Promotion Strategy (optional, 500 words or less):** Proposals that have a well-developed strategy for marketing their event will be warmly received.