

25th SCAC

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The 25th Annual Conference

Sustainable Technologies and Digital Transformation for a Resilient Future

A HYBRID EVENT WITH OPTIONS FOR PHYSICAL AND ONLINE PARTICIPATION

19 - 20 November 2026 (Thursday-Friday)

at

Angkor Paradise Hotel

Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia

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Invitation

Asia is confronting a defining combination of climate change, ecological degradation, rapid technological change, resource constraints, and widening social inequalities. The region therefore faces a double imperative: to accelerate sustainable development while ensuring that digital transformation strengthens resilience, inclusion, and human well-being.

Sustainable technologies, together with artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, big data, cloud systems, smart infrastructure, advanced materials, and renewable energy, offer powerful opportunities to improve resource efficiency, strengthen evidence-based decision-making, and support low-carbon development. Technological progress alone, however, cannot guarantee a resilient or equitable future. Ethical governance, digital inclusion, equitable access, gender-responsive innovation, and sensitivity to social and cultural contexts must be integral to the way new technologies are designed and deployed.

The Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC), as the host organization, supported by the Science Council of Asia (SCA), will organize the 25th SCA Conference in Siem Reap, Cambodia, on 19-20 November 2026 under the theme “Sustainable Technologies and Digital Transformation for a Resilient Future.”

The Conference will bring together scholars, policymakers, practitioners, industry leaders, scientific academies, community representatives, and young researchers. Through keynote addresses, multidisciplinary parallel sessions, the Future Earth Symposium, and a cross-disciplinary synthesis, participants will exchange knowledge, examine emerging challenges, and identify practical and policy-relevant pathways that connect scientific innovation with environmental and social well-being.

On behalf of organizing committee, we warmly invite scientific organizations, universities, public institutions, businesses, development partners, researchers, and students from across Asia and beyond to participate in the 25th SCA Conference in Siem Reap - a city where cultural heritage, environmental stewardship, and the future of innovation meet.

H.E. Prof. Dr. PO Kimtho

Director General
Institute of Technology of Cambodia
Vice President, Science Council of Asia

Prof. XUE Qikun

President
Science Council of Asia

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline	7 August 2026 Extended to 21 August 2026
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	1 September 2026
Online Registration / Payment Deadline	To be announced
Final Programme and Participant Information	To be announced
25th SCA Conference	19-20 November 2026

All deadlines and participation arrangements remain subject to confirmation by the Conference Secretariat.

Regarding Online Participation

- Online participation will be available for participants who cannot attend in person.
- Online participation is offered free of charge.
- The access link and technical instructions will be shared separately with registered online participants.

Conference Dates 19-20 November 2026 Thursday-Friday	Venue Angkor Paradise Hotel Siem Reap, Cambodia
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Conference Theme

“Sustainable Technologies and Digital Transformation for a Resilient Future” brings together technological, environmental, social, ethical, and policy perspectives. The Conference will explore how innovation can contribute to resource efficiency, climate resilience, inclusive development, and responsible governance.

The Conference Programme will include:

- Opening Ceremony and Keynote Addresses
- Parallel scientific sessions
- Future Earth Symposium
- Cross-Disciplinary Synthesis: Bridging Science, Society, and Sustainability
- SCA Concluding Session

The Programme at a Glance

DAY 1: 19 November 2026 (Thursday)

Time	Activity / Description
08:00-08:30	Registration and Networking
08:30-08:40	Introduction to the event
08:40-09:30	Opening Ceremony: - welcome by ITC - remarks by President of SCJ - remarks by President of SCA - opening remarks by MoEYS
09:30-10:00	Break for Official Group Photo and Refreshments
10:00-10:30	Keynote Address 1 – Prof. Dr. Looi Lai Meng: ASEAN Ahead: ASEAN STI Ecosystem Foresight 2035 and Beyond
10:30-11:00	Keynote Address 2 – Prof. Dr. Liaquat Ali: Ethical Issues related to Artificial Intelligence
11:00-11:30	Keynote Address 3 – Prof. Dr. Sachiko Kubota: The Blueprint for Tomorrow: Gender Perspectives as a Catalyst for Future Sustainability
11:30-12:00	Keynote Address 4: TBC
12:00-12:10	Morning Session Wrap-up and Introduction to Parallel Sessions
12:10-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-15:00	Parallel Thematic Sessions - Track I (Sessions A, B and C)
15:00-15:20	Coffee Break
15:20-16:50	Parallel Thematic Sessions - Track II (Sessions A, B and C)
17:00-18:00	SCA Management Board Meeting (by invitation only)
18:30-20:00	Networking Dinner - participation policy to be confirmed

Detailed speaker names, session titles, chairs, affiliations, and room assignments will be published in the final programme.

DAY 2: 20 November 2026 (Friday)

Time	Activity / Description
08:00-08:30	Registration and Networking
08:30-10:00	Parallel Thematic Sessions - Track III (Sessions A, B and C)
10:00-10:20	Coffee Break
10:20-11:50	Parallel Thematic Sessions - Track IV (Sessions A, B and C)
11:50-13:00	Lunch Break
13:00-15:00	Future Earth Symposium (programme TBC)
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:50	Cross-Disciplinary Synthesis: Bridging Science, Society, and Sustainability
16:50-17:30	SCA Concluding Session

Proposed Thematic Organization of Parallel Sessions

Theme 1	Theme 2
Sustainable Technologies, Smart Systems, and Environmental Resilience • Renewable and low-carbon energy • Smart grids and digital energy management • Industry 4.0, AI and data-driven sustainability • Smart mobility, infrastructure and sensing • Green, smart and functional materials • Cybersecurity and ethical digital innovation	Resilient Futures, Inclusive Societies, and Climate Action • Sustainable food processing and digital agriculture • Nutrition, food safety and public health • Water resources and climate resilience • Inclusion, equity, gender and human dimensions • Governance and ethics of emerging technologies • Education, policy and community-based resilience

The final allocation of topics among Sessions A, B and C will be confirmed after abstract review.

General Information

Conference Venue: Angkor Paradise Hotel, National Road No. 6, Phum Taphul, Sangkat Svay Dangkoum, Siem Reap, Cambodia. **Siem Reap is home to the UNESCO World Heritage Angkor Archaeological Park, including Angkor Wat.**

Important links:

Announcement: [Click Here](#)

Link to the first circular: [Click Here](#)

Link to registration form: [Click Here](#)

Link to concept note and abstract template: [Click Here](#)

Link to abstract submission portal: [Click Here](#)



Weather: November is generally a warm and windy period in Siem Reap. Participants are advised to bring light professional clothing, a light rain layer, and to check the short-range forecast before travel. Normally, temperature is between 23°C and 29°C.

Visa and Entry Requirements

Participants should verify Cambodia's visa and passport requirements according to their nationality. For a smoother and more secure travel experience, participants are strongly recommended to obtain their Cambodian visa before traveling. Cambodia's official e-Visa is accepted at Siem Reap Angkor International Airport (SAI). In addition, all travelers, including visa holders, are required to complete the Cambodia e-Arrival form. Online submission within seven days before arrival is recommended for a smoother entry process.

Link to e-Visa:

<https://www.evisa.gov.kh/>

Cambodia e-Visa Snapshot

- **Tourist e-Visa (Visa T):** single entry, valid 30 days, USD 30.
- **Ordinary e-Visa (Visa E):** single entry, valid 30 days and extendable, USD 35 (business / non-tourist purposes).
- **Processing time:** approximately 3 business days.
- **Requirements:** passport valid for 6+ months, a recent digital photo, and a card for online payment.
- **Apply at the official government site, [evisa.gov.kh](https://www.evisa.gov.kh/), before travel.**

Travel Preparation Checklist

- Passport valid for the required period and any necessary visa or e-Visa approval.
- Cambodia e-Arrival form completed within the official submission window.
- Printed or digital copies of conference invitation, hotel booking, return ticket, and travel insurance.
- Any visa-support letter requested from the Conference Secretariat well in advance.

Airport Arrival and Transfers

International participants are expected to arrive through Siem Reap Angkor International Airport (SAI). Details of any official airport pick-up service, meeting point, focal persons, and transfer schedule will be confirmed in a subsequent participant information note. Participants arranging their own transfer should use licensed airport transport or a transfer arranged by their hotel.

Link to Siem Reap Airport Transfer Bus:

<https://www.siemreapairportbus.com/>



Venue Map and Hotel Contact

Angkor Paradise Hotel

Tel: +855 78 760 690 / +855 98 760 690

Email: info@angkorparadise.net

Scan the QR code for the venue location.

Accommodation and Participant Services

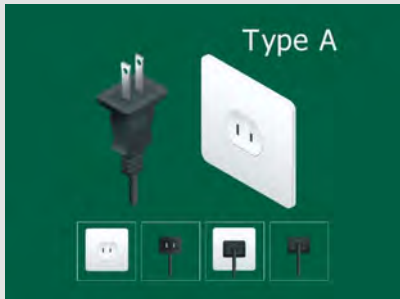
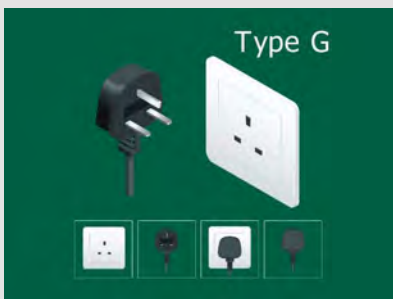
A list of recommended hotels in Siem Reap will be circulated to participants. The Angkor Paradise Hotel will serve as the main Conference venue. Participants should make bookings only after confirming the applicable rates, inclusions, cancellation conditions, check-in and check-out times, and transport arrangements.

Hotel	Rate / Offer	Location
Angkor Paradise Hotel	Conference venue — on-site rooms; see venue contact above for rates.	Siem Reap, Cambodia
Bayon Era Hotel	50% discount — Deluxe Single/King \$45; Deluxe Twin \$45; Deluxe Triple \$60; Inter-connecting \$90; Junior Suite \$90; Family Suite \$135; Executive Suite \$350; President Suite \$1200. Breakfast, pool, steam, sauna and gym included.	maps.app.goo.gl/pzPuBXZQwwAWuyec9
J7 Angkor Hotel	Rate on hotel website.	maps.app.goo.gl/f9viy3u4meLoTcCZ7
Sokha Palace Siem Reap Hotel	Rate on hotel website.	maps.app.goo.gl/hhLPuFriFpPmqjhP9
Grange Boutique Siem Reap	Rate on hotel website.	maps.app.goo.gl/8LugRyrYbxrn9YHB6

Rates and availability change quickly in peak season; confirm directly with each hotel before booking. Early check-in, late check-out, room service, laundry, minibar, and extra nights are normally paid by the guest unless otherwise confirmed.

Practical Information

Language	English will be the working language of the Conference.
Currency	The national currency is the Cambodian Riel (KHR). Participants should exchange money through authorized banks or exchange counters. *Participants might also carry US Dollars (USD). 1 USD is about 4,000KHR.
Time Zone	Cambodia Standard Time is UTC+7.

Electricity and Connectivity	Cambodia uses plug types A, C, and G. Participants should bring a universal travel adapter. Wi-Fi arrangements at the venue will be confirmed with the participant information package.    
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Registration and Materials	The onsite registration desk will open at 08:00 on 19 November 2026. Registered participants will receive their badge and conference materials after identification.
Meals	Coffee breaks and lunches are included for registered onsite participants. Dietary restrictions should be communicated during registration.
Networking Dinner	The draft programme schedules a dinner on 19 November. Eligibility and guest policy will be confirmed in the final announcement.
Local Transportation	Taxis, tuk-tuks, and rickshaws are the most common options; PassApp and Grab (ride-hailing apps, metered fares) are recommended and best downloaded before arrival. Participants are responsible for personal travel outside official conference activities unless otherwise stated by the organizers.

Registration Fees for Participation

Participant Type	Onsite Fee
General / Public	USD 100
Student (proof required)	USD 50
Invited Keynote / Guest Speaker	Exempt
Online Participant	Free of charge

The onsite fee includes conference materials, coffee breaks, and lunches. Networking dinner access remains subject to the final participation policy.

Call for Abstracts

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit original abstracts aligned with the Conference theme and proposed key themes. Submissions may address scientific research, technological development, policy analysis, case studies, community-based solutions, or interdisciplinary approaches connecting technology, sustainability, and social resilience.

Abstract Submission Deadline	7 August 2026 Extended to 21 August 2026
Notification of Acceptance	1 September 2026
Payment Deadline	14 September 2026
Submission Method	Refer to page 6: General Information

***Payment guideline is shown in page 13**

Abstract Preparation and Submission

- Use the official 25th SCA Conference Abstract Template.
- Select the most relevant theme and topic area during submission.
- Provide the presenting author's full name, affiliation, country, email address, and contact number.
- Follow the word limit, structure, file format, and naming convention stated in the official template.
- Accepted abstracts will be assigned to an appropriate parallel session; the final presentation format and schedule will be communicated by the Secretariat.
- The Concept Note and Abstract Template are intended to be accessible through one official QR code in circulated conference materials.

Submission Portal Placeholder

- Insert the approved abstract-submission QR code and URL before circulation.
- Confirm whether registration and abstract submission will use one portal or separate forms.
- Confirm any publication, proceedings, poster, or full-paper requirements before release.

Conference Organization

Conference Leadership

Science Council of Asia	Host Organization	SCA Secretariat
Prof. XUE Qikun President, Science Council of Asia	H.E. Prof. Dr. PO Kimtho Director General, ITC Vice President, Science Council of Asia	Prof. TAKAYAMA Kotaro Secretary General / Treasurer Science Council of Asia

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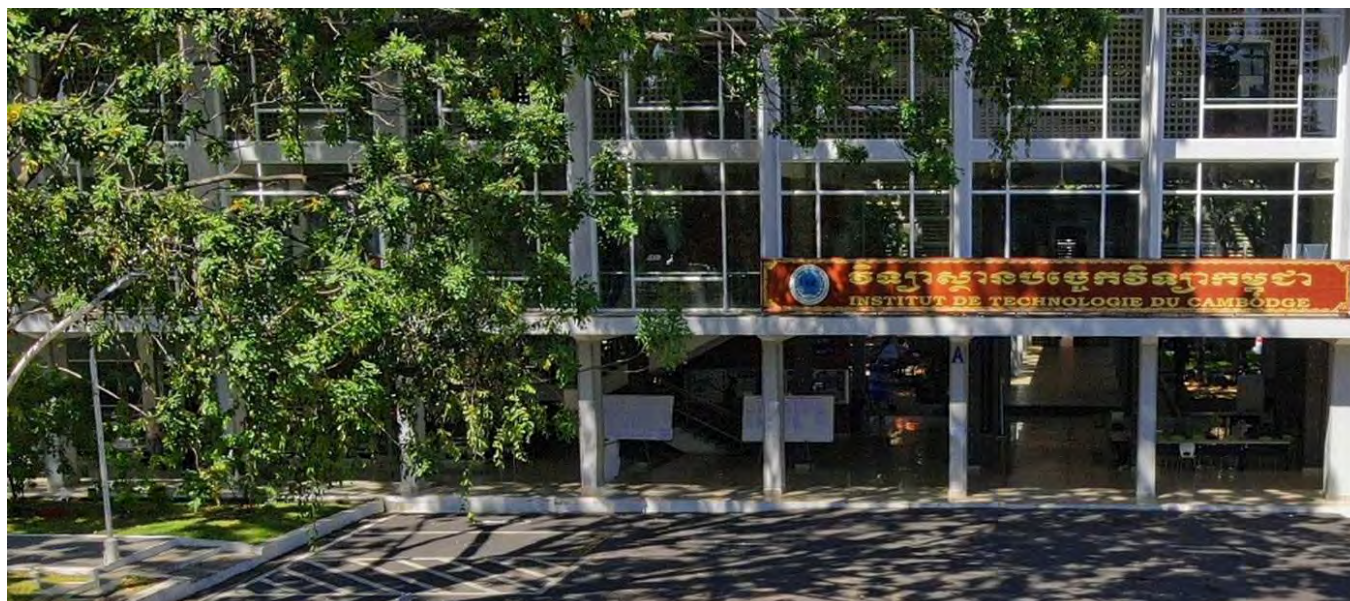


Venue Map

Communication Note

Participants should rely on official communications issued by the Conference Secretariat, ITC, and SCA. Any change in dates, venue, deadlines, fees, speakers, or participation arrangements should be reflected consistently in the announcement, website, registration form, abstract portal, and QR-linked materials.

Introduction to the Institute of Technology of Cambodia



The Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC) is a leading public higher education institution in Cambodia specializing in engineering, science, and technology. Founded in 1964, ITC has contributed to national development by educating engineers and technical professionals, advancing applied research, and building partnerships with government, industry, communities, development partners, and universities in Cambodia and abroad.

ITC's educational mission combines strong scientific foundations with practical technical competencies, research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology transfer. Its academic and research activities address priority areas such as energy, digital technologies, infrastructure, water and environment, food and agro-industry, materials, industrial systems, and emerging technologies.

ITC's Contribution to the 25th SCA Conference

- Serve as the host organization and coordinate the local conference arrangements in Siem Reap.
- Mobilize scientific, engineering, social, and policy expertise from Cambodia and partner institutions.
- Promote dialogue among academia, industry, government, scientific academies, and development partners.
- Showcase Cambodia's perspectives and innovations related to sustainability, resilience, and digital transformation.
- Support multidisciplinary and international collaboration beyond the Conference.

Vision for Science, Technology, and Innovation

Through education, research, innovation, and cooperation, ITC seeks to strengthen Cambodia's human capital and contribute to an inclusive, low-carbon, technology-enabled, and resilient future. Hosting the 25th SCA Conference provides an opportunity to connect Cambodia's priorities with regional scientific cooperation and to build lasting networks for shared action.

Introduction to the Science Council of Asia



The Science Council of Asia (SCA) is an international scientific organization founded in 2000 by Asian academies of science and other national scientific organizations. The first SCA Conference was held in Bangkok in 2001. SCA provides a collaborative platform for scientists across natural sciences, engineering and technology, social sciences, humanities, and related fields to promote scientific exchange and cooperation in Asia.

The annual SCA Conference is hosted on a rotational basis by member countries and regions. It commonly brings together a General Assembly, Management Board Meeting, and scientific symposium or conference programme involving scientists, engineers, policymakers, practitioners, and students. SCA's work promotes a holistic vision of sustainable development and improved quality of life.

2000 SCA established	2001 First annual conference	31 Member academic organizations
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24th Science Council of Asia Conference November 16-18 2025, Hybrid (Islamabad, Pakistan / Online)

Payment Guideline

Please complete your registration by following the instructions below.

1. Payment Deadline: 14 September 2026

2. Registration Fees:

- General Participant: USD 100
- Student: USD 50

3. Payment Methods

International Participants

- Beneficiary: ITC/19
- Bank: Foreign Trade Bank of Cambodia (FTB)
- Account Number: 300025778085
- SWIFT Code: FTCKHPP

Local Participants (Cambodia)

Payment can be made by scanning the KHQR code below using any Cambodian banking or mobile payment application.



KHQR for Local Payment

4. Bank Transfer Charges: All bank transfer fees must be borne by the presenter (payer). Please ensure that the conference receives the full registration fee.

5. Proof of Payment: Email the payment receipt/transaction slip to sca25cambodia@itc.edu.kh, indicating your full name and Abstract title.

6. Registration Fee Policy: All registration fees are non-refundable.

7. Registration will be confirmed upon receipt and verification of the payment.



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In order to send money via Foreign Trade Bank of Cambodia, you may request your oversea bank to adhere to the following instruction:

Account with (57A) **FOREIGN TRADE BANK OF CAMBODIA**

Building No.33C-D, St.169, Sangkat Veal Vong, Khan 7Makara,

Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Swift Code: FTCKKHPP

For further credit to: (59)

Name of Beneficiary: ITC/19

Account Number: 300025778085

Phone Number: 017 894 546

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