12th FLARE Annual Meeting
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Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Please review this document carefully before submitting your abstract.

You may submit multiple abstracts. However, **participants are allowed to present only one oral presentation**. If multiple abstracts are accepted, you can register an alternate author to present it to ensure equity and diversity across presentations.

ORAL PRESENTATION, LIGHTNING TALK & POSTER
Oral presentations: 10-12 minutes
Lightning talks: 5-6 minutes
Posters: Special session

Abstracts for oral presentations, lightning talks, and posters can be no more than 350 words. FLARE suggests following the structure below to convey the most salient features of your work:

1) Open with a jargon-free sentence or two, providing a basic introduction to your work that is understandable to a broad audience (students, scholars, practitioners, policy-makers, donors, non-government organization representatives, grassroots organizations, etc.) interested in natural resource issues. It should clearly state the general problem (within the forests and livelihoods domain and focusing on a key meeting theme);

2) Two to three sentences that provide more detailed information about the situated/on-the-ground context and relevance of your work that can be understood by an audience from diverse disciplines, sectors, and geographies;

3) Two or three sentences summarizing the methodology, approach, and main findings (please use the phrase, "Our/My study finds," or We/I show" or equivalent);
4) Two or three sentences explaining the scholarly significance and practical application (the "so what") of the main findings and argument, especially as compared to what is already known;
5) One or two sentences that situate the results in a more general context, framed by the relevant meeting theme.

ORGANIZED PANEL SESSION
Duration: ~1.5 hours for 4-5 oral presentations

FLARE welcomes pre-organized session panels. Organizers are responsible for soliciting and selecting abstracts for the submission portal. If the panel is accepted, a minimum of four presenters must register to be included in the program.

- Each session must have an organizer. **The organizer must submit an abstract for the pre-organized session** describing the overall focus of the panel and list the names of the session contributors;
- Sessions could focus on a single topic, be a collection of related topics, offer a discussion of a book, or present a series of book critiques, etc. Other ideas are welcome;
- **Each session contributor must submit their abstract** following the oral presentation guidelines. On the submission portal, they should say "Yes" to the question "Is this submission a part of a pre-organized panel session?" and write the name of the session organizer.

INNOVATIVE SESSION
Duration: ~ 1.5 hours, with at least 4 presenters registered

We welcome proposals for sessions that extend traditional conference formats to allow innovative ways of sharing, discussing, and generating research ideas and findings. Innovative session ideas could include roundtables (e.g., composed of policymakers, practitioners, researchers, government officials, etc.), walking sessions to discuss new research, documentary film showings, storytelling rather than PowerPoint presentations, book launches or focused seminars, musical performances, art exhibitions, spoken word poetry, among other possibilities. **Innovative sessions should typically include at least two and more likely 3-4 registered associated presenters (besides the organizer) to be included in the program. Please reach out to flare@nd.edu prior to the abstract deadline if you have questions.**

- **The organizer must submit an abstract for the innovative session** describing the overall focus of the session, its main content, and list the names of the session contributors;
  - Session abstracts must also follow the oral presentation guidelines;

- **It is not necessary for each innovative session collaborator to submit an abstract. Just the organizer.**
- *Note:* Submitting a separate oral presentation would normally preclude you from serving as the organizer of an innovative session, unless prior permission is granted from the FLARE Secretariat.

ABSTRACT REVIEW CRITERIA

All abstracts will be evaluated following the criteria below, applying equal weights:
- Novelty in approaching, framing, and understanding forests, livelihoods, and the relationship between them, including potential for generating discussion;
- Contribution to the larger literature and knowledge base or action on forests and livelihoods;
- Quality of writing.

Two additional criteria apply specifically for abstracts for <u>oral presentations, lightning talks, posters, and organized panel sessions</u>:
- Quality of data, methods, and analytical rigor;
- Implications of research (theory, data, methods) for policy, practice, and application

Additional criteria for <u>innovative sessions</u> are:
- Practical application to the forests and livelihoods domain;
- Quality of methodology and format;
- Strength, relevance, and usefulness of expected outcomes for participants