



**11th FLARE Annual Meeting
October 23-27, 2025
Lima, Peru**

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Please review this document carefully before submitting your abstract.

You may submit multiple abstracts. However, **presenters are allowed 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;
- Session abstracts must also follow the oral presentation guidelines;
- 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: ~45 min or 1.5 hours

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 of around 1.5 hours need to include at least four registered associated presenters per session to be included in the program. If the proposed session will last around 45 minutes, it must have two registered presenters to be in the program. Please, reach out to flare@nd.edu if you have questions about your proposal.

WORKSHOP

Monday, October 27, 2025, ~ 2-3 hours

Abstracts for workshops should be no more than 350 words and follow the structure below. It is expected that the workshop will be organized and facilitated by the person(s) submitting the abstract, with possible assistance from the FLARE Coordination Committee. Attendance will be capped at 40 participants (dependent on space availability and moderator discretion; not including a maximum of 3 facilitators). Workshops organized in two parts (morning and afternoon sessions) will be considered if a strong case for such time and sequencing needs is presented.

Please review workshops from previous FLARE meetings:

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- 1) A jargon-free sentence or two providing a basic introduction to your workshop, so that it is understandable to a broad audience (students, scholars, practitioners, policy-makers, donors, non-government organization representatives, grassroots organizations, etc.) interested in natural resource issues;
- 2) Two to three sentences that provide more detailed information about the context and relevance of your workshop that can be understood by an audience from diverse disciplines, sectors, geographies;
- 3) Two or three sentences clearly stating the practical objectives of your workshop. For example, introducing a specific tool, skills, dataset, methodology, or facilitating an interactive discussion/debate around an emerging topic, tool, etc).
- 4) Two or three sentences summarizing the workshop methodology and format with specific learning/participatory activities and expected outcomes

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 oral presentations, lightning talks, posters, and organized panel sessions:

- Quality of data, methods, and analytical rigor;

- Implications of research (theory, data, methods) for policy, practice, and application

Additional criteria for workshops and innovative sessions are:

- Practical application to the forests and livelihoods domain;
- Quality of methodology and format;
- Strength, relevance, and usefulness of expected outcomes for participants