Advice on writing your abstract

General

The Human Development and Capability Association Conference is interdisciplinary and international. We welcome scholars, activists, policymakers, practitioners, and members of our wider communities to discuss a very broad range of topics and approaches. At this meeting, we especially welcome methods, areas, topics and forms of engagement previously neglected in order to further expand and challenge the human development paradigm and/or the capability approach.

Paper/Project Title

The title should succinctly describe the topic of your presentation. Audiences frequently depend heavily upon the title when choosing which papers/sessions to attend.

Abstract

The abstract should answer the following questions:

1. What are the **key questions** your talk/project is addressing?
2. Methodologically, **how** are you answering those questions?
3. **How is your talk/project challenging or furthering the human development paradigm and/or the capability approach?**
4. What are **your conclusions, insights, and/or next steps**, and why are they important?

Terms: Avoid discipline- or area-specific jargon or terminology. HDCA is broadly interdisciplinary, international, and includes community-based as well as academic-based scholars. If special terminology is necessary, it must be defined explicitly.

Audience participation

We ask that you think about the way you plan to interact with the audience during the presentation. We encourage you to think about how you might provide opportunities for greater inclusion of, and engagement with, the people at your session. In particular, there will be space on the abstract submission form to indicate **what questions it would be helpful for the audience to think about** in preparation for your paper/project/session.