

**Special Session on:**  
***Innovation and ICT Infrastructure***

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**Objective and scope of this session:**

Innovation is the introduction and creation of something new, in the form of an idea, skill, product, service or process that helps to improve an organization or society. It is a key to achieve growth and development. However, the success of innovation depends upon the availability and linkage with information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure. This session on *innovation and ICT* infrastructure hopes to bring in a wider view of innovation as new methods of creating value, and to emphasize on research that study innovative processes, systems, and so forth. The proposed session welcomes papers on topics which are however not limited to the following: (a) innovation and economic growth; (b) ICT and economic growth; (c) finance and ICT diffusion; (d) finance and innovation; (e) technology, innovation, and competition; (f) competitiveness and innovation; (g) ICT and entrepreneurship; (h) public policy and innovation; (i) public policy and ICT infrastructure; (j) innovation, technology transfer and social entrepreneurship; (k) role of the state and public policy with regards to innovation and entrepreneurship; and (l) governmental and regional policies on innovation and ICT infrastructure.