

# 13<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS OF THE RSAI

## Smart Regions - Opportunities for Sustainable Development in the Digital Era

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### Call for Abstracts and Special Session Proposals

We are delighted to announce that the Call for Abstracts and Special Session Proposals for RSAI Congress 2020 is now open!

The [Regional Science Association International](#) (RSAI) and the [Moroccan Regional Science Association](#) (AMSR) invite regional scientists, economists, economic geographers, urban planners, policy makers, and researchers of related disciplines to participate in the 13th World Congress of the Regional Science Association International, with the main theme "*Smart Regions – Opportunities for sustainable development in the digital era*". The Congress will be hosted by the Moroccan Regional Science Association.

We invite formal paper presentations and Special Session Proposals (deadline of **January 21, 2020**). The [abstract submission portal](#) is now open. Full information on the venue, abstract submission, registration, schedule of events, accommodation and travel information is posted at <https://www.regionalscience.org/2020worldcongress>

#### **About the Focal Theme**

The congress is open for the world-wide diverse audience of regional scientists including academics, policy makers and practitioners and aims to bring together the key elements of multidisciplinary regional science research and to provide a scientific platform for presenting and discussing research at the frontiers of the spatial sciences in a broad sense. The themes which will be addressed zoom in particular on the pressing challenges of meeting the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development Goals, in both developed and developing economies. As a new challenge to regional science research is formed by the emerging digital technology and its implications for analysis, monitoring, evaluation and forecasting spatial dynamics at all levels, the theme chosen for the congress is 'Smart Regions- Opportunities for Sustainable Development in the Digital Era'. Therefore, the potential of spatial and temporal big data, machine learning, artificial intelligence, social media information, and of the new spatial maps emerging from digitization and robotization will be addressed by the congress as well, as these forces will have far-reaching impacts on human behaviour and interaction in space. Topics such as urban-rural development, migration, spatial and resources (al)location, border effects, urbanization, sustainable cities, mobility, land use, environmental quality, disaster management, energy transition, culture, poverty, segregation, spatial modelling are important issues covered in the 2020 RSAI World Congress.

Themes of specific interest are:

RS01 - Entrepreneurship  
RS02 - Infrastructure, transportation and accessibility  
RS03 - Knowledge and innovation  
RS04 - Local finance  
RS05 - Location theory and applications  
RS06 - Methods in Regional Science and Urban Economics  
RS07 - Migration and regional labor markets  
RS08 - Real estate and housing  
RS09 - Regional and urban policy  
RS10 - Regional development  
RS11 - Rural development

RS12 - Spatial implications of climate and environmental change  
RS13 - Spatial planning  
RS14 - The spatial dimension of sustainable development  
RS15 - Theoretical and empirical urban economics  
RS16 - Tourism  
RS17 - Globalization and territorial intelligence  
RS18 - Resilience and Risk Management  
RS19 - Green economy and complexity of socio-ecosystems  
RS20 - Biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystem services  
RS21 - Agriculture, fisheries and food security  
RS22 - Nexus: water, agriculture and energy

We look forward to welcoming you in the dazzling city of Marrakech in June 2020.

With warmest regards,

The Organizing Committee

#### Abstract/Paper Submission:

**Deadline for Abstracts submissions: January 21, 2020.** Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the platform available on the Conference website: <https://events.digitalpapers.org/rsai2020>

Visit the RSAI Congress website, [www.regionalscience.org/2020worldcongress](http://www.regionalscience.org/2020worldcongress), and follow the abstract submission instructions. Please note, there is a limit of two paper presentation per paid, registered participant.

#### Special Session proposals:

**Deadline for Special Session proposals: January 21, 2020.** Proposals should be sent by email to the secretariat of the Congress ([2020rsaiworldcongress@regionalscience.org](mailto:2020rsaiworldcongress@regionalscience.org)).