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MAGSCON 2026

24 - 26 March 2026

Manipal Global SDG Convergence

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ABOUT THE CONVERGENCE

Manipal Global SDG Convergence – 2026 (MAGSCON–26) is a three-day international conference hosted by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE). The event aims to showcase and strengthen our collective commitment to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This convergence will bring together a diverse spectrum of stakeholders, including academicians, policymakers, NGO leaders, community representatives, students, researchers, media professionals, industry partners, and government officials. With participation from MAHE's international collaborators, the conference aims to foster meaningful dialogue, exchange best practices, co-develop innovative solutions, and strengthen action toward sustainable development.

The conference includes invited talks, panel discussions, thematic sessions, workshops, and interactive forums covering all 17 SDGs, with emphasis on their global, national, and local relevance. Participants will engage with thought leaders, explore real-world case studies and develop pathways for impactful action.

Academic Institutions

Corporates

NGOs

Media Professionals

Researchers & Students

Government Officials

Sustainability Practitioners

Thematic Focus & Tracks

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Day 1 – Higher Education for a Sustainable Future
Driving climate action, biodiversity conservation and coastal sustainability through the SDGs.

Day 2 – Higher Education Institutions: Catalysts for Sustainable Health
Communities and culture advancing health and well-being, inclusive communities and cultural vitality.

Day 3 – Shaping the Future of Higher Education for Sustainable Policy, Governance, Technology and Innovation
Reimagining policy, governance frameworks, digital transformation and innovation ecosystems to support long-term sustainable development.

Across these tracks, all 17 SDGs are addressed through interdisciplinary perspectives and sectoral linkages. Participants will engage with thought leaders and practitioners to identify new pathways for impactful, evidence-based action.

Conference Highlights

Keynote presentations by distinguished leaders in higher education, sustainability and public policy.

High-level panel discussions, including focused dialogues on:

→ Reimagining Higher Education for Inclusive, Future-Ready Learning (SDG 4)

→ Climate Action, Biodiversity Conservation & Food Security (SDGs: 6, 13, 14, 15, 1, 2)

→ Health, Well-being & Community Resilience: The Role of Universities (SDGs: 3)

→ Youth Leadership, Ethics & Social Innovation for Sustainable Societies (SDGs: 5, 8, 10, 11, 16)

→ CSR, Sustainable Technology, AI & Innovation for People and Planet (SDGs: 7, 8, 9, 12)

→ Global Partnerships & Knowledge Networks for Accelerating the SDGs (SDGs: 17)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Researchers, practitioners, policymakers, students, and representatives of civil society are invited to submit abstracts. Contributions that adopt interdisciplinary approaches or offer policy-relevant and practice-based insights are especially welcome. Suggested themes include, but are not limited to:

Future energy systems and decarbonization pathways

Renewable energy
Low-carbon technologies

Sustainable agriculture and food security

Climate-smart agriculture
Supply chain sustainability

Biodiversity and climate change

Biodiversity, conservation & management
Ecosystem restoration
Human-wildlife conflict

Sustainable cities and green infrastructure

Urban Ecology and sustainability
Smart infrastructure
Low-emission mobility

Blue economy and coastal ecosystems

Low-carbon technologies
Marine resource Management
Ocean-based sustainability
Coastal resilience
Sustainable fisheries and livelihoods

Pandemics, climate and health security

One Health in practice
Climate impact on health
Health infrastructure resilience
Pandemic preparedness

Education futures: from access to equity

Digital inclusion for sustainable futures
Gender, Equity and Leadership in the SDGs
ICT for inclusion
Gender-responsive policy
Youth engagement in SDGs
Skills for sustainability

Culture, Art & Heritage in sustainability

Cross-cultural collaboration
Cultural sustainability
Art for awareness
Heritage preservation

Technology and innovation for SDG acceleration

Innovation and entrepreneurship
Emerging tech for sustainability (AI, IoT, Clean Tech)
Digital Transformation
Innovation Ecosystems

Global governance, policy and partnerships

International cooperation
Policy frameworks

Measuring impact: Metrics and Accountability

Institutional accountability
SDG benchmarking

Submission Guidelines

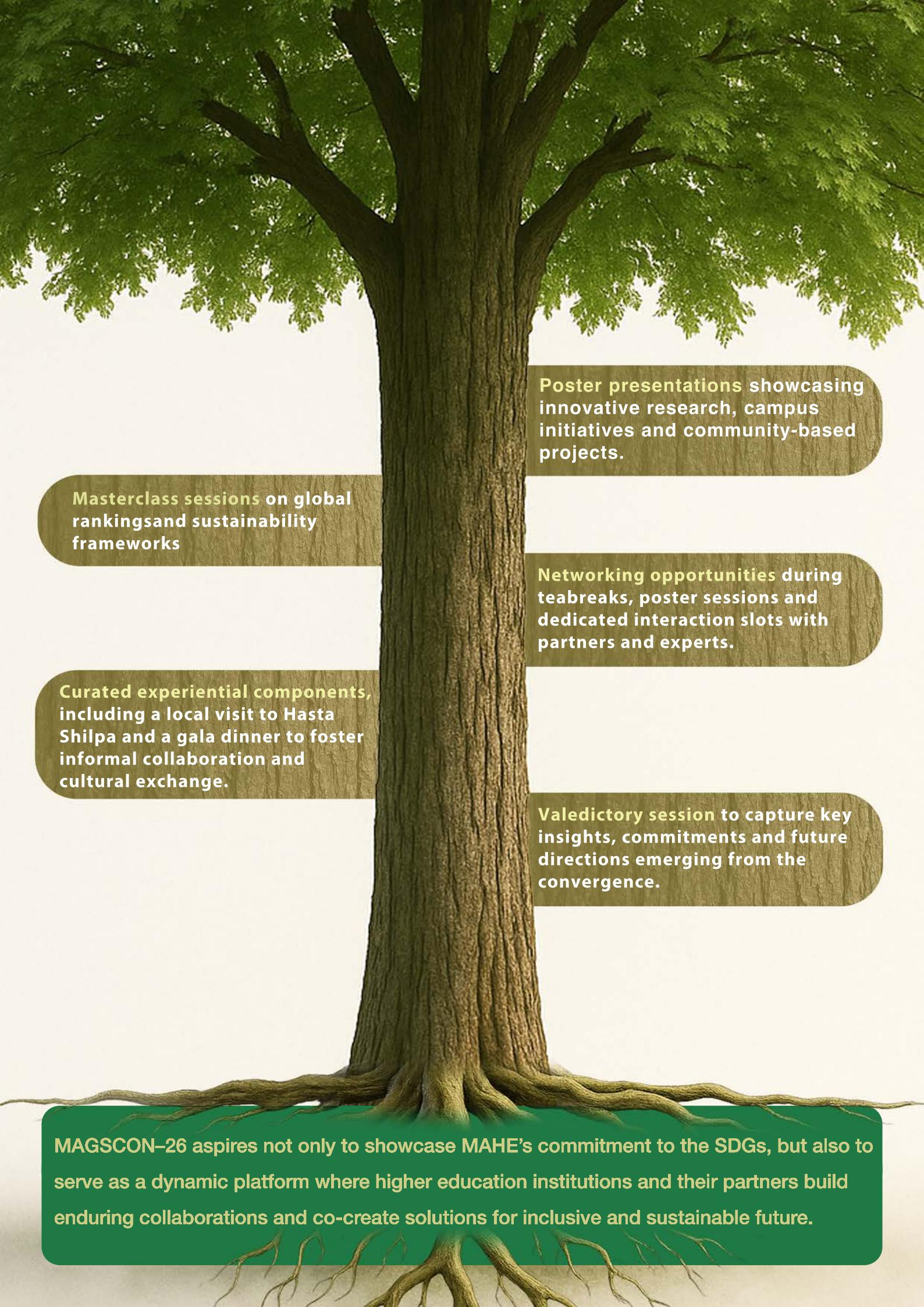Template: **MAGSCON 2026 Abstract Template**

Tracks: **Research | Policy | Practice | Student**

Mode: **Poster**

Important Dates

Abstract Deadline: **February 16, 2026**

Acceptance: **February 25, 2026**

Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit full-length manuscripts for possible publication in a Scopus-indexed journal.

Poster presentations showcasing innovative research, campus initiatives and community-based projects.

Masterclass sessions on global rankingsand sustainability frameworks

Networking opportunities during teabreaks, poster sessions and dedicated interaction slots with partners and experts.

Curated experiential components, including a local visit to Hasta Shilpa and a gala dinner to foster informal collaboration and cultural exchange.

Valedictory session to capture key insights, commitments and future directions emerging from the convergence.

MAGSCON–26 aspires not only to showcase MAHE's commitment to the SDGs, but also to serve as a dynamic platform where higher education institutions and their partners build enduring collaborations and co-create solutions for inclusive and sustainable future.

Important Dates

Early Bird Registration:	05-03-2026 [Last Date]
Regular Registration:	20-03-2026 [Last Date]
On-site registration:	26-03-2026

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Early Bird Registration	Research Scholars / Students	Faculty	NGO	Industry Practitioners
MAHE Participants	INR 1500	INR 2500		
Non-MAHE Participants	INR 2500	INR 3500	INR 2500	INR 5500
Foreign Participants	USD 75	USD 100		USD 150

* For Non-MAHE Participants, an 18% GST charge is included in the Registration fees

Regular Registration	Research Scholars / Students	Faculty	NGO	Industry Practitioners
MAHE Participants	INR 2000	INR 3000		
Non-MAHE Participants	INR 3000	INR 4000	INR 3000	INR 6000

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On-Site Registration	Research Scholars / Students	Faculty	NGO	Industry Practitioners
MAHE Participants	INR 2500	INR 3500		
Non-MAHE Participants	INR 3500	INR 4500	INR 3500	INR 6500

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- The registration fees include a registration kit, lunch and refreshments, and a gala dinner on Day 2

- Please note that accommodation is not included in the registration fees. Should you require hotel arrangements, we will be pleased to provide you with details of available options at a discounted rate specifically negotiated for the conference.

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Conference Website

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Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, began its journey in 1953 by establishing India's first self-financing medical college through a unique public–private partnership model. Over the years, MAHE has grown into a globally recognised multidisciplinary university and was conferred Deemed-to-be University status in 1993.

MAHE is home to over 35,000 students from 60+ countries, supported by 3,000+ faculty and 10,000+ staff across diverse professional disciplines including Health Sciences, Engineering, Management, Communication, Humanities, Liberal Arts, and Social Sciences.

MAHE is committed to the principles of sustainability, global citizenship, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reflected in its academic practices, research contributions, institutional policies, and community engagement.

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MAHE Rankings

nirf **#3**
University Category

#5
SDG Institutions

#19
Research Institutions

101–200 Overall
Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings 2025

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING **#74**

4 QUALITY EDUCATION **#43**

5 GENDER EQUALITY **#11**

201–250
THE World University Rankings 2025 **Asia**

601–800
THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

851–900
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

206
QS ASIAN UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

401
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS
SUSTAINABILITY RANKINGS 2025

117
UI Green Metric
World University Rankings

1 in India
UI Green Metric
World University Rankings