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*(Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University)*



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**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 plenary talks, high-level expert panel discussions, masterclass sessions 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



## **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.



# | Panel Tracks



- 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, 11, 17)
- 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)
- Advancing sustainable health systems: aligning healthcare with the (SDGs: 3, 1, 17)

## | Conference Highlights

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



# 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

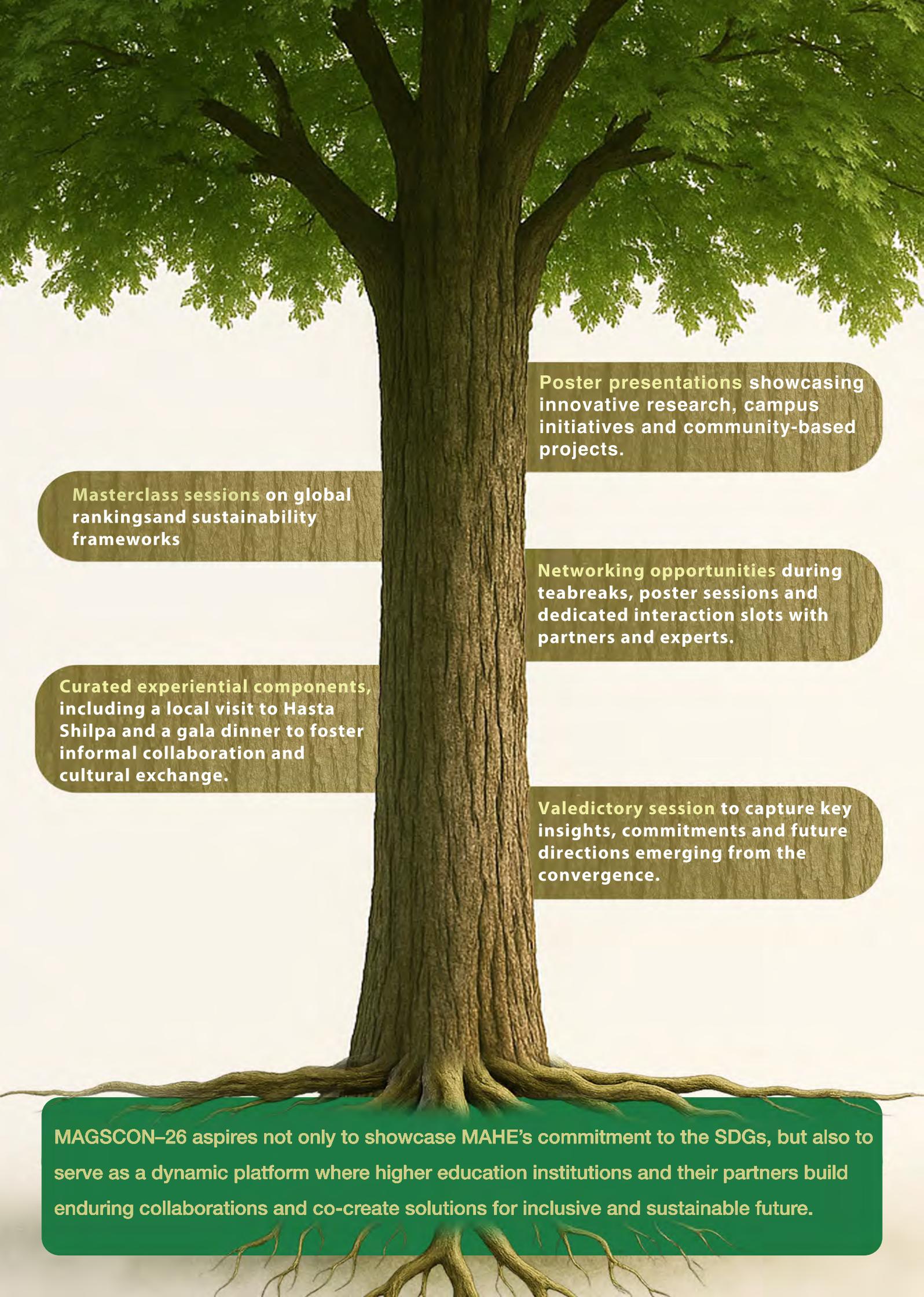
## Submission Guidelines

Template : **MAGSCON 2026 Abstract**  
Tracks: **Research | Policy | Practice | Student**  
Mode: **Poster**

## Important Dates

Abstract Deadline: **February 25, 2026**  
Acceptance: **March 03, 2026**

[Abstract Submission link](#)



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

**Masterclass sessions** on global rankings and 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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Registration Form



Conference Website



## About MAHE



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**

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

**#43**  
4 QUALITY EDUCATION

**#11**  
5 GENDER EQUALITY

**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**  
**UiGreenMetric**  
World University Rankings

**1** in India  
**UiGreenMetric**  
World University Rankings

