

Call for Contributions

Note: On site and Online Options

To accommodate many situations, we are offering the option for either physical presence or virtual participation. We would be delighted if all authors managed to attend in person but are aware that special circumstances are best handled by having flexible options.

Submission:

1. Inform the Chairs of the Title of your Contribution

2. Submission URL:

<https://www.iariasubmit.org/conferences/submit/newcontribution.php?event=CSRF+2026+Special>

Please select Track Preference as **ARID**

Special track

ARID: Innovation in Sustainable Agriculture in Arid and Hyper Arid Regions: From Ecosystem Understanding to Precision Management

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along with

CSRF 2026, The Third International Conference on Sustainable and Regenerative Farming

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Agriculture in deserts and other arid regions stands at the frontline of global climate, water, and food-security challenges. In arid and hyper-arid regions, farmers must produce under extreme water scarcity, salinity, intense solar radiation, high evaporation, poor soil quality, strong winds, and highly unpredictable pest and disease dynamics. Addressing these challenges requires moving beyond conventional input-intensive management to a new, integrated model for resilient and sustainable agriculture.

This track is designed to bring these integrated approaches to the forefront. It connects ecological knowledge, precision technologies, and practical field experience to develop solutions that are adapted to the realities of desert farming. Its strength lies in joined, transdisciplinary and Living Lab approaches: researchers, from R&D's, universities and beyond, growers, agricultural advisors, technology developers, and local stakeholders working together to build resilient strategies.

Example of subtopics for contributions

- Soil health, salinity and nutrient cycling
- Water-efficient irrigation
- Biological pest control
- Biodiversity and beneficial organisms
- Precision and digital agriculture
- Climate adaptation
- Farmer-centred, participatory, and Living Lab approaches

By linking science with practice and innovation with field needs, this initiative aims to showcase scalable, locally adapted solutions that can strengthen the sustainability, productivity, and resilience of agriculture in some of the world's most challenging environments.

Important Datelines

Inform the Chairs as soon as you decide to contribute.

- Submission: Sep 5, 2026
- Notification: Sep 25, 2026
- Registration: Oct 7, 2026
- Camera-ready: Oct 7, 2026
- Confirmation of attendance (on site vs virtual): Oct 7, 2026

***Note:** The submission deadline is somewhat flexible, providing arrangements are made ahead of time with the chair.*

Contribution Types

- Regular papers [in the proceedings, digital library]
- Short papers (work in progress) [in the proceedings, digital library]
- Posters: two pages [in the proceedings, digital library]
- Posters: slide only [slide-deck posted on www.iaria.org]
- Presentations: slide only [slide-deck posted on www.iaria.org]
- Demos: two pages [posted on www.iaria.org]

Paper Format

- See: <http://www.iaria.org/format.html>
- Before submission, please check and comply with the editorial rules: <http://www.iaria.org/editorialrules.html>

Publications

- Extended versions of selected papers will be published in IARIA Journals: <http://www.iariajournals.org>
- Print proceedings will be available via Curran Associates, Inc.: <http://www.proceedings.com/9769.html>
- Articles will be archived in the free access ThinkMind Digital Library: <http://www.thinkmind.org>

Papers Submission

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Registration

- Each accepted paper needs at least one full registration, before the camera-ready manuscript can be included in the proceedings.
- Registration fees are available at <http://www.iaria.org/registration.html>

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