

# 2<sup>nd</sup> NACLICS Conference 2026

## "Modeling Tomorrow: Innovation for Sustainable Development"

The North America and Caribbean Network on Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems (NACLICS) invites academics and practitioners to submit papers or special sessions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> NACLICS research conference, on the theme "Modeling Tomorrow: Innovation for Sustainable Development." The conference will be held at The University of the West Indies at Cave Hill in Barbados, from June 24 through June 26, 2026, in conjunction with the NACLICS PhD Academy.

NACLICS seeks to build community among scholars in our region who study how innovation can reduce inequalities within and between countries, to assure that development "leaves no one behind." Research presented at the conference might address the roles of innovation in:

- Innovation in the blue and green economy
- Eliminating poverty and hunger
- Generating decent work and economic growth
- Enabling sustainable cities and communities
- Responsible consumption and production
- Strengthening industry and infrastructure
- Navigating digital transitions

While we encourage submissions on the central theme of the conference, submissions on all issues relevant to innovation for development are welcome.

Two types of presentation are available:

1. Research papers: Original unpublished research. Submission may be either an extended abstract of 500-1000 words or a full paper. In either case, the submission should address goals, research questions, methods, and results.
2. Special sessions: Several presentations on a topic. Sessions will be 90 minutes. They can include 3-5 speakers and must leave time for interaction and discussion. Proposed speakers should be confirmed.

### Key deadlines

Paper or special session submission.	January 10, 2026
Communication of acceptance	March 2026
Early bird registration	May 15, 2026
Registration deadline	May 30, 2026

Papers should be submitted to [2<sup>nd</sup> Naclics Conference](#)  
Special session proposals should be sent to [naclics@smu.ca](mailto:naclics@smu.ca)

