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International Conference on

Sustainable Finance: Innovations, Policy and Practice

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–: Venue :–

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Conference Overview

The global financial landscape is undergoing a profound transformation, driven by technological innovation, evolving value chain financing models, and the growing imperative of climate and sustainable finance. These shifts are particularly significant for agriculture and rural economies, where access to appropriate finance is critical for strengthening value chains, supporting livelihoods and enterprises, fostering technological adoption, and building resilience to climate and market risks. Traditional financing approaches are therefore being reimagined and complemented by innovative mechanisms designed to enhance efficiency, inclusion, resilience, and long-term socio-economic impact while delivering viable returns.

Against this backdrop, the **International Conference on Sustainable Finance: Innovations, Policy and Practice** brings together a multidisciplinary community of scholars, policymakers, financial institutions, development agencies, industry practitioners, and entrepreneurs to demonstrate emerging financing approaches, with particular emphasis on their relevance and application to agriculture, rural development, and allied sectors, in shaping a sustainable and inclusive future.

The conference will serve as a platform to:

- Explore emerging financing paradigms: fintech, value/supply chain finance, green/climate finance, blended finance, impact investing, and inclusive finance.
- Examine enabling policy and regulatory frameworks for innovation, stability, transparency and accountability.
- Assess the practical challenges and opportunities in implementing sustainable financing mechanisms across sectors and geographies.
- Foster dialogue between theory and practice, bridging academic research with real world policy design and institutional strategy.
- Identify pathways through which financial innovation can advance environmental sustainability, social inclusion, and institutional resilience simultaneously.
- The conference thus aims to generate actionable insights and foster collaborative networks that advance the global agenda for innovative, inclusive, and sustainable finance.

Tracks and Sub-Tracks

Track 1

Agricultural Value Chains and Rural Enterprise Finance

Use of technology in agri value chain, high-tech agriculture, agri value chain financing: aggregation, processing, storage, trade finance, warehouse receipts, agribusiness & rural enterprises, role of start-ups and agricultural exports.

Track 2

Digital Finance, Artificial Intelligence and FinTech Innovation

Innovative financing, digital lending, financing of agritech enterprises, alternative credit assessment, blockchain, artificial intelligence and machine learning applications, risk analytics and cybersecurity for rural consumers.

Track 3

Climate, Green and Sustainable Finance

Climate finance, green investment, carbon markets, transition finance, ESG integration & responsible banking and climate risks.

Track 4

Inclusive, Cooperative and Community-Based Finance

Inclusive finance emerging models: banks, NBFCs/MFIs, cooperative institutions, community-based organisations, farmer producer organisations and gender intelligent banking.

Track 5

Regulatory and Policy Frontiers

Regulatory developments, role of development finance institutions, role of bilateral and multilateral organisations, government schemes and programs, national and international best practices, institutional reforms and the future architecture of inclusive and sustainable finance.

Papers can be submitted on any other topic related to themes and sub themes of the conference.

Submission Guidelines

- Papers must be original and previously unpublished, reflecting the conference theme. The word count for the paper should be between 6,000 to 8000 words, including figures, tables, and references. Formatting requirements include A4 size, Times New Roman font size 12, and 1.5 line spacing. References should be cited using APA (7th edition) style.
- The authors are requested to submit their full paper electronically in MS Word or PDF format to Email: icisf2027@gmail.com along with the name, affiliation, mailing address, email address, and contact number of the author/s. In the case of multiple authors, the paper should indicate the author to whom correspondence should be addressed.
- Each submitted paper will go through a blind peer review process, during which it will be evaluated based on the following criteria: originality, depth of technical and/or research knowledge, accuracy, and relevance to the conference's themes and topics. One of the authors of each accepted paper must register for the conference and agree to present the paper at the conference.
- The three best papers will be recognised with cash awards and certificates during the conference.
- Selected papers will have the opportunity to get published in Prajnan: Journal of Banking and Financial Management (Sage Publication) and CAB Calling Journal.
- **Please note that the conference will be held in physical mode. A hybrid option will be provided only to international participants on request.**

Important Dates

- For complete Paper Submission : November 7, 2026
- Acceptance Notification : November 30, 2026
- Last Date of Registration : December 20, 2026
- Conference Date : January 21 – 22, 2027

Travel Support and Hospitality

- Boarding and lodging (shared accommodation) will be provided for registered presenters of accepted papers and one coauthor for the duration of the conference (January 21-22, 2027). Other participants are requested to make their own arrangements.
- Limited travel support will be provided to the lead or corresponding author of an accepted paper (one author per paper) to present their papers at the conference.
- No travel grant will be provided for international authors.
- Authors are encouraged to indicate whether they require travel support or would be able to attend the conference at their own expense.

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About the Organisers

College of Agricultural Banking (CAB)–RBI, Pune

Established in 1969 by the Reserve Bank of India, the College of Agricultural Banking (CAB) is an apex training and capacity-building institution for the rural and cooperative banking sector. The College conducts programmes, research, and consultancy in areas such as agricultural and rural finance, financial inclusion, supervision, corporate governance, human resource management, and emerging domains like digital finance and cybersecurity. CAB also collaborates with national and international institutions to strengthen capabilities across banks and financial sector stakeholders, supporting the broader developmental mandate of the Reserve Bank of India.

National Institute of Bank Management (NIBM), Pune

NIBM was established in 1969, by the Reserve Bank of India and the banking industry, as an apex institution for teaching, training, research and consultancy in banking and finance. The institute offers a two-year, full-time Post-Graduate Diploma in Management (Banking and Financial Services) (PGDM), which has served as the definitive source of skilled young personnel to the BFSI sector. This apart, the faculty are engaged in research and consultancy in the areas of banking and finance.