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# The different types of conference papers

There are three types of paper that can be submitted:

1. *Research papers*: 8 page (approximately) papers that synthesise research evidence and provide a critical analysis of a particular systems challenge, issues, or topic, related to one of the symposium themes. The maximum length of these papers is 5000 words, including references and images.
2. *Practice papers*: 4-8 page (approximately) papers that present practical experiences from particular context, perspective, or approach to systems strengthening. These are expected to provide a critical assessment of innovative implementation and may include a call for policy change or specific action. The maximum length of these papers is 5000 words, including references and images.
3. *Literature review and/or historical overview papers*: 4-8 page papers that review a particular topic or specific local or national sector from a systems perspective. This paper will focus on document review but can also include the author’s perspective. The maximum length of these papers is 5000 words, including references and images.

# Preparing a paper

## Language and style

The language of the conference is English with interpretation offered to/from French and Spanish. Papers will be accepted in all three languages with all abstracts available in English. The background paper and main Symposium outputs will be produced in English. One of the criteria for acceptance is the use of a reasonable standard of language. Please use the *Spelling and Grammar* check in Microsoft Word and ensure that your paper has been thoroughly proof-read prior to submission. Please use British English for submissions in English.

Avoid jargon, acronyms, excessive abbreviations and the use of specialist terms without explanation. Where local terms are used, a rough translation should be provided, for example *“… nulla (a water channel or drain)…”.* Asking a colleague who is unfamiliar with the work to read the paper prior to submission is highly recommended.

## Content

Each paper should include an introduction and overview of relevant literature (for research papers), description of the context, methods, findings/results, and conclusion. If the paper content does not lend itself to such a format, please be sure your draft includes a clear structure that shows what you want to say, what evidence you have for your claims, what your conclusions are, and why they are relevant for the conference audience.

Authors should assume that the conference audience has a general understanding of the subject, but not of local circumstances. This means there is no need to state general facts, such as “*2.4 billion people are without safe sanitation”* but regional or local facts are useful*.* The symposium is focused on addressing WASH as a system, using systems thinking and taking a systems approach; please provide context and be sure to situate your experience within the local system and surrounding context. This should provide further justification for the work and also provide a realistic communication of the challenges.

Research and practice papers should aim to answer the following questions:

* What part of the system are you trying to change?
* What problems are you aiming to solve (from a systems perspective)?
* What has been your method or approach to solving this problem? Does it build on previous approaches or the work of others?
* What is the role of the different stakeholders you are working with?
* What have been the results/impact on the system and/or for different actors in the systems (e.g. end-users of services)?
* What have been the challenges? What could be done differently?
* What about your experience might be relevant in other contexts?

Literature review and historical overview papers should aim to use a systems perspective and to offer a clear justification, framework, and conclusion.

Please ensure that you include clear “learning points” at the end of the paper or in the conclusion, which may have wider applicability and interest for other participants.

Please use sub-headings to break-up the content and help guide the reader through the different sections of your paper. You may draw on the questions included in the bullet points above to help structure your sub-sections.

## Formatting

Papers should be submitted using this sample Word document (which can be downloaded from the resources section at ircwash.org/symposium). Make a copy of the document first, then use it to start typing your text – or ‘cut and paste’ from another document. *Please ensure that every item of text in your paper is set to one of the pre-defined ASG styles.*

Note that the total length of your paper should be no longer than 6 pages for practice papers or 8 pages for research papers, and this should include text, illustrations, graphs, diagrams, charts, tables, photographs and references.

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The organisers reserves the right to return accepted papers to the author(s) should they not fully comply with the format instructions given here.

# Submission details for papers

Authors should send first draft papers in Microsoft Word format along with other supporting jpeg or pdf files by email to symposium@ircwash.org by the submission deadline date of 13 December 2018. The first draft must contain at least all of the sub-headings of the paper with detailed description of what goes in each section in addition to the concluding “learning points” from your paper.

The thematic leads will do a light review of initial drafts and send comments and suggestions to paper authors. We ask that you kindly take into consideration the feedback received in order to support your contribution of high quality content that is very relevant to the symposium topic and themes.

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## Important dates

Important deadlines are:

* Deadline for submission of first draft: extended to 13 December 2018
* Deadline for revised full papers: 22 January 2019
* Deadline for presentation/poster slides or other input to Symposium session: 1 February 2019
* All Systems Go! WASH Systems Symposium: 12 – 14 March 2019

It is vital that the deadline dates are met in order to ensure inclusion and to enable the conference programme to be arranged. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

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