



Policy on Conference Papers/Publications

1. SCECSAL conferences have been held every two years since 1974, until 2020, when the COVID -19 pandemic forced organisers to postpone the conference until 2021. Over the years, the conference has gained the status of a flagship event for SCECSAL, and the publication containing papers presented at the conference is SCECSAL's only flagship publication. For many library and information professionals in Africa and even outside the continent, SCECSAL is synonymous with the SCECSAL conference.
2. Recognising the need to protect the integrity of the SCECSAL conference and the conference papers publication and to enhance the quality of the SCECSAL brand, the SCECSAL General Council adopted this SCECSAL Conference Papers and Publications Policy on April 4, 2023.

Policy Statement

3. SCECSAL is committed to maintaining the integrity and quality of its major publications, and all contributors and member Associations should adhere to the appropriate SCECSAL publication policies and procedures.

Conference Papers

4. Only unpublished original work that has not been presented at another conference will be accepted for presentation at SCECSAL conferences.

Quality Control

5. The SCECSAL Secretariat will monitor the quality of all SCECSAL publications and ensure compliance with the relevant SCECSAL policies and guidelines.
6. SCECSAL conference hosts should submit lists of proposed reviewers for abstracts and final full papers to the SCECSAL Secretariat for approval.
7. Professional language and/or content editors must be used to review and edit the SCECSAL conference proceedings. The cost of editing the papers/publication should be included in the conference budget.

SCECSAL Conference Proceedings/Publication

8. Only papers that meet SCECSAL author guidelines and are presented at the conference by the authors or their representatives will be included in the publication containing conference papers.
9. The book of conference papers and individual published SCECSAL papers must conform to SCECSAL publication guidelines and branding.

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