

# Intercultural Competence For **CONSCIOUS COLLABORATION**

**7<sup>th</sup> International Conference- 14-15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2026 in collaboration with Department of Management Studies, MNIT Jaipur**

## **SPEAKER PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

The SIETAR India conference provides a unique opportunity to practitioners, academicians, researchers and professionals to showcase their work to an international audience interested in the field of intercultural competency.

**Please read all the guidelines before you fill in the Speaker Proposal Form.**

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 1. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: 16:00hrs IST on Monday, 15 June 2026.** Proposals received after this date will not be considered.
- 2. CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE'S RESPONSE (acceptance or refusal) :** between 15 July and 1 August 2026.
- 3. DEADLINE FOR SPEAKER REGISTRATION PAYMENT: 16:00hrs IST on Monday 31 August 2026**
- 4. DEADLINE FOR SPEAKER TO CONFIRM THEIR ATTENDANCE to SIETAR India, by email, is 16:00hrs IST on Tuesday, 1 September 2026.**
  - a. In the acceptance mail, please attach proof of payment of the conference fees.

### **GUIDELINES:**

While filling the Speaker Proposal Form, please ensure that you follow all guidelines and instructions. Due to the logistical challenge of handling a large number of proposals, we regret that we will not be able to accept forms that are incomplete or do not provide the requested information.

#### **1. Title**

Your title should not exceed 10 words.

- a. Choose a title that accurately reflects the content of the proposed session. Catchy titles are acceptable but make sure that they are not misleading.
- b. Your Title, Abstract, Session Description and Session Relevance must demonstrate a clear, logical link.

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## 2. Abstract

Your abstract should be between 150-200 words.

You must not include the title or any part of your bio-data in the abstract.

Abstracts, of the selected proposals, will be published in the conference program to assist participants in choosing the sessions they attend.

## 3. Session Type

You must indicate the type of session you wish to conduct: a 60-minute presentation OR a 90-minute workshop.

## 4. Session Description

The description of your session should be between 500 - 600 words.

## 5. Session Relevance to conference theme

You must write between 150-200 words to showcase how the topic of your session is connected to the theme of the conference.

## 6. Audience Focus

You must indicate the type of audience your session will be relevant for (experience level, area of interest).

## 7. Tracks

The conference will have 3 tracks and please ensure that you indicate in your proposal the track to which your session belongs: **RESEARCH/PRACTITIONER/NEW FRONTIER**

### A) RESEARCH/ACADEMIC TRACK

In this track, we invite researchers to present their **research findings** on topics that are relevant to the intercultural field and which require conscious collaboration.

Research could be on ((but not limited to) the following topics

- Third culture kids, Global mobility
- Decolonisation of Indian education and society
- Intercultural competency models and collaboration frameworks for future-ready management and tech students
- Intercultural competence for conscious collaboration with AI

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- Intercultural competence in language learning for deeper intentional collaboration
- Leadership models or frameworks or storytelling paradigms from the Indic traditions for conscious collaboration in intercultural settings
- Teaching methodologies that foster conscious collaboration
- Gen Z/ Alpha and approach to social media, AI and education in different cultures
- The role of Ethics in Intercultural competence

## **B) PRACTITIONER TRACK**

For this track, we invite intercultural and other practitioners to present case studies, or tools or experiential activities, games, videos, role plays etc. that they have used to foster conscious collaboration in intercultural contexts for example

- Intercultural team building for conscious collaboration
- Inclusive communication tools and language for conscious collaboration with diverse groups
- Coaching models and methodologies for building intercultural competence in multicultural teams and expatriates.
- Training and curriculum design for embedding the intercultural competence learning journey.
- Embedding intercultural skills in training modules for 21<sup>st</sup> century skills (critical thinking, empathy, creative thinking, etc)

## **C) NEW FRONTIER TRACK**

For this track, we invite presenters to present what they consider to be the new frontiers of Intercultural work and to showcase inputs from disciplines which will add to our current understanding of what it takes to be truly collaborative in an intercultural context for example

- What can psychology, neuroscience, history add to our understanding of what it takes to collaborate consciously in intercultural contexts?
- Conscious collaboration with AI for building intercultural competence, reducing bias etc
- Intercultural citizenship education
- Virtual intercultural competence

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- Use of VR for building intercultural competence
- Non-WEIRD approaches, models and frameworks

## 8. Structure

- a. You must clearly outline how you will structure your session and how much time you will allot to Q & A at the end of the session.
- b. You must include a description of the content, methodology and sequence of activities.

### PRESENTER INFORMATION:

1. Please provide information about every presenter. If there is more than one presenter, please start with the one who is designated as a contact person for the group. All proposal related communication will be between the organizing committee and this one person.
2. Please provide a 250-300-word biography of the/each presenter. This must emphasize the background, work or experience that makes them competent to make this presentation. This will help the organizers make quality selections.
3. Please provide a 80-100-word biography of the/each presenter. These short bios of selected speakers will be published in the conference programme to help attendees understand the profile of the speaker.
4. **All presenters** must be at the conference to present; remote presenting for a conference session is not permitted.

### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

#### **ETHICAL**

1. You must ensure that you have permission to use any materials that you plan to show in your workshop/presentation and that there is no content that may contravene copyright law.
2. We have a zero-tolerance policy towards any language or content that can be considered offensive or discriminatory. Kindly ensure that your session respects the spirit of diversity and inclusion.
3. The purpose of sessions is to encourage learning and sharing. While we welcome insights based on products ( e.g. book, tool, etc.) that enhance knowledge, enrich discussions and promote engagement, do keep in mind that the primary purpose of sessions should not be to promote or market a product.

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## **LOGISTICS:**

1. Please specify what equipment ( flip chart /white board, etc) you will need for your presentation.
2. Please specify the room set-up ( theatre style / classroom/ Conference room)
3. Presenters are requested to bring in their laptop and are responsible for all materials including photocopying of handouts. We recommend wherever possible that you bring handouts with you as there are no facilities to photocopy on-site.

## **SUBMISSION**

Please submit your proposal via the link shared under SIETAR INDIA SPEAKER PROPOSAL FORM 2026.

## **EVALUATION PROCEDURES**

SIETAR-India Conference Committee is a group of experienced interculturalists and PhD scholars from the Department of Management Studies, MNIT who are volunteering their efforts to organize the conference. Reading and choosing proposals requires a substantial amount of time and attention. The sooner you send in the proposals, the sooner our volunteers can begin the task of reading them. Our volunteers put in their best efforts to do quality work.

After submitting the proposal, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. You will be notified of the result of your proposal, latest by 1 August 2026. This will allow you to take advantage of the Early Bird registration fee and will signify your commitment to present at the conference.

Presenters are kindly requested to inform SIETAR India about their acceptance, via email, to present at the conference, latest by 1 September 2026. Please do not forget to attach proof of your Conference Registration Fee in the Acceptance mail.

The conference organizing committee is looking forward to receiving your proposal in a timely fashion and enjoying your presentation.

If you have any questions or need any clarifications, please contact  
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Please state on the e-mail subject line: **SIETAR India 2026 Proposal Question?**

Look forward to your proposals,  
SIETAR India Team