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### Instructions for submitting an abstract

You are invited to submit an abstract before December 15th. **Acknowledgment of receipt will be sent automatically. If you do not receive any acknowledgment, please contact us again.**

For talks, a maximum of two abstracts will be accepted for each speaker. All authors of accepted abstracts must register and be paid in full by the early registration deadline (currently February 2018). Authors failing to comply with this rule will not be included in the Conference Programme.

Oral (spoken) presentations will be limited to 20 minutes: 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions. Contributed oral presentations will be grouped by topic. If your abstract is accepted but cannot be accommodated as an oral presentation, we may offer you the opportunity to present a poster. All oral presentation rooms will be equipped with a computer and a data projector. Poster presenters will receive general instructions on poster format once the abstract is accepted. Detailed information and instructions on presentations at the meeting will be available to presenters several months before the meeting.

#### Proposals must contain the following information:

Talk or poster presentation?	Talk (oral)
Language of the presentation	English
Title of the presentation (limited to 150 characters including spaces)	Understanding impediments to the use of scientific evidence in decision making
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Abstract (limited to 150 words)	<p>It is widely acknowledged that environmental management decisions should be informed by scientific evidence to maximize effectiveness. Practitioners are often criticized for not using available evidence, suggesting a limited appreciation, on the side of critics, of the paramount role social context plays.</p> <p>We conducted a case study of Working for Water (WfW), a national invasive alien plant (IAP) management program with a long history in South Africa. We investigated the extent to which decision makers in WfW use scientific evidence to inform their decisions pertaining to the clearing of IAPs.</p> <p>Results indicate that the use of scientific evidence is limited by the fact that the management of natural resources involves much more than</p>

	science. The social context within which decisions are made, which includes organizational structure, priorities and capacity, plays an important part in the extent to which science informs practice. This calls for a different and inclusive approach to the generation of evidence.
Required support for French/English translation (for talks)	Translation of abstract into French

### Instructions pour soumettre un résumé

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Nous acceptons au maximum deux communications orales par intervenant. Tous les auteurs dont les résumés seront acceptés devront s'inscrire au congrès et avoir payé leur inscription dans sa totalité avant la date limite des inscriptions (février 2018). Si ce n'était pas le cas les organisateurs se réservent la possibilité de ne pas inclure ces communications dans le programme de la Conférence.

**Le résumé pour une communication orale ou un poster doit comporter les informations suivantes :**

Présentation orale ou poster ?	
Langue de la présentation	
Titre de la présentation (limité à 150 caractères, espaces compris)	
Nom de l'auteur	
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Abstract (limité à 150 mots)	

Aide souhaitée pour une traduction simultanée Français/Anglais (présentations orales uniquement)	