

Call for abstracts: AICC/SITES - [SITES-AICC conference 2026: Development and Climate Mitigation/Adaptation](#)

We are happy to announce the **XIth edition** of the **SITES** (*Italian Society of Development Economics*) *Annual Conference in Development Economics* organized jointly with the **IVth edition** of the **AICC annual conference** (Action vs. Inaction facing Climate Change). The collaboration between SITES and AICC promises rich synergies and stimulating exchanges.

The conference will take place in **Italy, in Frascati near Rome**, on **May 27–29, 2026**, at **Villa Mondragone**, a former papal residence. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Villa_Mondragone

The abridged list of topics is as follows: Development economics, poverty and inequality, social inclusion, gender gaps, migration, and demography; Climate economics, environmental governance, ethics, justice, and international climate policy; Energy transition, green economy, renewable technologies, green finance, and technological innovation; Health, education, human capital, culture, institutions, peace and conflict, and community resilience; Urban–rural dynamics, sustainable mobility, infrastructure, land and water management, agriculture, and spatial development.

The conference website [**https://sites-aicc.sciencesconf.org/**](https://sites-aicc.sciencesconf.org/) in now open. The **submission of (long) abstract (for presentations or posters) will open on January, 5th, 2026**. All submissions will be refereed by the SITES/AICC Organizing Committee.

Some sessions will be exclusively AICC, others exclusively SITES, and several will be jointly organized.

Two Keynote speakers already committed to come:



Jean Drèze is a development economist who has taught at the London School of Economics and the Delhi School of Economics, and is currently a visiting professor at Ranchi University as well as an honorary professor at the Delhi School of Economics. He has made wide-ranging contributions to development economics and public policy, particularly in India. His research spans rural development, social inequality, elementary education, child nutrition, health care, and food security—areas that all acquire renewed relevance and fresh analytical perspectives in the context of climate change.



Moshe Ben-Akiva (MIT) works at the intersection of engineering and economics. He is a founding member of AICC. He pioneered random-utility models that form the basis of modern activity-based travel demand forecasting. He later integrated choice models with dynamic traffic assignment, leading to the development of the DynaMIT microsimulation framework, which combines real-time sensor data with behavioral models to predict congestion and evaluate control strategies. His research has extended to modelling individual behavior in the context of climate change.

The Organizing Committee: André de Palma (CY Cergy Paris Université), Nathalie Picard (UNISTRA), Sara Savastano (University of Rome, Tor Vergata), Stefania Lovo (University of Reading, UK), Vincenzo Lombardo (University of Napoli, Parthenope), Federico Perali (University of Verona), Robin Lindsey (UBC).