



Smart Villages Lab

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Design Poster Competition 2026 -

Jointly hosted with CIB Working Commission, W107 (Construction in Developing Countries) and Task Group, TG127 (Social Value in Built Environment)

(as part of COSVARD 2026)

29- 31 October 2026 (Hybrid Mode)

University of Melbourne

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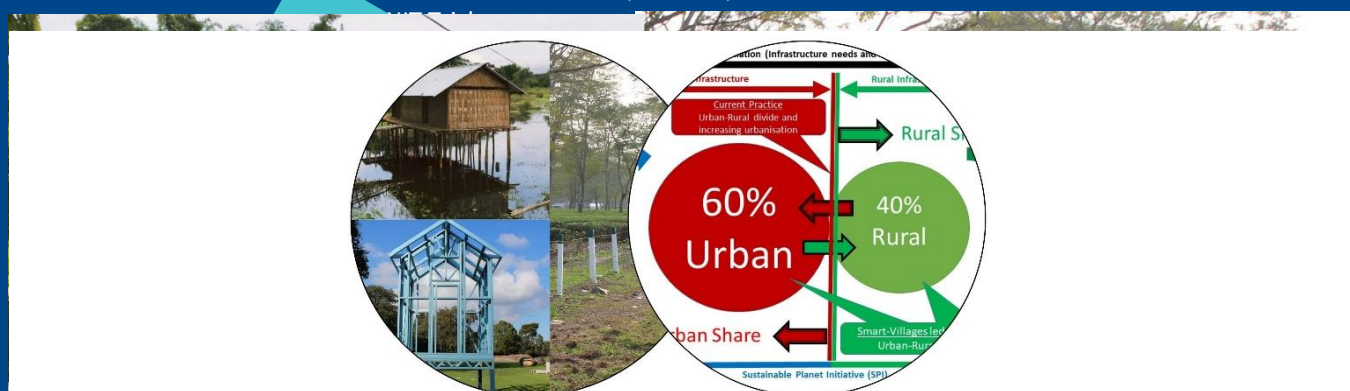
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Key Associated Institutions

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
National Institute of Technology, Trichy
Smart Cities Research Institute (SCRI) -
Swinburne University of Technology,
Australia
Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati
Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
CIB



Harmonising one-planet living through "Urban-Rural Share"



Key Dates

Abstract submission: 20 May 2026
Full poster submission: 30 June 2026
Full poster acceptance: 30 August 2026
Camera-ready poster: 30 September 2026

Registration on or before: 10 September 2026
Conference date: 29-31 October 2026

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Design Brief

As part of the COSVARD 2026 conference, the organising committee is calling for submissions of design posters that communicate innovative solutions for “Smart Village” development in rural contexts.

Following the published deadlines, participants are required to first submit a 200-word abstract expressing the intent and scope of the poster. The expression of interest must be submitted using the COMS portal (<https://coms.app/Cosvard2026/welcome.html>) where the authors are required to register by signing in online. Once the abstract is accepted, participants will be asked to electronically submit the poster by the deadline.

Posters should clearly communicate innovative solutions for Smart Housing, Infrastructure or Whole Village Improvement, with an emphasis on sustainable development. We are particularly looking for innovative ways of promoting alternative energy, water conservation, sustainable construction materials, waste management, ecological conservation and enhancement, enhancement of existing communities or any combination of these factors.

Individuals and multidisciplinary teams of students, academics and professionals in relevant disciplinary areas related to rural, smart village development, and other areas are encouraged to submit posters communicating their proposed ideas.

Submissions

The final poster for the presentation and exhibition in COSVARD 2026 will need to be prepared in high resolution images. Entrants will need to prepare their posters as a single A1 size, colour sheet, that communicates their smart village solution(s). In addition to online submission on COMS portal, the poster should also be emailed to the organising committee as a reduced PDF file (no larger than 10 megabits, A3 size) at <hdoloi@unimelb.edu.au> and <cosvard-admin@unimelb.edu.au>.

Submissions must include name(s), title, affiliation and a poster title. Posters that are accepted for face-to-face presentation at the conference will need to be brought by the entrants as full-sized (A1), colour printed posters to the conference, at which time they will be displayed and judged.

The three best posters will be awarded prizes and their creators will be expected to provide a brief presentation of the content of their posters to the conference audience.

Awards and Prizes

Awards and prizes will be announced on the COSVARD 2026 homepage shortly.

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