



2025 IEEE Connecting the Unconnected Europe, Middle East, and Africa Regional Summit (CTUS-EMEA)

Baze University, Abuja, Nigeria, November 27-28, 2025

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Call for Papers

The 2025 IEEE Connecting the Unconnected Europe, Middle East, and Africa Regional Summit (CTUS-EMEA) will be held for the first time in Nigeria at Baze University, Abuja, on November 27-28. Under the theme "***Bridging Digital Frontiers: African Solutions for Universal Connectivity***," this pivotal summit to catalyze inclusive digital growth across the continent. The program features five core tracks: Infrastructure and Technologies, Policy, Regulation, and Financing, Rural and Community-Centric Innovations, Digital Transformation for Sectors such as eHealth and Agriculture, and Regional Cooperation for Cross-Border Initiatives. CTU Africa 25 is a premier forum for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to share groundbreaking solutions and forge collaborations that will finally connect the unconnected and drive Africa's digital future.

CONFERENCE TRACKS

- **Track 1: Infrastructure and Technologies for Universal Connectivity**
 - Assessing digital and connectivity divides
 - Policies to bridge connectivity divides
 - Advancing digital access for all
- **Track 2: Policy, Regulation, and Sustainable Financing**
 - Mobile network and spectrum sharing
 - Regulatory frameworks for infrastructure sharing
 - Financing options for universal connectivity access
- **Track 3: Rural and Community-Centric Connectivity Innovations**
 - Digital infrastructure for inclusion
 - Cross-community collaboration
 - Digital awareness for bridging the rural-urban gap
- **Track 4: Digital Transformation: Smart Cities, Education, eHealth, Agriculture**
 - Smart cities enabling massive connectivity
 - Digital education for the underserved and remote areas
 - Reliable connectivity for eHealth advancement
 - Connectivity for boosting agricultural productivity
- **Track 5: Regional Cooperation: One Africa Network and Cross-Border Initiatives**
 - Rural connectivity for a balanced society
 - Connectivity for secure and peaceful coexistence
 - Examining African cross-border policy networks
- **Track 6: Sustainable Power & Energy for Connected Communities**
 - Renewable Energy for Digital Infrastructure
 - Energy-efficient Networking & ICT Devices
 - Smart Microgrid Solutions for Connected Communities
- **Track 7: People, Policy, and Sustainability**
 - Sustainable Environments and Responsible Engineering
 - Governance, Policy, and Legal Frameworks for Inclusive Connectivity
 - Human Capital Development and Capacity Building for the Future
- **Track 8: Cybersecurity, Data Protection, and Critical Infrastructure**
 - Securing Digital Infrastructure

- Critical National Infrastructure Protection
- Data Protection, Compliance, and Open Governance

IMPORTANT DATES

Events	Dates
Paper Submission:	August 15, 2025
Deadline for Paper Submission:	November 5, 2025
Paper Acceptance Notification:	November 10, 2025
Registration Opens:	September 10, 2025
Camera-ready Submission:	November 20, 2025
Authors Registration Deadline:	November 22, 2025
Release of Conference Schedule:	November 24, 2025
Conference dates:	November 27-28, 2025

GUIDE TO AUTHORS

Two types of paper submissions will be accepted:

1. Scientific research papers (Full Papers)- mature results or completed research work and should not exceed eight (8) pages.
2. Industry reports or in-depth case studies – interim results, experiences, and perspectives, mainly for practitioners, and should be up to 3 pages in length, including a short reference section. Papers that meet IEEE standards, with SI not exceeding 20%, will be published in **IEEE Xplore**.

REVIEW PROCESS

- All submissions will be **peer-reviewed** by at least **two independent reviewers**.
- Criteria for evaluation include originality, technical contribution, clarity, and relevance to the conference themes.
- Accepted papers must be presented at the conference. **No-show papers will not be submitted to IEEE Xplore.**

PLAGIARISM, AI AND ETHICS

- Submissions must be original and not simultaneously submitted to another conference or journal.
- All papers will be checked for **plagiarism** using IEEE CrossCheck (iThenticate). Papers with a **similarity index above 30%** may be rejected without review.
- Authors are responsible for ensuring proper citation of prior work.

REGISTRATION AND PRESENTATION

- At least **one author** of each accepted paper must register for the conference at the **author registration rate**.
- Accepted and presented papers will be submitted for inclusion in the **IEEE Xplore Digital Library** (subject to IEEE quality review).

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PAPER TEMPLATE

All submissions must follow the IEEE conference template, which can be accessed via this [link](#).

LINK TO PAPER SUBMISSION PLATFORM

Authors are encouraged to submit their papers via EasyChair <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ieeectuafrica25>.

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