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# Guidelines to format papers for the 13th World Bamboo Congress (WBC 2027)

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- Abstract deadline: 30 November 2026
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 31 December 2026
- Full paper submission: 15 February 2027
- Review and selection process: February – April 2027
- Final version deadline: 15 May 2027
- Congress dates: 7–11 June 2027, Theater Zuidplein, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

# 2. Congress theme and topics

The theme of the WBC 2027 is "Shaping Sustainable Futures" with the Scientific Committee's subtitle "Understanding the Merits of Bamboo and Strengthening Value Chains". Papers should address one of the three topics listed below. Papers generally are expected to rely on strong data and appropriate methods for data processing and interpretation. Other papers such as those regarding the value chain under topic 3 should also strive for robust data support but may additionally include policy and strategic perspectives. The final structure and composition of

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- Taxonomy, morphology, phylogeny and resources
- Genetics, molecular biology and biotechnology
- Physiology, ecology and plant pathology
- Forest management and restoration
- Harvest and processing machinery
- Carbon sequestration, resilience, and climate adaptation
- Environmental conservation and water management

## 2.2. Topic 2: Technology, manufacturing and design

- Mechanical, chemical and physical properties
- Material science and engineered bamboo
- Preservation and treatment
- Post-harvest processing and utilization
- Construction, engineering and biobased building
- Architecture and interior design
- Furniture, craft, art and industrial products

## 2.3. Topic 3: Economy and society

- Food, nutrition and nutraceuticals
- Social design and community applications
- Renewable energy, biomass and biochar
- The bamboo value chain
- Life-cycle analysis and circular business models
- Economics, competition and international markets
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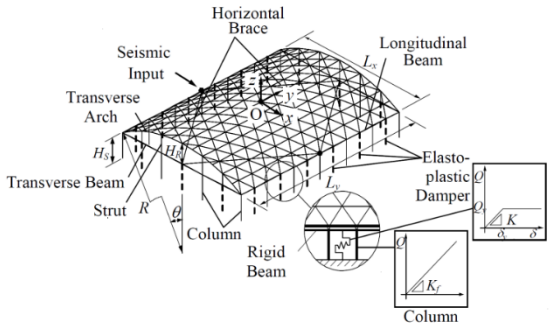
| Culm diameter (mm) | 80 |
| Culm wall thickness (mm) | 12 |
| Internode length (mm) | 320 |
| Compressive strength (MPa) | 55 |
| Moisture content (%) | 12 |

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