CALL FOR SHORT PAPERS
~~Due on December 28th, 2021~~

NEW DEADLINE due on March 12th, 2022

1 Background

The MIT SCALE network for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) looks for developing applied research that faces and embraces the socioeconomic, logistics and supply chain challenges of the region. We aim to get a high-impact research agenda that drives outreach, links to high-quality education and creates public engagement. The network helps companies, governments, and other organizations to compete in an increasingly complex business environment and engages academia, students, and partners to collaborate on projects that have an in-depth economic, societal, and environmental impact.

Despite this conference is organized by the MIT SCALE network for LAC, the event is open for scholars, students from all universities in the region. This event distinguishes by seeking to create real benefits for practitioners, society and policymakers by solving crucial issues related to freight transportation, logistics and supply chain management. Therefore, we also invite practitioners, policymakers, entrepreneurs and agents from multilateral funding sources to join us!

This will be the fourth edition of the MIT SCALE Conference for LAC. Therefore, we cordially invite colleagues from the research and practitioner communities to submit short papers (5-7 pages) for the 2022 conference. The conference will be a hybrid event hosted by the MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics, Cambridge MA, U.S., on June 12-15, 2022.

2 Topics

The 2022 MIT SCALE Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean will cover (but will not be limited to) the following regional research tracks:

- Data-driven and emerging technologies in Supply Chain Management (SCM)
- Urban logistics and last-mile operations
- Retail and e-tail operations in emerging markets
- Humanitarian logistics and relief operations
- SCM for micro and small firms
- Sustainability in supply chains

- SCM for food and agri-business
- Logistics 4.0 and Digital Transformation
- Innovations in education-related to SCM
- Industry paper competition
- Student paper competition (graduate and undergraduate categories)

3 Instructions for paper submission and presentations

3.1 Instructions for short papers

- The short paper must be submitted in <u>English</u>.
- <u>All participants</u> should <u>be eligible</u> in the corresponding category they compete.
- The <u>short paper must be written as a scientific article.</u>
- The <u>writing and referencing format</u> must meet the standard academic <u>APA v6.0 style</u>.
- The research must be an <u>original creation</u> by the team of participants.
- The paper must <u>not infringe on any third-party rights</u>.
- Accepted abstracts will be allocated to a session that will run virtually or physically in parallel to other sessions.
- All submissions may be considered for publication in recognized, indexed journals or books.

3.2 Short paper submission

Authors who pursue to participate in the conference will have to submit a short paper (5-7 pages long) not later than our extended deadline on **March 12th, 2022** via the <u>EasyChair platform</u>. Further instructions about the structure of the manuscript, number of words, details for each section are provided in the <u>WORD manuscript template</u> that is available in the official website of the conference.

Once authors create an account (or log on with their existing account) in EasyChair, they will need to check the submission instructions and choose the correct track for their submission. For further information about research track, please read section 2: "Topics" of this file. Do not forget to validate your file was properly uploaded into the platform before you log off.

3.3 Instructions for presentations

- Speakers allocated to the <u>virtual days</u> will need <u>to share the screen from the virtual room we will use for the track</u> they will be presenting in. In the case of speakers allocated to <u>days when the conference will take place at MIT campus</u>, <u>speakers will have access to projector, clicker and a fixed computer in the corresponding rooms.</u>

Further details will be shared via Sched once the agenda for the conference is defined.
- Speakers will have <u>12-15 minutes to present their work</u> <u>followed by a Q&A session</u> at the end of their presentation.
- <u>Oral presentations will be only allowed in English.</u>
- <u>The use of the slide deck template</u> from the 2022 SCALE LAC conference <u>is strongly recommended</u>.
- Further details and instructions will follow as we get close to the conference.

4 Evaluation Criteria

The scientific and program committees will evaluate each submission based on the following criteria:
- ❖ Contribution (practical and theoretical)
- ❖ Applicability (potential to replicate the model in other context, circumstances, industries, geographies, etc.)
- ❖ Academic rigor and solid methodological framework
- ❖ Originality and creativity

5 Additional information

Conference materials (e.g., papers, presentations), scientific and organizing committees, updates, information about Boston metropolitan area, and further details will be posted at the official website of the MIT SCALE conference for Latin America and the Caribbean available at:

https://scale.mit.edu/mit-scale-latin-america-conference

Further information about registration and important dates will be provided soon in the official website!

Questions and Inquiries

Reach out directly to the official e-mail account of the Conference scalelatam2022@mit.edu