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Inter-Organizational Collaboration: Partnerships, Alliances and Networks Track

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National and international communities are confronted with a wide set of challenges, the scale and complexities of which are virtually unprecedented and go far beyond a specific solution or one plausible framework. The decision to set UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) is seen to answer to the severe socio-ecological challenges the world is meeting. The impact of these challenges and the consequence of working to meet the goals set, for firms, governments, and civil society invites the research community to intensify its efforts and to supply useful insights, answers and innovative ideas. One of the ways to tackle such challenges is through **Inter-organisational collaborations** between two or more of these actors. These collaborations are seen as central in reimagining the role of public and private organisations in achieving the UN SDGs.

This track, therefore, invites paper submissions that aim to provide insights into management practices, public and private policy needs and ways of organizing among organizations to help meet the goals set out.

Papers may for example address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- How does the new global business environment influence national and international collaborations aimed at meeting UN SDGs?
- How do partners jointly govern their global value chains to address societal challenges?
- What form of collaboration or collaborative practices do companies, NGOs and governments choose when addressing the socio-ecological challenges the world is facing or when aiming to advance SDGs? And why do they choose to apply such practices?

- What kind of demands in terms of collaboration or collaborative practices are put forth by (public) funding agencies asking for contributions aimed at working to ease the socio-ecological challenges we meet?
- What goals do companies, NGOs or governments have in collaborating with others?

These questions have a renewed sense of urgency as the historic focus of Inter-Organisational Collaborations was predominantly centred around economic efficiency. What is left unexplored is the need to understand whether and how the insights available in the literature are relevant for collaborations aimed at sustainability.

This is the track of BAM's Special Interest Group on Inter-Organizational Collaboration: Partnerships, Alliances and Networks (IOC-SIG) which aims to break the still existing silos in the field of inter-organizational relations. The IOC-SIG brings together researchers who share an interest in collaboration across organizational boundaries, from diverse perspectives and disciplinary bases. Thus, while the focus, following the theme of the conference, is on sustainability-related collaborations, we are also happy to accommodate other contributions to the field of inter-organizational collaboration.