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Video Documentary Competition

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Overview

As part of the International Conference SHAPE 2026, this Documentary Competition encourages **critical engagement with India's contemporary urban transformations, sustainable development priorities, and human-centred planning practices**. The competition invites institutional teams to document and present **tangible initiatives and on-ground work already undertaken at their institutes** in alignment with the UNSDGs.

This initiative aims to promote a culture of inquiry, innovation, and narrative documentation within architecture, planning, and allied disciplines by encouraging participants to record, present, and communicate completed on-ground initiatives and real-world interventions that have contributed to India's built environment, using a structured and factual cinematic format.

This competition is designed to:

- Promote practice-based, audio-visual research in architecture and planning academia
- Strengthen institutional engagement with India's sustainable development trajectory
- Encourage innovation in academic storytelling and research dissemination
- Build capacity for visual documentation of planning challenges and solutions

The final deliverables of the competition will consist of :

- a) Documentary
- b) Poster
- c) Extended Abstract

Eligibility

- Each institution can submit **ONE entry**.
- The team size shall not exceed **12 members**.
- Team composition can include **faculty members, research scholars, postgraduate/doctoral candidates, or students**.
- Cross-disciplinary collaborations within the institution are permitted.



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Thematic Alignment

Each documentary must align with one (01) of the following five (05) themes of International Conference SHAPE 2026. The selected theme must be clearly indicated in the extended abstract, registration form, and file naming convention.

Theme 1: Inclusive Cities, Equity & Human-Centred Habitats

Theme 2: Architecture for Climate Resilience & Environmental Stewardship

Theme 3: Water, Resource & Environmental Systems for Sustainable Living

Theme 4: Health, Well-being & Liveable Environments

Theme 5: Partnerships, Governance & Collaborative Futures

Documentary Preparation Guidelines

The documentary should demonstrate relevance to one or more Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and may reflect India's national direction towards sustainable development, climate-responsive urbanisation, mission-based governance, and human-centric planning, in alignment with the country's contemporary sustainability agenda and developmental vision.

Technical Specifications

- The documentary should carry an engaging and contextually meaningful title
- Format: Documentary
- Duration: Maximum 3 minutes
- Resolution: Minimum 1080p (16:9 landscape)
- Originality: The submitted content must be original and should document tangible and on-ground initiative undertaken by the institution, with active involvement of faculty and students, within the last five academic years (up to the academic year 2020–21); third-party footage requires permission and citation, should include geo-tagged photos, newspaper clippings, record demonstrating societal impact wherever applicable.



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Documentary Submission Guidelines

Participants must declare:

- **Theme Number:** [Theme 1/ Theme 2/ Theme 3/ Theme 4/ Theme 5]
- **SDG(s) Referenced:** [SDG number(s)]
- **Documentary Title:** [Title]
- **Institutional Team:** [Institution Name]
- **Institutional Code:** COA Code of Institute
- **File Type:** MP4

File Naming Format for Documentary: **InstitutionalCode_ThemeNo._DS-DocumentaryTitle**

Sample: PJ04_Theme2_DS-Design in Action

Poster Preparation & Submission Guidelines

The poster must visually communicate actual initiatives already undertaken that demonstrate clear relevance to one or more United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- **Format:** Digital Poster
- **Poster Size:** A2 (420 × 594 mm)
- **Resolution:** Minimum 300 DPI
- **Colour Mode:** RGB
- **File Format:** JPEG (high quality)

File Naming Format for Poster : **InstitutionalCode_ThemeNo._PS-PosterTitle**

Sample: PJ04_Theme2_PS- Designing Sustainability on Ground

Extended Abstract Preparation & Submission Guidelines

Each entry must be accompanied by an **extended abstract (1000–1500 words, PDF)** detailing:

- Title, SDGs & selected theme
- Context and problem framing
- Objectives and conceptual approach
- Methodology and research basis
- Insights, and intended academic and societal contribution

File Naming Format for Extended Abstract in pdf : InstitutionalCode_ThemeNo._AS-AbstractTitle

Sample: PJ04_Theme2_AS-Design in Action

Note: To maintain impartial evaluation, the name or logo of the institute must not be displayed in the documentary, poster and Extended Abstract. Entries violating this guideline will be disqualified.



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Timeline

Stage	Date
Registration Opens	25th January 2026
Last Date for Submission(Extended Abstract)	08th February 2026
Last Date for Submission(Documentary and Poster)	15th February 2026
Screening & Awards	During SHAPE 2026 International Conference

Evaluation & Recognition

Entries will be reviewed by an academic and industry jury based on:

- Relevance to SDGs & thematic clarity
- Alignment with India's sustainability and planning vision
- Research depth & conceptual coherence
- Visual storytelling and communication quality
- Innovation & originality

Award & Recognition

- **Certificate of Excellence** will be awarded to the top three entries, **Certificate of Merit** will be awarded to the next seven entries, and **Certificate of Participation** will be issued to all registered participants.
- **Selected documentaries** will be screened during **SHAPE 2026 Conference** and will be showcased digitally on the conference website.
- Selected Extended Abstracts will be **included in the Book of Abstracts**.
- Selected winning entries of poster will be **featured in the SHAPE 2026 Conference Proceedings** and showcased digitally on the conference website.

Submission Details

Participants are required to email Extended Abstract , Documentary and Poster in the given format to coaconfshape2026@gmail.com as per the timeline.



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Registration

**Please note*

- *Registration for the conference is mandatory to participate in any Pre-Conference Activity.*
- *There is no separate fee for Pre-Conference Activities.*

Register for competition: <https://forms.gle/iTYQc9sKn1ZPkXDYA>

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For further information, please reach out at:
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