

Special Issue

Resilient Land Use and Sustainable Regional Development: Insights from SD2025

Message from the Guest Editors

Considering the dynamics of global challenges—ranging from climate change to rapid urbanization and socio-economic disparities—sustainable land use and territorial governance have emerged as critical pillars for fostering resilient and inclusive regional development. This Special Issue, motivated by the **VII International Congress on Sustainable Development (SD2025)** held in Cape Town, South Africa, aims to bring together cutting-edge research and innovative practices addressing the complexities of land management, environmental sustainability, and regional planning, particularly in peripheral and cross-border regions.

- Sustainable land use planning and management;
- Territorial governance and regional strategies;
- Ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation;
- Circular economy and land resource efficiency;
- Climate change adaptation in land use practices;
- Smart cities, smart regions, and sustainable infrastructure;
- Sustainable tourism and cultural landscape management;
- Public policies for environmental management and resilience;
- Connectivity, accessibility, and sustainable transport systems in regional development.

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