



# Accountability in a Sustainable World

## Call for Papers

### Accountability in a Sustainable World Conference

September 20 & 21, 2023

The third annual Accountability in a Sustainable World conference will again coincide with the Sustainable Investment Forum, North America (SINVNA) in conjunction with the United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI). The conference will include 12 plenary speeches, 4 panel discussions, and 12 contributed talks. In order to minimize the carbon footprint and to accommodate as many delegates as possible, these sessions will be presented virtually.

Speakers will have the opportunity to publish their talk or a paper in an upcoming issue of *Accountability in a Sustainable World Quarterly (ASWQ)*, the first peer reviewed sustainability journal to deliver academic content to the broader business and academic audiences. The goal of the journal and the conference is to form a firm foundation for the exchange of ideas about pressing questions which have the potential to be answered/informed by academic research.

Contributed talks are sought from academics and practitioners. **Practitioners are asked to pose questions they believe should be on the academics' research agendas and academics are asked to present aspects of their research that are particularly informative to a wide cross-section of practitioners.** Submissions of a summary (2,000 to 4,000 words) of the talk are sought. The Editors of the journal will choose the 12 most suitable submissions. Accepted submissions will be presented at the conference and published in the journal. Other submissions may be considered for future issues of the journal. **Submission of practitioner-friendly versions of research that has been published in the leading academic journals is encouraged.** Consistent with the goals of *ASWQ*, publication of these summaries increases the impact of the original work by exposing it to a wider readership base.

The founding editors of *ASWQ* recognize the continued urgent need for dialogue among academics and practitioners about sustainability, accountability, measurement, assurance of the measures, data to inform (responsible) investment decisions and accountability in setting personal, corporate and public sector goals. The aim of *ASWQ* is to meet this need.

The goals are to (1) build and strengthen the links between academia (both teaching and research) and practice, (2) encourage younger academics by providing an opportunity to present their work to both other academics and practitioners, and (3) provide opportunities for practitioners to communicate with academics and influence their work. The journal is cross-disciplinary, with a focus on measurement, assurance of the measurements, and use of the measures. Articles will be short (2,000 to 4,000 words) and written by academics and practitioners with the intended readership comprising both of these groups.

*ASWQ* advances the creation and dissemination of knowledge and understanding of issues of topical practical relevance through the publication of rigorous, peer-reviewed, research and thought-pieces written by cutting edge academics and practitioners. The main focus of the peer-review process will be on the authenticity of the results, claims, and conclusions in the paper.

The most important features of published papers are topics related to climate change, ESG, CSR, and sustainability reporting provided that:

- The findings are of interest to and useful for accounting and investment practitioners
  - The findings have inference and application to an accounting and investment management audience beyond a particular region or sector
  - The exposition is not excessively theoretical or technical, although some technical presentation may sometimes be necessary
  - The arguments incorporate practical considerations, such as implementation, relevance to regulators and standard setters, implications for preparers, auditors and users of reports etc.
  - Where possible, alternative and supported opinions will be published in the same issue or consecutive issues
- In addition to submissions of work that has not been published elsewhere, submissions may be non-technical expositions of technical work that have been published in journals where the primary audience is academics.

**Please submit papers via email to [asw@care-mendoza.nd.edu](mailto:asw@care-mendoza.nd.edu) on or before May 31, 2023. A non-refundable submission fee of \$200 must be received within 10 business days of submission.** For further details on the submission process, visit <https://care-mendoza.nd.edu/accountability-in-a-sustainable-world-quarterly/paper-submission/>. Direct all questions to [asw@care-mendoza.nd.edu](mailto:asw@care-mendoza.nd.edu).

A copy of the inaugural issue of ASWQ may be found at <https://online.fliphtml5.com/jdbmp/bjni/#p=1>. Videos of presentations at past conferences may be found by navigating to the conference page at: <https://care-mendoza.nd.edu/>.