

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PAPERS TO THE *ISSUE PAPER* SERIES

We welcome contributions to the Drylands *Issue Paper* series.

Content

The *Issue Papers*, published together with the *Haramata* bulletin, are designed to help you share your research results, practical development experience or conceptual ideas on specific issues of relevance to drylands development. Although most of our readers are based in Africa, we also welcome papers from other dryland areas. All *Issue Papers* are published in both English and French so as to encourage the exchange of information between researchers and development practitioners in French and English speaking countries.

Issue Papers are not academic publications, but they should present information based on either research or practical experience, and be written in a manner that will be accessible to a non-specialised readership.

Style

Issue Papers must be short, easy to read and well structured.

- Use short sentences and paragraphs.
- Keep language simple.
- Use the active voice.
- Use a variety of presentation approaches (text, tables, boxes, figures, photographs).
- Length: maximum 7,000 words (including annexes if any).

Editorial process

Please send an electronic version of your paper in either English or French in Word format, or a hard copy if you do not have access to email. An editorial committee will then review your paper. They will assess its relevance for drylands development and send you written comments including ideas on what changes need to be made for the paper to be accepted for publication. Any subsequent editorial changes will be made in consultation with you. Once your paper has been accepted, it will be translated into the other language (i.e. either English or French) and we will send a copy of the translation for you to check if you wish.

We like to illustrate the *Issue Papers* with a few photos, maps, drawings or even cartoons. If you have any illustrations, please send them separately in their original format (e.g., photographs should be submitted as jpeg or gif files) as well as being embedded within the document. This will allow us to make modifications and ensure good reproduction of the illustrations in print.

You can also send us an idea for an *Issue Paper* rather than a completed document. This can consist of a few ideas jotted down in an email, which we can then help you develop into a paper.

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