

# Call for Papers

## Youth Driving Global Governance: For a Sustainable and Innovative Future

*Global Automotive Standardization Young Engineer Exchange Program (Go-YEEP)  
in collaboration with the World Automotive Standards Innovation Conference (WASIC)*

### 1. Purpose & Significance

This call for papers is jointly initiated by the **Global Automotive Standardization Young Engineer Exchange Program (Go-YEEP)** and the **World Automotive Standards Innovation Conference (WASIC)**.

It aims to:

Deeply implement the **United Nations Youth Strategy: Youth 2030** and the **Tianjin Declaration & Youth Automotive Engineer Cultivation Initiative** from the first Go-YEEP.

Inviting young professionals to share innovative ideas to advance sustainable transportation and automotive transformation.

Inspire **creativity, action, and leadership** among youth in global automotive standardization.

We invite original contributions from young experts, engineers, researchers, and practitioners worldwide to explore how youth can shape the future of automotive standards and global governance.

### 2. Thematic Directions

Contributions may include academic papers, in-depth analyses, or case studies. Topics may cover, but are not limited to:

#### a. Governance Mechanisms: Observations and Considerations at the National, Regional, and Global Levels in the Context of Rapidly Evolving Automotive Technologies.

Explore governance mechanisms for evolving automotive tech across national, regional, global levels. Discuss regulations, standards, collaboration, and challenges; reflect on innovation-risk balance and multi-stakeholder engagement. Share insights, cases, or proposals to shape future-ready governance..

## **b. Technology Frontiers: Tackling Core Standards and Regulations for New Automotive Technologies**

Focusing on research related to standard development, regulatory harmonization, and technological breakthroughs in key areas such as autonomous driving, vehicle-infrastructure coordination, energy replenishment, and battery safety.

## **c. Safety and Sustainability: Standardization Practices Towards Zero Accidents and Zero Emissions**

This topic examines the application and effectiveness evaluation of standards, along with case studies addressing road safety, cybersecurity, climate change, and carbon emissions.

## **d. Youth Power: Capacity Building and Empowerment Models for Young Engineers in Global Standards Governance**

Exploring effective pathways to cultivate the international perspective, negotiation skills, and technical leadership of young engineers, as well as mechanisms and stories of their pivotal roles in international organizations such as ISO, IEC, and UN WP.29.

### **3. Eligibility & Submission Guidelines**

#### **Target Participants**

Young professionals (experts, engineers, researchers, postgraduate students) engaged in or interested in automotive standardization worldwide.

Priority outreach to:

- a. Go-YEEP Youth Expert Network
- b. Automotive Standardization Youth Expert Development Alliance in China
- c. Global universities.

#### **Requirements**

Original, unpublished work without confidential content.

Language: **English**.

Length: 4,000–6,000 words.

Format: Include abstract, keywords, main text, and references (Please refer to Annex).

Provide author name(s), affiliation, country/region, contact details, and a brief bio.

## Submission Method

Email to [goyeep@catarc.ac.cn](mailto:goyeep@catarc.ac.cn)

## 4. Review Criteria

**Innovation (30%):** Novelty in content, perspective, or methodology.

**Practical Value (30%):** Relevance to automotive standardization practice or global governance.

**Logic & Standardization (20%):** Clear structure, sound argumentation, academic rigor.

**Global Perspective (20%):** Cross-cultural, cross-regional insights and collaborative dimensions.

## 5. Publication & Follow-up

a. Authors of outstanding papers will have the opportunity to be invited to attend the **World Automotive Standards Innovation Conference 2026 (WASIC 2026)** and **Go-YEEP events in China** and deliver on-site presentations. The conference organizers will cover international travel expenses.

b. The outstanding and shortlisted papers will be compiled into the "**Go-YEEP Youth Paper Collection on Automotive Standardization and Global Governance**," which will be formally published and distributed globally. Selected papers may be recommended for publication in domestic and international partner academic journals, such as *China Auto*.

c. All contributors will be invited to join the **Go-YEEP Young Engineer Network** for priority access to future training, seminars, and joint research projects.

## 6. Timeline & Webinar

Paper Submission Deadline: March 15, 2026

Notification of Acceptance: By April 15, 2026

Conference & Presentation (WASIC 2026): May 2026

Conference & Presentation(Go-YEEP Events): August 2026

To help prospective authors better understand the themes, submission requirements, and review process of this call for papers, the organizing committee will hold two interactive online webinar sessions. We strongly encourage interested young engineers and researchers to participate.

### **Webinar Schedule:**

Session 1: January 23, 2026, 16:00-17:00 (UTC+8)

Session 2: January 30, 2026, 16:00-17:00 (UTC+8)

Webinar registrationa link: [LINK](#)

### **7. For Inquiries**

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