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IPC-IG's guidelines for authors





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language of publication **1**

Publications must be written in or translated into **English (U.K.)**.

revision of text **2**

Prior to submitting work for publication, the author is expected to **carefully review and edit their piece**, to correct grammatical and typographical errors and to **verify that editorial norms have been followed**.

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Authors may submit their work **electronically**, via e-mail to publications@ipc-undp.org, or directly through ojs.ipc-undp.org. The body of the submission e-mail should contain the **title of the publication**, the **date**, as well as the **full name(s) of the author(s)** and desired **institutional affiliations**. All submissions are acknowledged upon receipt.

abstract **4**

The body of the submission e-mail should also contain an **abstract** providing a general overview of the work, comprising around **200-250 words**.

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All documents sent for publication must be in **Windows Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format**. The work should be presented simply: the use of decorative elements and characters is not recommended.

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- The figures and tables (as well as photos or images when indispensable), should be incorporated into the text in an adequate position defined by the author.
- They should be **titled** and **numbered consecutively** using **Arabic numerals**.
- The worksheets and graph data that are included in the text should be **editable in Microsoft Excel**.
- The photos or images should be attached discretely as **.jpg** files in high resolution (300dpi).
- Their **source** should also be **properly credited**.

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bibliographical references

The bibliographical references should follow a consistent format, as indicated. Our format closely follows the Chicago Manual of Style's Author-Date System.

Book: Author(s) or editor(s) of book [last name, first name]. Year. *Title in Italics*, edition number other than the first, City, Publisher. Sample:

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house style

Dates: present as **day month year** with no punctuation (e.g. **19 January 2014**).

Foreign words: these should be in **Italics** unless they have become essentially a part of the English language, in which case roman should be used, retaining accents.

Acronyms: a title or name of an organisation, programme or institution that recurs in the text should normally be written in **full the first time** it is mentioned, and then **followed by the acronym between parantheses**.

Numbers: **one to nine spelled out**. For **10 upwards** use **numerals**, unless the number starts the sentence.

Currencies: References to currencies should follow the **3-letter ISO 4217 Currency Codes** (<https://www.iso.org/iso-4217-currency-codes.html>), followed by the nominal amount without a space (e.g. **USD215, BRL215, CHF215**).

Percentages: use **'per cent'** in longer prose. The **% sign should be used in tables and figures**.

Language: English (UK). **Spellings should be consistently British**, e.g: analyse, apologise, behaviour, programme, centre, fulfil.

Abbreviations: abbreviations such as **kg** or **km** **should not be followed by a period**.

Quotation marks: use double marks ("x") for direct quotes and singles ('x') for quotes within quotes.

'Below'/'above': **do not use** the terms **'below'** and **'above'** to refer to figures and tables in the text. Do refer directly to their number or name.

Subheadings, table heading and figures: Capital initial letters with no full stops.

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- (Author 1 and Author 2 year)
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