



# Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the *GBCESC 2024* during [July 22-25, 2024] in [Kunming, China]. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the [Technical Program Committee] and approved by the Editor-in-Chief, who affirms that this document is a truthful description of the conference's review process.

## 1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were [single-blind]. Each submission was examined by [at least 2] reviewer(s) independently.

*[If you use a conference or submission system mention it like for example: The conference submission management system was AC Conference Paper Platform]*

*[Please describe the overall process of review for your conference. Example text: The submissions were first screened for generic quality and suitability. After the initial screening, they were sent for peer review by matching each paper's topic with the reviewers' expertise, taking into account any competing interests. A paper could only be considered for acceptance if it had received favourable recommendations from the two reviewers.]*

Authors of a rejected submission were given the opportunity to revise and resubmit after addressing the reviewers' comments. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final.]

*[All submissions underwent an initial screening to assess relevance, formatting, and compliance with submission guidelines. Papers that met these criteria were assigned to at least two independent experts for single-blind peer review, selected based on expertise in the subject area. Reviewers, comprising members of the Technical Program Committee and external experts, evaluated submissions on technical merit, originality, significance, clarity, and alignment with the conference themes. Authors*

*of papers requiring major revisions were given the opportunity to resubmit after addressing reviewer comments. Final acceptance or rejection decisions were made by the Guest Editors, who reviewed the peer feedback and author responses to ensure the highest academic standards. To uphold fairness and integrity, conflicts of interest were actively managed, and efforts were made to minimize unconscious bias.]*

## **2. QUALITY CRITERIA**

Reviewers were instructed to assess the quality of submissions solely based on the academic merit of their content along the following dimensions [*Note: please summarise your criteria and order them by importance; the following list is an example*]:

1. Pertinence of the article's content to the scope and themes of the conference;
2. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research;
3. Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;
4. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;
5. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables.

In addition, all of the articles have been checked for textual overlap in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism by the publisher. [*All submissions will be sent for plagiarism check before acceptance*]

*1. Relevance to Conference Themes: The manuscript should clearly address one or more of the key topics within the domains of green building, civil engineering, and smart city.*

*2. Technical Merit and Novelty: The work should demonstrate technical rigor, innovative approaches, and the potential to advance the state-of-the-art in the respective field. Submissions that present novel solutions, methodologies, or case studies will be prioritized.*

*3. Significance and Impact: The research should have the potential to contribute meaningful and impactful knowledge to the academic community and industry practitioners. The findings should be well-supported by theoretical analysis, empirical evidence, or practical applications.*

*4. Clarity and Presentation: The manuscript should be well-structured, with clear and coherent argumentation, and adhere to the conference's formatting guidelines. The use of English language should be of high quality, with proper grammar and terminology.*

### 3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	240
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	235
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	83
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	35.3%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	67

*[Any additional information about article statistics belongs to this section, but the listing should suffice in most situations. More rows can be added if necessary, but please do not delete any existing row. Numbers are for example only. “Acceptance rate” is (number of accepted articles) divided by (number of total submissions).]*

### 4. COMPETING INTERESTS

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