Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the International Conference on Sustainable Green Tourism Applied Science - Social Applied Science 2026 on date October 7, 2026 in Bali-Indonesia. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the ICoSTAS-SAS 2026 Review 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 double-blind. Each submitted full-paper was examined independently by at least two reviewers. The conference submission management system was Leconfe.

The submission process began with abstract submission. Each abstract was initially screened to assess its suitability and relevance to the scope of ICoSTAS-SAS 2026. Abstracts considered suitable were accepted and the authors were subsequently invited to submit their full papers. The reviewers consisted of qualified reviewers from Politeknik Negeri Bali and external institutions who had agreed to participate in the peer-review process.

The reviewers comments and recommendations were communicated to the authors, who were given the opportunity to revise their manuscripts accordingly. The revised manuscripts were subsequently evaluated to determine whether the reviewers comments had been adequately addressed.

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A full paper was considered for acceptance after the review and revision process had been satisfactorily completed. Accepted papers then proceeded to the copyediting stage.

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:

1. Relevance of the article to the scope and themes of ICoSTAS-SAS 2026;
2. Originality, novelty, and contribution of the research;
3. Soundness of the research methods, analyses, and results;
4. Compliance with applicable research ethics and academic standards;
5. Clarity, coherence, and accuracy of the manuscript, including the presentation of figures and tables.

In addition, all submitted full papers were screened using Turnitin as part of the conference's efforts to identify excessive textual similarity and prevent plagiarism. The maximum acceptable similarity index was 20%. Manuscripts exceeding this threshold were returned to the authors for revision before they could proceed further in the editorial process.

3. KEY METRICS

Total submissions	70
Number of articles sent for peer review	53
Number of accepted articles	48
Acceptance rate	68.6%
Number of reviewers	18

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Neither the Editor-in-Chief nor any member of the Scientific Committee declares any competing interest. The conference was partially funded by Politeknik Negeri Bali (PNB), a polytechnic that has also supported or participated in some of the research submitted to the conference. To maintain the independence and integrity of the editorial and peer-review process, the Editor-in-Chief, editors, and reviewers did not handle manuscripts that they had authored or co-authored.

If the Editor-in-Chief or an editor was an author or co-author of a submitted manuscript, the manuscript was assigned to another editor who had no involvement or competing interest in the submission. Similarly, reviewers were not assigned to manuscripts for which they had a competing interest.

These measures were implemented to avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure that editorial decisions and peer-review evaluations were conducted independently and objectively.

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