



## Special Session Proposal

### **Rural areas: attractiveness, policies and development paths**

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### **Abstract**

This special session coveys the attention on the better understanding of transforming rural areas and contributing to the development of policies and initiatives for their balanced and inclusive growth. This session aims to stimulate the discussion on the factors that influence the attractiveness of rural areas, the public policies that can support an inclusive growth process in these regions and the possible private-public initiatives to drive positive changes in rural areas among others. Special attention will be given to the social political implications of the sense of abandonment that often emerges in rural communities.