CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for submission of Full Papers Extended

SADC International Conference on Postgraduate Research for Sustainable Development

28th-31st October 2018,
Avani Gaborone Resort & Casino
Gaborone, Botswana
Website: http://sadc-icprsd.ub.bw

1. Preamble
Research is conducted to generate knowledge and this knowledge should be relevant to the needs of local communities and impact lives. In Southern Africa most of the research output from institutions of higher learning such as universities is not translated into solutions for industrial and social needs. Hence there is need to harmonise postgraduate research and its relevance to societal needs. In the process of solving societal problems, postgraduate research should also create employment and impart entrepreneurial skills to communities. This will create a pathway of transferring knowledge from institutions of higher learning to industries. In this way, research will stimulate growth and development which is relevant to developing countries of Southern Africa and beyond. This conference therefore is aimed at challenging the status quo of how and why research is conducted in our universities and the role of research in changing societies and creating employment and opportunities.

2. Goal of the conference
The goal of the conference is to provide a platform for sharing information on Post Graduate Research with regards to best practices relevant to countries in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The specific objectives of the conference are:

a) To provide a regional platform for knowledge sharing and to integrate and co-ordinate initiatives in graduate research
b) To support capacity development through collaborative research for sustainable development
c) To raise awareness and mobilisation for research support to a broad range of stakeholders with the view of ensuring participation and ownership of interventions.
**Theme: Research Management in Developing Economies**

**Sub-themes:**
- University - Industry Partnership
- Research and Innovation for Development
- Professionalization of Research management
- Research for Relevance
- Research and Sustainable development
- Science for Development
- Job creation through Research
- Entrepreneurship and Research
- Enhancing graduate attribute through student – led research
- Strengthening the quality of graduate research through engagement
- Power and energy systems
- Water resources management
- Health Informatics
- Modelling and simulation
- Agriculture for development and environmental management

**Registration:**

**Normal**
Pula 5000.00 / person for Locals (4000 for students)
US$ 500.00 / person for SADC and other international participants (400 for students)

**Early bird (before 21 September)**
Pula 4000.00 / person for Locals (3000 for students)
US$ 400.00 / person for SADC and other international participants (300 for students)

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**
- Vice Chancellors
- Research Administrators
- Academics
- Researchers
- Staff of Research Councils and Agencies
- Managers and policy-makers in Government
- Government Stakeholders
- Non-governmental Organisations
- Development Agencies
- Private Sector
- Indigenous Knowledge holders and practitioners
- Postgraduate Students
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

• All Abstracts and full papers will be handled and reviewed electronically through the conference's EasyChair submission. The URL for Abstract and full paper submission is: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=sadcicprsd2018.

• You will need to set up an EasyChair account if you do not already have one before you can log on and submit your Abstract. When completing the submission form on EasyChair you shall see a space requiring an abstract to be typed in, this is not the place for your full abstract; simply enter a short statement (no more than 50 words) that summarizes your paper. Further down the page you will upload your full abstract as an attachment (formats: pdf, doc or docx). Your attachment should bear no names or affiliations or other identifying information about authors. Ensure that all special characters display properly before uploading. You will receive confirmation of submission of your abstract from Easy Chair immediately after submission by email.

• All abstracts or papers submitted for oral/poster presentation will undergo a peer review process and the results will be communicated to the corresponding author.

STRUCTURE OF ABSTRACT
The abstracts must be written in English (300 word count, with 6-8 keywords) and submitted by the advertised deadlines for consideration by the editorial team. Abstracts should be submitted for oral presentation. Authors of accepted abstracts will be required to submit full papers which will be peer reviewed for publication in the conference proceedings.

- **Title of abstract** (with the text centre justified) to include the author(s') names and affiliations (list multiple affiliations one below the other) and mark each with a superscript “a”, “b”, “c”). In addition the name of the corresponding author, where there is more than one author, should be marked with an asterisk superscript (*). A footnote should then be given on this page “**Corresponding author: E-mail: Tel.: Fax:”

- **General format;** the abstract should be in one column. Leave on all sides a 2.5cm margin and use 12pts font, Time New Roman throughout. Single spacing should be used. The text should not be hyphenated. Metric (S.I) Units should be used. Use Units instead of words e.g. “11 cm” instead of “11 centimetre(s)”. Do not abbreviate units e.g. “Oz” instead of “Ounce”. Also present units as 3% and 5%, or 4-6 cm, not 4 cm to 6 cm. Do not leave one empty line between paragraphs. Indent paragraphs by 0.4cm.

- **Presentation Language;** the abstract should be in English and the text well-structured and logical

- **Figures and Tables;** all figures and tables should be of good quality (sharp, good contrast) with letter size large enough.

For the full paper guidelines, visit the conference website at [http://sadc-icprsd.ub.bw](http://sadc-icprsd.ub.bw)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Call for papers Open: 20 April 2018
Full Papers Due: 31 August 2018 (papers without prior-submission of abstracts can also be submitted)
Acceptance of Full Papers Communicated: 14 September 2018
Registration Deadline for Presenters: 6 October 2018

Papers received after the deadline will not be accepted!
REGISTRATION PAYMENT
Pay directly to the following bank account (electronic payment)

Bank Name: Standard Chartered Bank
Account Name: University of Botswana
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Reference: Your Full Name_SADCICPRSD
Bank Postal Address: Standard House, The Mall, P O Box 1529, Gaborone, Botswana

Once your paper has been accepted, deposit/transfer the appropriate fee into the bank account and email a copy of the deposit slip or proof of electronic transfer with your completed registration form to; Gandurej@mopipi.ub.bw or moalafhid@mopipi.ub.bw

50 % refund can only be made if organizers are notified 2 months before the start of the conference.

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