



# 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Congress on Knowledge Generation and Dissemination in Africa

03-06<sup>th</sup> December 2017

*Final Call for Abstracts*

HOST: MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST),  
KAKAMEGA, KENYA

Congress Theme: Harnessing Research Output for Sustainable Development

## INTRODUCTION

The 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Congress will be hosted by Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology (MMUST), Kakamega-Kenya in partnership with University of Venda (UNIVEN)-South Africa; Walter Sisulu University (WSU)-South Africa; Botswana International University of Science & Technology (BIUST)-Botswana and University of Ibadan (UI)-Nigeria. The Congress will serve as a platform for harnessing research output in addressing sustainable development goals.

## CONGRESS SUB-THEMES

### Science and Technology for Sustainable Development

- Food security and improved nutrition for sustainable livelihoods
- Renewable and non-renewable energy for development
- Sustainable agriculture, livestock and aquaculture
- Sustainable consumption and production patterns for development
- Science & Engineering technologies for sustainable development

### Education, Social Services and Health for Sustainable Development

- Health sciences and promotion of human well-being
- Access to quality, inclusive & equitable education at all ages
- Management of water resources, availability and provision of water and sanitation for development
- Peaceful and inclusive societies for development
- Accountability and justice for peaceful coexistence

### Governance and Economic Development

- Strategic planning for poverty reduction and socio-economic development
- Gender equity and empowerment of all for socio-economic development
- Sustainable economic growth and productive employment for all
- Rational and equitable distribution of resources
- Global cohesion and integration for peace and development

### Indigenous and Alternative Knowledge Systems for Development

- Alternative medicine and cultural determinants of health and well-being
- Indigenous methods, traditional rights and cultural diversity
- Traditional foods, nutrition and well being
- Community led solutions: cultural resurgence and resilience
- Manifold and divergent indigenous identities to nation building

### Research and Knowledge Management for Commercialization

- Sustainable infrastructure and innovations for industrial development
- Research, innovation & intellectual property for wealth creation and development
- Indigenous knowledge management & information sharing
- Strategic intellectual property management & commercialization
- Capacity building for productive research and sustainable development

### Climate Change and Environmental Management for Sustainable Development

- Global warming, climate change and climate variability
- Sustainable utilization of marine resources and use of terrestrial biodiversity and ecosystems for development
- Promote sustainable use of land, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation
- Safe and sustainable planning for human settlements
- Waste management and environmental pollution

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Researchers, academics, postgraduate students managers and policy makers in Government, inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations, research administrators, staff of research councils and agencies, and any other interested persons.

## GUIDELINES FOR STRUCTURE, FORMAT AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS, PAPERS & POSTERS

Details of the abstract structure and format can be found by following this [FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS](#) hyper-link which also has Word and LaTeX templates.

**Submissions** should *ONLY* be done online by the advertised deadlines, by following this [CONGRESS ABSTRACT SUBMISSION](#) hyper-link. Authors of accepted abstracts will be required to submit full papers to the same [LINK](#) which will be peer reviewed for publication in the congress book of proceedings.

**Poster abstracts** should also be submitted to [CONGRESS ABSTRACT SUBMISSION](#) hyper-link. All posters should have a uniform size of A0. Posters will be mounted at designated places at the congress venue. Poster presenters should be available at certain times during the congress.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017 - Abstract submission deadline
- 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 - Notification of acceptance of abstract
- 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 - Payment of registration fees deadline
- 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 - Deadline for submission of full paper for peer review

## PRESENTATION LANGUAGE

The abstracts, papers and posters should be in British English with well structured and understandable text.

## SUBMISSION POLICY

Authors are limited to two oral presentations.

## MODE OF PRESENTATION

- Presentations are welcome in oral and poster formats.
- The organizing committee will provide laptop and LCD projector for all audio-visual presentations.

Companies are welcome to display their promotional items at the following fees.

- Developed countries - U.S. \$400
- Developing countries - U.S. \$200

## DISSEMINATION/PUBLICATIONS

All accepted papers will be developed into manuscripts and submitted for consideration in the Congress proceedings.

## CONGRESS EXCURSIONS

Excursions will be organised to the world famous Maasai Mara National Park and Kakamega Forest. Details can be found on the Congress [webpage](#)

## REGISTRATION

Applicable fees to be paid into MMUST Account are as follows:

Participation fees:

- Developed countries (Academics) - U.S. \$150
- Developed countries (Students) -U.S. \$50
- Developing countries (Academics) - U.S. \$100
- Developing countries (Students) -U.S. \$50

Fees to be paid into account:

- **Standard Chartered Bank Account, P.O. Box 292 - 50100, Kakamega, Kenya.**
- **Acc. No: 0102098712400, Kakamega Branch, Kenya.**
- **SWIFT code: SCBLKENXXX .**
- **Bank code: 002.**
- **Beneficiary: 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Congress on Knowledge Generation and Dissemination in Africa.**

### Terms and conditions:

- The registration fee includes: conference attendance, luncheon, coffee/tea and snacks (3 days), International Research Congress on Knowledge Generation and Dissemination in Africa (ICKGDA-2017) Congress Proceedings (hard and soft copies) and certificate of attendance. Also included is a networking dinner.
- For multi-authored papers each attending author needs to separately register and pay individual registration fee.
- The registration fee does NOT include hotel accommodation.
- Cancellations made before the registration deadline attract a 10 % administrative charge while those made on or after the registration deadline attract a 30% administration charge.