# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - OSREA

The OSSREA ZAMBIA CHAPTER has won another research grant to organize an academic workshop on October 12, 2012. The authors of the ten best papers will receive an honorarium of US$150 and the papers will be published as conference proceedings.
The Chapter is, therefore, inviting Abstracts for the Workshop. Send the abstract to cchabatama@unza.zm
The Abstract should be one page, with the author’s name, email and institutional affiliation.

THE THEME FOR THE WORKSHOP IS:
SOCIAL POLICIES AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ZAMBIA, with emphasis on the following sub-themes:

1. Higher Education Funding and Management
2. Gender Mainstreaming and Development
3. Innovative Heath Care Delivery Initiatives
4. Strengthening the Capacity for Strengthening Social Policy
5. HIV and AIDS Policies and Programmes
6. Local Government Service Provision
7. Poverty and Food Insecurity Ameliorative Measures
8. Social Problems and Mitigation
9. Unemployment and Employment Policies
10. National Empowerment Policies
11. Corruption and Strategies for Combating it

BACKGROUND
The Zambian government has had numerous challenges in the social realm. Most social policies in Zambia have failed to achieve their intended objectives. The health sector, the education sector, the employment sector and the general welfare of the people have collapsed. The government has attempted reforms in the education sector, health sector and local government delivery. Some reforms have yielded the desired results while most reforms have not yielded the intended results. Something has gone wrong along the way. There is need to come up with sustainable solutions if the country has to achieve meaningful socio-economic development.
The theme chosen for the July 2012 academic workshop is a topical area of great concern by the government and the Zambian population. There are areas where the nation has scored some success and areas where the nation has had challenges. Zambian scholars and ordinary Zambians have been calling on the Zambian government to revamp the out-dated and dysfunctional social policies and programmes in the country.
Education, health, HIV/AIDS, crime and unemployment are major challenges which the government has been grappling with for some time now. First, research will focus on areas where the nation has been successful which need to be consolidated. Second, research will focus on what has gone wrong in Zambia and suggest ameliorative measures which could help Zambia attain meaningful socio-economic development.

OBJECTIVES
This proposed academic workshop has the following objectives:
• To investigate Social policies, their nature, challenges and make recommendations which could consolidate or improve the delivery of social services in Zambia.
• To investigate the social problems the citizens have been experiencing, and make ameliorative recommendations.
• To examine the state of Higher Education in Zambia, identify the challenges and make recommendations.

TIMELINE

| | |
|---|---|
| July 21, 2012: | Call for Abstracts |
| August 13, 2012: | Deadline for submission of Abstracts |
| August 14-17, 2012: | Organizing Committee Chooses 10 best Abstracts |
| August 17, 2012: | Authors of chosen Papers informed |
| September 28, 2012: | Submission of Full Papers |
| October 12, 2012: | The Day for the Academic Workshop |
| October 19, 2012: | Edited Papers to reach the Editorial Board |
| October 2012: | The Papers to be published |

For queries contact:
Chewe Chabatama, PhD
Liaison Officer, OSSREA Zambia Chapter
Department of History, University of Zambia
Email: cchabatama@unza.zm