ZAPUC International Conference - Call for Paper

The Zambia Association of Public Universities and Colleges (ZAPUC) is a registered academic membership-based organisation comprising public universities and colleges in Zambia committed to quality service delivery to our students, government and other stakeholders by ensuring that our institutions follow ethical professional standards in the execution of their mandate. The objective of ZAPUC is to promote high academic standards and collaboration among member institutions to foster synergies in higher education. More information about how to apply for membership and membership fees are available on ZAPUC website (https://www.zapuc.edu.zm)

ZAPUC will be hosting the 2\textsuperscript{nd} International Conference from 19\textsuperscript{th} to 21\textsuperscript{st} October 2020 in the Zambia’s tourist capital, Livingstone at Avani Hotel, located at the banks of the Victoria Falls. The conference will bring together educationists, researchers, policy makers, government officials and industry to reflect on the role of Universities and colleges in sustainable national development. The conference will give an opportunity to the participants to gauge how higher education could be a key contributor to the realization of the sustainable development goals with the Agenda 2030 and beyond. The conference is co-sponsored by various partners.

Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future (https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org). The Agenda calls for action by all countries to partner together in addressing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

Most African countries are endowed with abundant natural resources but still remain amongst the poorest nations of the world. Zambia, for instance, is the 48th poorest nation in the world out of 189 countries captured according to the Global Financing Magazine of 13th February 2017. The Democratic Republic of Congo, rich in mineral resources, is the second poorest nation in the world. A lot of questions can be posed to find out where things are going wrong including questioning the calibre of manpower being trained to uplift the socio-economic status of respective nations and the type of research needed to provide lasting solutions, hence the need for this conference.

The role of higher education in sustainable development of any nation cannot be overemphasized. Universities and colleges world over are viewed to be the major source of manpower to drive the nations’ development agendas. Universities and colleges are kind of global institutions that are durable and enduring. When wisely designed, governed and financed, they are unique entities which are neutral conveners, assemblers of talent, and unmatched idea factories where the creativity and idealism of great minds, young and old alike, can be applied to solve problems faced by society. Therefore, enhanced linkages between Governments, higher education institutions and Industry can play an important role to ensure sustainable development.

Conference Details

Objectives of the Conference
The main objective of the conference is to explore how enhanced linkages between government, higher education and industry can promote sustainable national development with particular reference to the Sub-Saharan Africa. It is expected that the conference will bring out issues that our respective governments and industry will consider for repositioning and transformation of higher education to effectively contribute to sustainable national development.

The theme of the conference is “Sustainable Development through enhanced linkages between government, higher education and industry”

**Conference Guest of Honour**

The Minister of Higher Education, Hon. Eng. Dr Brian Mushimba, MP.

**Expected Benefits/ outcomes of the Conference**

1. Share, experiences, information, research results and collaborate in solving challenges that cross borders; in unlocking and harnessing new knowledge; in building cultural and political understanding; and in modeling environments that promote dialogue and debate and positively contribute to national development.

2. Forge mutually beneficial partnerships and collaborations among higher education institutions and with industry and government. The borderless partnerships keep growing in nature and increasing in number of activities yielding several benefits for the higher learning institutions.

These benefits which enhances collaborations and partnering would provoke a new way of co-financing and undertaking projects thereby improving utility of the limited government funding.

**Conference Modalities**

We invite full papers for presentations, workshops/interactive sessions, posters/exhibits, or colloquia from universities, colleges, government ministries, industry as well as other relevant stakeholders, addressing one of the following sub-themes:

**1. The relationship between the higher education and industry for sustainable development**

This will be discussed under the following thematic areas:

- Linking Higher Education to Industry/Private Sector
- Role of Higher Education in the 4th industrial revolution
- Industry Integration with Higher Education
- Financing of higher education challenges and alternative financing options
- Scholarships and Loans to students in higher education
- The Role of Research in Industry
- Entrepreneurship in Higher Learning Institutions
- Evaluation of the Impact of Industry on the Curricula of Higher Education
- The role of Higher Education in Policy analysis and Development
- Relevance of internship/attachment/practical training in skills acquisition
- The role of Government in promoting collaboration and partnerships between industry and Higher Education
2. The relationship between Government and the higher education institutions for sustainable development

This will be discussed under the following thematic areas;

- Enhancing quality in higher education
- Financing of higher education challenges and possibilities
- Scholarships and Loans to students in higher education
- Linking Higher Education to Industry/Private Sector
- Industry Integration with Higher Education
- The Role of Research in sustainable development
- Government financing of research for sustainable development
- The role of Higher Education in Policy analysis and Development
- Relevance of internship/attachment/practical training in skills acquisition
- The role of Government in promoting collaboration and partnerships between industry and Higher Education

3. Repositioning the role of Universities and Colleges for Sustainable National Development

This will be discussed under the following thematic areas;

- Investment and sustainability for research in HE
- Curriculum for Sustainable Development in HE
- Financing Models for HE
- Public and Private Partnerships (PPP) policy in HE
- Innovation and patents for sustainable development in HE
- Leadership in Higher Education transformation
- Policy influence on Higher Education re-positioning

4. ICT in Higher Education and Covid-19

This will be discussed under the following thematic areas

- Covid-19 and higher education
- ICT in Counterfeit Management (e.g. Plagiarism, Cyber crime)
- ICT in governance Systems (e.g. Electronic Voting System)
- Commercialization of ICT for starter ups for National Development
- Using ICT software in teaching and learning
- ODL trends
- E-learning and MOOCS

Guide for Exhibitors

Important Dates
We welcome expression of interest to exhibit at the 2020 ZAPUC International Conference about what you are doing as an institution. Please contact the Organizing Committee to confirm by 30th September 2020. The cost of exhibition is as follows:

- ZAPUC paid up members K3,000
- Non-ZAPUC members K5,000

**Guide for Authors**

**Important Dates**

We welcome the submission of full papers and these will be reviewed within two weeks after the deadline of submission. The dates below serve as a guide for submission based on our corresponding registration deadlines. To submit the full paper please click on the link: [SUBMIT YOUR PAPER](#)

**Paper & Registration Dates**

**Full paper Deadlines**

Deadline of submission of full papers **20th September 2020**

Notification of accepted paper to authors before **30th September 2020**

**Registration Deadlines**

Early Registration **30th August 2020**
Late Registration **19th October 2020**

Conference registration is open. [Click here to register](#)

**Format for Conference Paper submission**

- Full length papers must be limited to six pages A4 single-line spacing (10 point font size minimum) and formatted following the IEEE conference paper format.
- Paper submission is via [EDAS](#).
- Authors should access [EDAS](#) through the conference site for all submissions and by all means do not email papers directly to Track or Conference Chair persons as this makes reviewing of your papers messy and difficult.
- All papers submitted to the conference will be reviewed by at least two international reviewers.
- Papers which are registered and presented during the conference will be included in the conference proceedings with an ISBN to facilitate access and referencing.

**Conference Registration fees**

ZAPUC paid up members

- Early registration K2,000 (limited numbers due to Covid-19)
- Late registration K2,500 (limited numbers due to Covid-19)
Presenting a paper virtually K500 (paper will be included in proceedings, will receive copy of proceedings and participation certificate)

Attending virtually for participants is free (but pay K200 to receive proceedings and participation certificate)

Local and non ZAPUC members

- Early registration K2,500 (attending virtually K1,250)
- Late registration K3,000 (attending virtually K1,500)
- Presenting a paper virtually K500 (paper will be included in proceedings, will receive copy of proceedings and participation certificate)
- Attending virtually for participants is free (but pay K200 to receive proceedings and participation certificate)

International Participants

- Early registration $300 (attending virtually $150)
- Late registration $350 (attending virtually $175)
- Presenting a paper virtually $50 (paper will be included in proceedings, will receive copy of proceedings and participation certificate)
- Attending virtually for participants is free (but pay $20 to receive proceedings and participation certificate)

Students

- Local Postgraduate Students K1,500 (attending virtually K750)
- Local Undergraduate Students K1,000 (attending virtually K500)
- International Postgraduate Students $150 (attending virtually $75)
- International Undergraduate Students $100 (attending virtually $50)
- International students presenting a paper virtually $50 (paper will be included in proceedings, will receive copy of proceedings and participation certificate)
- International students attending virtually for participants is free (but pay $20 to receive proceedings and participation certificate)
- Local students presenting a paper virtually K500 (paper will be included in proceedings, will receive copy of proceedings and participation certificate)
- Local students attending virtually for participants is free (but pay K200 to receive proceedings and participation certificate)

Conference Hotel Bookings

Please book with any of the following hotels and indicate or reference "ZAPUC" in order to get discounted conference rates

1. **AVANI Victoria Falls Resort**
   
   [Click here to book discounted rates for AVANI hotel](#)

2. **Courtyard Hotel.**

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   Tel: +260 978 058014
Email: res@courtyardhotel.co.zm or mabel.courtyardhotelvicfalls@gmail.com
Click here to book with Courtyard Hotel

3. Oriental Swan Hotel
   Contact: Manager
   Tel: +260 969 900668 or +260 978 766668
   Email: orientalswanltd@gmail.com
   Click here to book with Oriental Swan Hotel

4. Chrismar Hotel Livingstone
   Contact: Manager
   Tel: +260 969 893728; 260213323141; +260 211 253036; +260 211 253605
   Email: booklvn@chrismarhotels.com or book@chrismarhotels.com
   Click here to book with Chrismar Hotel.

Other Hotels and Lodges

1. Victoria Falls Water Front
2. Protea Hotel
3. Fairmount Hotel
4. Roadside Lodge
5. Lilawmono Lodge

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