



Government of Malawi



International Conference on Higher Education

27th to 29th June, 2018

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Organising Committee of the Conference on Higher Education in Malawi is pleased to announce a **call for abstracts** for oral and poster presentations to be presented at an international conference on higher education to be held at **Sunbird Nkopola Lodge** from **27th to 29th June 2018**. The Conference has been organised by public and private universities in Malawi through the Organising Committee which is composed of representatives from each of the four public universities in Malawi, representatives from the Association of Private Universities in Malawi (APUMA), Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) and friends of higher education.

The aim of the Conference is to bring together academics, higher education managers, policy makers and other stakeholders to discuss opportunities and challenges facing higher education in Malawi and the World in the 21st Century. The Conference will provide a platform to share experiences and learn from one another best practices to address the challenges for the improvement of higher education.

Conference Theme

The Conference, whose theme is *Higher education in the 21st century*, is open to all those interested in issues related to opportunities and challenges facing higher education in Malawi and the international community, within the context of prevailing global trends.

All submissions must be within the following sub-themes:

1. Policies, governance, management, human resource, leadership and politics in higher education;
2. Higher education financing, sustainability and student fees;
3. Access to higher education and quality;
4. Emerging technologies and innovations for higher education;
5. Student services and support;
6. HIV and AIDS in higher education;
7. Research and partnerships.

Submission Instructions

- Please specify the submission category: **paper** or **poster**.
- The title should be concise with not more than 15 words
- Abstracts are limited to 500 words.
- All text in the abstract must have a font size 12 in Times New Roman, spaced at 1.5 and justified.
- All abstracts must be formatted with 0.75-inch margins all around.
- Abstracts must be submitted as PDF files.
- Authors of accepted abstract(s) will be required to submit full paper(s) which will be peer-reviewed for publication.
- The format for the full paper will be provided only to the authors whose abstract(s) have been accepted.

Abstract Template

Title:

Corresponding Author: Degree(s), Department, Institution, City, State/Province/District, Country, and e-mail

Author #2, Degree(s), Department, Institution, City, State/Province/District, Country

Author #3, Degree(s), Department, Institution, City, State/Province/District, Country

Keywords: List three to five keywords; each separated by semi-colons

Abstract should include:

- 3 to 5 keywords
- Objective, problem under investigation, hypothesis or research goal
- Description of research methods
- Summary of findings
- Statement of how the research advances higher education

Paper Presentations

Paper presentations provide authors with the opportunity to present original work related to the Conference topics.

- Oral paper presentations will have 20-minute time slots. The Conference organizers will group oral presentations by theme into sessions that will include 10 minutes for questions from the audience.
- Presenters will have the option of using PowerPoint for delivery of their papers.

Poster Presentations

There will be 90-minute poster session which will provide an interactive forum for authors to discuss their work.

- Presenters will be assigned locations to put up their posters, which will be organized according to topics.
- Poster boards and pushpins will be supplied, and posters should be attached to the boards for display.
- Presenters are encouraged to bring 1-page hand-outs to accompany their posters.

Selection

Abstracts should be submitted by **Friday, 16th March 2018**. All abstracts will be blind reviewed by members of the Technical Team.

Logistics

- Presenting authors will be responsible for registration, travel, and hotel costs for the Conference. Presenters whose papers have been accepted will be exempted from registration fees. The Conference organisers will communicate to the participants a list of hotels and lodges they can book in.
- For international presenters, the Conference organisers will provide transport from and to the airport, including transport from places of lodge to the Conference venue and back.
- Abstracts will be compiled and made available to participants.
- All accepted papers will be published as Conference proceedings following a peer review process.

Important Dates

- **16th March 2018** : deadline for submission of abstracts
- **30th March 2018** : confirmation of the selected abstracts and notification of acceptance to authors
- **18th May 2018** : deadline for submission of Full Papers
- **21st May 2018** : final Conference programme, and book of abstracts published
- **27th to 29th June 2018** : Conference at Sunbird Nkopola Lodge.

To submit your abstract(s), please e-mail to: **highereduconferencemw@dyuni.ac.mw** with a copy to **mgomezulu.v@mzuni.ac.mw**.

For any enquiries regarding the Conference, please contact the Secretary for the Organising Committee as follows:

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