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AASIKS Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa 2017
First Call for Papers to be presented at the
3rd Annual International Conference
organized by the
African Association for the Study of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (AASIKS)
at The University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
26th October 2017 – 28th October 2017

Conference Theme

Rediscovering IKS for Continental Identity and
Empowerment in a Changing World
AASIKS 3\textsuperscript{rd} Annual International Conference, 
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, SA 

October 26 - 28, 2017

The 2017 Annual International Conference of the African Association for the Study of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (AASIKS) will take place from October 26 to October 28, 2017, at the Braamfontein campus of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa. We look forward to your participation.

The conference theme is

\textit{Rediscovering IKS for Continental Identity and Empowerment in a Changing World}

The call is now open for the submission of short and long papers, papers for poster sessions on the following inter/multi/transdisciplinary conference subthemes:

- Dynamics of African Indigenous Knowledge Systems and education (including STEM)
- Re/discovering African Indigenous Knowledge Systems in medicine and allied health, agriculture and in caring about the environment
- Indigenous Knowledge and the possibilities and challenges in/of government policies
- IK and African identity
- African IK and the dynamics of a changing world
- Indigenous Knowledge: A vehicle for continental empowerment
- Empowerment, emancipation and poverty alleviation in Africa: IK affordances and constraints
- Suitability of Indigenous Knowledge for sustainable development in Africa
- Colonization and the decimation of indigenous peoples: Case for reparation?
- Ubuntu and the African ways of living, thinking, knowing and doing
- Equity, social justice and the challenge of land re/distribution and use in traditional African communities

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Conference Aims and Objectives

- Promote IKS as an equally potent paradigm for social, cultural, educational and economic development and empowerment.
- Provide a platform for deliberations on strategies and policies on IKS research.
- Generate dialogues, argumentation and debate from inter/multi/transdisciplinary conventions on IKS issues.

Deadline for paper submission – May 31st, 2017

The deadline for the submission of papers for consideration as poster session (1,000 words; maximum, three (3) pages including references), short (3,000 words; maximum, eight (8) pages including references) and long paper (6,000 words; maximum, fifteen (15) pages including references) presentation on any of the themes is Wednesday, May 31st, 2017.

Guidelines on submission

1. Papers on any of the themes must conform strictly to APA format (the 6th edition), font size 12 and in Times New Roman font type. (Please see APA Style guide attached).

2. Papers must be submitted as MS WORD documents (.doc or .docx) and labelled (absolutely no pdf) as follows:
   a) for Poster session AASIKS2017_P_your surname initial;
   b) for Short paper AASIKS2017_SP_your surname initial; and
   c) for Long paper AASIKS2016_LP_surname initial.

All papers must be submitted electronically to the AASIKS Secretariat at the following email address: klangenhoven@uwc.ac.za or aasiksmanager@gmail.com.

3. The Conference Committee reserves the right to select papers for presentation.

4. All papers received will be acknowledged and sent for review by two reviewers. Author(s) will be notified of acceptance or rejection (with reason) after peer review by email on or before or on Friday, July 17, 2017. Author(s) whose paper is accepted based on certain conditions will be given two (2) weeks to correct the condition(s) and resubmit by Monday July 31st, 2017.

5. Please read the submission requirements carefully. Accepted papers will not be changed later.

Note:
Some universities in South Africa and other countries DO NOT sponsor poster papers or short
papers for the fact that they may not have undergone a rigorous review process. **All papers will be reviewed by two qualified reviewers.**

**Registration**

**Authors presenting papers must have renewed their membership.** Registration for the conference will open on-line on Thursday August 31st, 2017. All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings. Registration costs remains R1,500.00 (fifteen hundred rand) for everyone EXCEPT bona fide student with current students ID. Registration for students remains R700.00 (seven hundred rand for students) or equivalent in US dollars.

In addition, a bona fide academic staff member of an academic institution who is studying for a PhD does not qualify for student fee concession of R700 nor membership fee of R150. S/he shall pay the charges of an academic.

Also note that letter of Invitation will be sent on acceptance of presentation and on request.

All registrations and intention to attend the conference can be handled online. In cases where Internet may be problematic, faxes can be sent. Please provide us with complete and proper up-to-date contact details.

**Payments**

Payments should be made to the following bank account

Bank Information: STANDARD BANK, TYGERMANOR  
Branch Code (050410) or Universal (051001)  
Account Number: 270899960  
Swift Code (International Banking): SBZAZJICM  
Account Name: African Association for the Study of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (AASIKS)

**Venue**

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa

**Language**

English

**Travel and Visa requirements**

Most SADC residents do not require entry VISA. Others are expected to apply and obtain a visa to enter South Africa. Apply for your visa well ahead of your planned departure. Visit a South African Embassy or Consulate near you.
Accommodation
Participants are expected to make their own arrangements. A list of hotels, Bread & Breakfast nearer to the campus will be provided on our website www.theaasiks.org

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