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Strengthening Urban Engagement in Universities in Africa and Asia

International Conference: Call for Abstracts

Date: 9-10 May 2019

Location and Venue: Zimbabwe, Cresta Lodge, Harare

The University of Zimbabwe in association with the Centre for Research and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning at the University of Glasgow and the PASCAL Observatory at the University of Johannesburg and the University of Glasgow invite you to a conference celebrating the role of universities in developing the infrastructure of cities through strengthening their urban engagement roles.

The focus of the conference is the work of Strengthening Urban Engagement in Universities in Africa and Asia (SUEUAA), a research project funded by the British Academy as part of its contribution to the Global Challenges Research Fund, and co-ordinated by the University of Glasgow. It involves academics from six cities across Asia and Africa (Manila, Philippines; Kurdistan, Iran; Duhok, Iraq; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Johannesburg, South Africa; and Harare, Zimbabwe).

SUEUAA addresses a core problem in emerging economies: how can we strengthen the urban engagement role of universities? It seeks to document the ways Universities contribute to developing sustainable cities in the context of the major social, cultural, environmental and economic challenges facing the Global South.

Throughout the past year, the SUEUAA team across these cities has collected data concerning how Universities engage with their local cities, and how they work together to address city-wide challenges (such as flooding, food insecurity, environmental degradation, spread of communicable diseases, gender inequality, and migration among others), through a series of interviews with stakeholders from Universities and Local Government, and case studies.

We are inviting individuals from Universities, Government, Municipalities / Cities, and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to join us at the Conference in sharing good practice and current evidence as to how these connections and synergies can be further strengthened. The event will take place in Zimbabwe at Cresta Lodge Harare, on the 9th and 10th May 2019.



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Registration

While are not able to pay for transport or accommodation for any delegate, the event is **free** to attend (no registration fees), and teas, coffees and lunches will be provided.

Registration can be completed online using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/YEsmxlqbW6Z0uxwI3>

Speakers

As part of the event, we will have a Keynote Presentations from **Dr Yumiko Yokozeki**, Director of UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa, Addis Ababa, and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Rwanda, **Professor Phil Cotton**; the **British High Commissioner** in Zimbabwe, **Ms Melanie Robinson**, the University of Zimbabwe Vice Chancellor, **Professor Paul Mapfumo** and the Harare City Town Clerk, **Engineer Hosiah Chisango**, have also been invited to address the conference.

Call for Papers

Through this call for proposals, we are also inviting other presenters to share their own experiences of the linkages between Universities and their cities

We invite presentations that address questions such as:

- What lessons can be learned from how Universities engage with communities?
- How can University and local business links be improved?
- What social or technical innovations are possible when Universities, local business, and Government work together?
- What is the role of the charitable and NGO sector in addressing the 3rd Mission of a University through community engagement?
- How can we better integrate community knowledge into how Universities work?

We welcome presentations where the author has direct experience working between Universities and their communities, particularly in the global south. We welcome insights from areas of education, health and medicine, engineering, environmental studies, and economics among others.





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Please submit the following if you would like to present at the Conference:

1. an Abstract of approximately 150 words of your proposed presentation online to the following email addresses; Joanne.Neary@glasgow.ac.uk and profcmn547@gmail.com
2. Brief personal profile / biography of not more than 150 words, stating the full names of all contributors to your paper, institution, and specialist area / research interests
3. An electronic passport size photograph of presenters

Deadline for abstracts is **18th March 2019** and authors of successful abstracts will be informed through email not later than by 2 April 2019.

Logistics

More information on as logistics and options for hotel bookings for those needing assistance in that regard will be provided to those who register.

We look forward to your registrations and proposals

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