

LUPANE STATE UNIVERSITY TOURISM CONFERENCE



CALL FOR PAPERS

Date: 24 - 25 October 2024 Venue: Binga , Zimbabwe

Theme: Leveraging Economic Benefits for Local Communities in Tourism Special Economic Zones: Towards Vision 2030

Preamble

Globally, tourism has grown to be a significant economic sector contributing to countries GDP, employment creation, supporting local communities and benefiting downstream industries. In the Zimbabwean context, tourism is considered an important pillar of economic growth. Since 1980 the industry has faced numerous challenges and growth opportunities. More recently, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected growth projections not only in Zimbabwe but globally. As tourism recovers from the devastating impacts of the pandemic, the focus should not only be on economic prosperity, but also on creating tourism special economic zones that prioritise the local communities for the sustainable growth of the industry. It is, therefore, critical for the tourism industry and the research community to work together to build a resilient sector that benefits all stakeholders. Undoubtedly, tourism research has always been important in providing research-based solutions to practitioners and policymakers on ways to navigate the challenges faced by the industry as well as to identify global trends and opportunities. In this regard, Lupane State University invites abstracts focusing on various issues to be considered for presentation at the conference to be held from 24 -25 October 2024 in Binga.

Sub-Themes

Abstracts may focus on but are not limited to the following themes

*Nature-based tourism
Community-based tourism
Sustainable tourism development
Tourism and technological developments
Inclusive tourism
Rural tourism
MICE tourism
Sports tourism
Tourism and climate change
Urban tourism*

*Tourism and community development
Tourism marketing
Gastronomy tourism
Tourism policy framework
Religious tourism
Tourism and gender equality
Tourism special economic zones
Graduate employability
Digital marketing
Industrialisation and innovation*

NB: Submit 250-300 words abstract, Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing, APA referencing style

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for abstract submission: 16/08/2024
Feedback on abstract submission: 30/08/2024
Early registration : 27/09/2024.
Late registration : 07/10/2024

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Conference Fees (Early)

International delegates-	USD 400
Local Delegates	USD 300/Zig Equiv
Student Fee	USD 200/Zig Equiv

Conference Fees (Late)

International delegates-	USD 420
Local Delegates	USD 320/Zig Equiv
Student Fee	USD 220/Zig Equiv

Conference fees include accommodation, conference teas and lunch. It excludes transport and activities.

Publication

Presented papers that meet the Zimbabwe Journal of Sciences (ZJS) specifications will be published in that journal.

Keynote speakers

TBA

Email abstracts to: tourismconference@lsu.ac.zw

Conference Coordinators

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