



INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE : CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

VENUE: LUPANE MAIN CAMPUS (BLENDED)

DATE: 9 -11 JULY 2025

Theme: Transforming rural learning ecologies for sustainable development

Lupane State University hosts a conference that provides a forum for debating issues that impact education in rural ecologies to make rural education more appealing hence contributing to community and economic development. Participation in this conference is invited from academics and/or scholars in the field of education, and other stakeholders in higher education institutions, government departments, non-governmental organizations, and students engaged in studies in higher education institutions. This conference opens opportunities to network and share research insights, findings, and innovative practices in rural education practices.

Sub-themes

1. Promoting literacy and numeracy through early childhood education
2. Teacher education and curriculum for sustainable rural development
3. Development of emotional intelligence in educational institutions
4. Cultivating inclusive practices in education through community engagement
5. Gender, equality and equity in education
6. Integrating Artificial Intelligence in teaching, assessment and evaluation
7. Ethics in teaching and research
8. Fostering sustainable academic performance
9. Entrepreneurship in education
10. Decolonising education for sustainability
11. Greening the curriculum for sustainability

The sub-themes of the conference are not limited to the above listed. All abstracts addressing the main theme on **Transforming rural ecologies for sustainable development** are accepted.

IMPORTANT DATES

Due date for submission of abstracts: 30/04/2025

Registration opens as soon as the Acceptance letter has been received

Registration closes on 30/06/25

Conference dates 9-11 July 2025

Guidelines and Instructions for abstracts

The selection of contributions will be based on the following criteria:

- i. relevance to the conference theme and sub-themes
- ii. clarity of the title, theme, purpose/rationale, and method (where relevant) significance and originality
- iii. compliance with the technical requirements stipulated below:
 - Abstracts must be 250 to 300 words
 - Times New Roman font size 12
 - Submitted in MS word, i.e. (.doc or .docx)
 - No illustrations, sub-headings, references, or graphs
 - Single line spacing
 - The medium of presentation is English

Abstracts should be submitted electronically via e-mail as an attachment to the conference administrators at lsueduconference@lsu.ac.zw

Conference Fees

Face-to-face participation fees

Normal participation fee USD 130

Student fee USD 65

Late registration fee USD 150

Virtual participation fees

Normal participation fee USD 50

Student fee USD 30

Late registration fee USD 60

Excursion: Hwange National Park

USD 20 locals

USD 30 Internationals

Registration fees include conference materials, refreshments, lunches and dinners, but exclude refreshments not included in the programme, accommodation, and travelling.

No refunds but you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost.

Conference Contacts

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