



### **Call for papers and abstracts**

#### **SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF POLITICAL STUDIES (SAAPS) KZN REGIONAL COLLOQUIUM (KZN)**

#### **THEME: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE POLITICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPE IN AFRICA**

The African continent is endowed with abundant natural resources amid resourceful human capital while characterised by an endemic crisis of governance, political instability, violent conflicts, poverty, insecurity, environmental degradation and natural disasters. Collectively, many African countries continue to be burdened by famine, income and gender inequalities, food and water insecurity and high unemployment rates.

The devastating impacts of these challenges on citizens have drawn the attention of the global community that is further constrained to continue funding these issues due to changing regional priorities. Despite various local, regional and global interventions, African societies and citizens are more vulnerable to the dangers associated with these challenges. If left to spiral out of control, the outcomes could be devastating through the loss of lives, livelihood and African identity. Hence Africa urgently needs to find its solutions to ensure sustainable political governance and development!

Based on the above wicked problems, the South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS), KwaZulu-Natal Region, is organizing a colloquium to interrogate possible pathways to address these challenges leading to sustainable political and environmental

landscape in the continent. **The one-day colloquium will hold physically on 1 October 2022 at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College Campus, Durban, South Africa.**

Submissions that address issues, but are not limited to the sub-themes below are welcome.

- Social cohesion, identity and morality in communities, countries and continent
- Business and political leadership -as constraints and/or enablers for good governance and positive economic growth.
- State structure, roles, policies and sustainability mandates
- Climate change, Green Economy – vulnerability, risk management, early actions and resilience development.
- Student-campus ecosystem as triggers for transformational changes

Scholars, students, researchers, and public organizations are hereby invited to submit an abstract of 250-300 words for presentation at the Colloquium. The abstract should contain the names, affiliations, and emails of the authors and a maximum of six keywords.

The abstract should be sent to Prof. Khondlo Mtshali, [mtshalik@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:mtshalik@ukzn.ac.za) and Dr Omololu Fagbadebo, [omololuf@dut.ac.za](mailto:omololuf@dut.ac.za). The subject of the email should be **SAAPS KZN Regional Colloquium Abstract**. The abstracts will be reviewed and the outcomes communicated to the authors.

### **Registration Information**

- Registration fee: R50 for students, R400 for academic staff
- Details for registration fee payment will be provided.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Abstract Submission Deadline	29 August 2022
Notification of Acceptance	12 September 2022
Colloquium	1 October 2022 (Saturday)
Submission of full papers for possible peer-reviewed journal publication	15 January 2023

**Selected papers presented at the colloquium will be double blind peer-reviewed for publication in a DHET accredited journal.**

**ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

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