

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CONFERENCE 2019

Theme: Practical research: Realising the potential of Africa

Sub-Themes, from a multi-disciplinary approach

- Finance and economics
- The world of work
- Health and well-being
- Legislation and policy implementation
- History, natural resources and conservation
- Education: access and quality
- Oceans and marine resources
- Gender equality
- Information and communication
- Language and literature

Abstracts of 250 words may be submitted to fhssconf2019@unam.na. The conference is open to poster presentations (during tea breaks), work in progress (10min) and scientific paper presentations (15min). The suggested guidelines are as follows: orientation of the study; research purpose/motivation; research methodology; main findings; recommendations and conclusions.

Conference registration fees

- **N\$100-00 (delegates), Free for students.**
- **Registration starts:** 23 August 2019.
- **Due date for abstracts:** 15 September 2019
- **Feedback on abstracts:** 22 September 2019

Conference Background

Vision 2030 emphasises the importance of being able to create a novel and integrated approach towards reaching Namibian development objectives. The aim of this conference is to produce practical research that can guide the private sector, NGOs, civil society, regional and national governing bodies, to create synergy by linking long-term perspectives with short-term planning. It is underscored by the belief that African countries need to create enabling and prosperous environments for intellectuals to safeguard the continent's growth and development. Creating an enabling environment can be complex as it traverses into broad areas such as national, regional and international principles. The adoption of national goals in Namibia is guided by regional and international policies such as the NDP's, the Harambee Prosperity Plan, SDGs, Agenda 2063 and others. Practical research therefore has a strong obligation to be mindful of all these policies. Namibia has also experienced an increase in research funding and development. This creates opportunities for innovation and solution-oriented research aimed at resolving national challenges. Research and innovation, therefore offer the most viable means by which to develop and reach Africa's potential.

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