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# ASSADPAM Conference 18-20 March 2024

We are pleased to extend an invitation for the submission of your original research work to be considered for presentation at the upcoming ASSADPAM conference scheduled for 18-20 March 2024, hosted by the School of Public Management and Administration at the University of Pretoria. The Conference aims to convene experts, scholars, and professionals, fostering the exchange of knowledge, discourse on emerging trends, and exploration of innovative solutions.

## Theme: Governance in action – Policy, politics and public administration in flux

This overarching theme centres on the evolving landscape of public administration in the face of technological advancements, social change, and global challenges. It encompasses the transformation of public service delivery, the integration of artificial intelligence, democratic processes, governance reforms, sustainable development, resilience in rural communities, climate governance, local government stability, ethical considerations, innovative education approaches, and employee well-being. Within this theme, the focus is on how public administration must adapt, innovate, and incorporate emerging technologies and policies to address the complex issues of the modern world, fostering inclusive, sustainable, and ethical practices for the future.

- **Sub-theme 1:** Professionalising the public sector through curriculum review and innovative teaching pedagogies
- **Sub-theme 2:** Artificial Intelligence (AI), ethics and public values
- **Sub-theme 3:** Reforms for sustainable governance: national, provincial and local
- **Sub-theme 4:** Selected topics - Climate policy governance/ Water policy governance/ Disaster and risk resilience

## Submission Guidelines:

### ABSTRACTS

- Abstract should not exceed 500 words
- Each submission will undergo a thorough review process by our expert committee
- Clearly label your abstract: Surname, Initials and subtheme e.g. VanDijk G Sub-theme 3
- Email abstract to charmaine.galante and obakeng.shole

### PAPERS

- Papers should be original and previously unpublished
- For papers to be considered for publications, the Administratio Publica editorial policy and publication guidelines should be followed

## KEY DATES

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 4 February 2024
- **Notification of Acceptance:** 14 February 2024
- **Final Paper Submission Deadline:** 1 March 2024
- **Last date of registration:** 4 March 2024
- **Last date of payment:** 4 March 2024

## PROGRAMME

- **18 March** - Article writing workshop for registered Masters and Doctoral students
- **18 March** - ASSADPAM EXCO meeting
- **18 March** - Administratio Publica Editorial Board meeting
- **19 - 20 March** - Annual conference
- **19 March** - Gala event
- Full programme will be shared by 23 February 2024

## CONFERENCE VENUE DETAILS



University of Pretoria,  
South St,  
Koedoespoort 456-Jr,  
Pretoria,  
0186

## ACCOMMODATION

- Future Africa
- City Lodge
- Hotel@Hatfield
- ANEW Hotel Hatfield Pretoria

Attendees must arrange their own bookings

## REGISTRATION FEES

- **Members:** R2 700.00
- **Non Members:** R2 900.00
- **Students:** R1 200.00 Postgraduate (includes full-time Masters/Doctoral students providing proof of registration and paper presentation)

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## REGISTRATION FEES ARE PAYABLE TO

**Account holder:** ASSADPAM • **Account type:** Savings • **Account number:** 01 543 851 1 •

**Branch:** Stellenbosch • **SWIFT code:** SBZAZAJJ

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We look forward to receiving your research contributions and welcoming you to our conference. The dynamic and multifaceted theme of the evolving landscape of public administration stands as a testament to the imperative of adaptability and innovation in the face of contemporary challenges. As we reflect on the transformations in public service delivery, the integration of artificial intelligence, democratic processes, governance reforms, and the myriad other dimensions within this overarching theme, it becomes evident that the future of public administration hinges on its ability to navigate and harness the potential of technological advancements and societal shifts. The pursuit of inclusive, sustainable, and ethical practices serves as a guiding principle in shaping the trajectory of public administration. Complexity, adaptation, resilience, development, innovation, transparency, accountability - these will remain important concepts in our discipline for the foreseeable future. Together, let's shape the future of Public Management and Administration.



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