



## **Distance Education Association of Southern Africa**

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### **56th Distance Education Association of Southern Africa Conference**

**2nd – 4th November 2022**

**Namibia University of Science and Technology**

**(NUST) – Auditorium 1**

**Windhoek, Namibia**

## **CONFERENCE THEME: HARNESSING OPEN, DISTANCE AND ELEARNING (ODEL) IN A POST-PANDEMIC EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT**

The Distance Education Association of Southern Africa (DEASA) is a regional body on Open and Distance Learning (ODL) for SADC Member States, aimed at promoting and enhancing ODL in the region. The forum aims to share information, collaborate in obtaining and developing quality distance education programmes, and organise relevant professional activities.

In pursuance of quality ODL in the SADC Region, DEASA hosts annual conferences that provide the platform and scope for strengthening collaboration amongst the SADC countries and other stakeholders. The annual conferences and AGM are held on a rotational basis by DEASA member institutions in the SADC Member States. Namibia as a member state is expected to host this important Conference. The last time Namibia was honoured to be host was the 47th DEASA Conference that took place in September 2012 at Swakopmund. This year it is again Namibia's turn to host the 56th DEASA Conference through the Namibian Open Learning Network Trust (NOLNet).

### **1. AIM OF THE CONFERENCE**

The DEASA Conference aims to spark discussions and bring together ODeL practitioners, leading academics, researchers and research scholars, consultants, policy makers among others to share knowledge, experiences, research findings and best practices to strengthen collaborative efforts in maintaining quality distance education design and delivery. It also provides a platform to the delegates to present and deliberate the most recent innovations, trends, practical challenges, prospects and concerns that are encountered and solutions adopted in the field of ODeL.

## **2. CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES**

The 2022 DEASA Conference is guided by the following research sub-themes:

### **(1) Internet of Things (IoT) in ODeL**

Role of Internet of Things technologies in teaching and learning in ODeL contexts

### **(2) Inclusive Lifelong Learning Opportunities for Sustainable Development in ODeL**

How ODeL can support and enhance lifelong learning opportunities that are inclusive of previously excluded members of societies or marginalised learners

### **(3) Promotion of Quality Assurance and Enhancement in ODeL.**

Practices, methods and theories of quality assurance and enhancement in open, distance and eLearning contexts in pandemic and post-pandemic digital learning contexts

### **(4) Applying Learning Analytics to Enhance Learning Design in ODeL**

Role of data and learning analytics to inform, guide, monitor and evaluate learning design interventions and practices in ODeL

### **(5) Open Practices for Supporting Rapid Online Learning Transitioning**

How Open Education Practices and open educational resources (learning resources, learning design resources, policy resources) can support repaid transition to online and blended learning

### **(6) Innovations in Teaching Practice in an ODeL environment**

New approaches, pedagogies and research-informed practices suited to teaching in ODeL contexts in times of pandemic and beyond

## **(7) The blurring boundaries between Distance and Face-to-Face education.**

A critical appraisal of the melting boundaries between traditional classroom/ lecture-hall teaching and distance/ online learning

## **(8) Synchronous and Asynchronous ODeL strategies for enhancing learning**

Tensions and opportunities offered by both synchronous and asynchronous teaching, and the pedagogical value provided by each

## **3. TYPES OF CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS EXPECTED**

- Theoretical papers based on research and review
- Empirical papers
- Poster presentation
- Keynote address
- Audio-Visual, Internet Demonstration

## **4. CONFERENCE ORGANISATION**

The Conference will be organized in sessions to include:

- Opening and keynote address session
- Plenary sessions
- Parallel sessions

## **5. CONFERENCE PAPERS**

All papers submitted for the Conference will be peer reviewed before being published in the Conference proceedings.

## KEY DATES

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16 September 2022	Notification of abstracts acceptance and feedback
Recommended arrival date	01 November 2022
02-03 November 2022	DEASA Conference
04 November 2022	DEASA AGM
21 November 2022	Submission of full papers
12 December 2022	Feedback on status of full papers
30 January 2023	Publication of Conference proceedings

## 6. CONFERENCE VENUE

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## 7. CONTACT PEOPLE

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## 8. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Registration link:** <https://forms.gle/8WBUshibNRAeKujp9>

Conference Fees		
DEASA Members	US\$250	(N\$3600.00/ R3600.00)
Non-DEASA Members	US\$300	(N\$4000.00/R4000.00)
Students	US\$10	(N\$160.00/R160.00)
Banking Details		
Bank: Standard Bank Account Name: Distance Education Association of Southern Africa Branch name: Hatfield, Pretoria Account No: 012135224 Branch Code: 01 15 45 Swift Code: SBZAJJ		
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## **10. VISA AND HEALTH RELATED INFORMATION**

### **10.1 Visa requirements**

- SADC citizens: none
- Non-SADC citizens: [mha.gov.na](http://mha.gov.na)

### **10.2 Health and Covid-19 related information**

- Covid-19 requirements:
- Yellow fever