

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & *Call for Abstracts*



EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2017

Theme: "Leading the Elephant out of the Bush – Education and Business together Bridging the Gap"

The Council for Education in the Commonwealth (CEC) and the University of Namibia (UNAM):

Date: 28 – 31 August 2017,

Venue: Safari Hotel & Conference Centre, Windhoek, Namibia

Conference Background

The Council for Education in the Commonwealth (CEC) was looking to hold its first ever Annual Conference out of London, when the University of Namibia (UNAM) reacted enthusiastically and offered to host the Conference. The Conference will examine the important issues identified in the Theme and Topics by CEC and UNAM. The Conference follows a stimulating presentation in 2016, in the Palace of Westminster, by Professor Peter Katjavivi, the Speaker of the Namibian National Assembly and foundation Vice Chancellor of UNAM on Educational Transformation in Africa. UNAM and CEC hope delegates will be enthused to come to Windhoek to explore and play a part in identifying how the topics can be exploited for the future benefit of education and business in Africa and beyond.

Conference Aim:

- To explore ways in which education, business and industry can work together to ensure financially sustainable and innovative approaches to education that will teach the new generation of entrepreneurs and teachers to thrive in the 21st Century workplace.

Conference objectives:

- To create mutual beneficence between education, business and industry.
- To create business and education alliances that promote innovation, enterprise and 21st century workplace skills.
- To strengthen the bridge between schools, tertiary education and industry.
- To explore the impact of social innovation and Entrepreneurial Eco-systems on education and society.
- To explore the ever-increasing role of digital learning on access to quality teaching and learning.

Expected Outcomes of the Conference

- An enriched understanding of the aspects of education that address innovation, students' employability and entrepreneurship
- In-depth understanding of the different links of education levels i.e. schools and tertiary
- Capacity building on education 'Best Practices' from a variety of nations
- Better understanding of the education impact on Knowledge Economy

Expected Participants:

- All interested Education stakeholders
- Education managers
- University Academics
- Head of Higher Education Institutions
- Students
- Civil Society

Call for Abstracts:

Abstracts should correspond to the following thematic areas for the Conference:

- The importance of Education in Economic Development
- Education and Business
- Education as a driver for Economic growth
- Closing the gap between education and Business
- Education as an engine for Knowledge Economy
- Networking in Education
- Education, IT & Innovation
- Research in Education
- Best Practices: Education and Funding
- Education and Employability
- Entrepreneurship through Education

Abstract Specifications:

- Title of the Paper and relevant thematic area
- Name/s of author/s
- Maximum of 500 words (12 Font size, single spaced)
- All Abstracts should be sent electronically to Conference Secretariat, at:
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Deadline for abstracts: Tuesday, 16 May 2017

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