

Conference Theme :

The Role of Higher Education In Promoting Innovation
& Entrepreneurship For Industrialisation

**CO-HOSTED BY BULAWAYO POLYTECHNIC
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF VENDA**

**06 and 07 March 2025 @ Victoria
Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls,
Zimbabwe**

CALL FOR PAPERS 2025


Bulawayo Polytechnic and the University of Venda are pleased to announce their first Joint International Research Conference to be held under the theme "The role of higher education in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship for industrialisation". The conference aims to bring together academia, industry, professionals, policymakers, and other stakeholders to explore and discuss the innovative role of higher education in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship for industrialisation.

We therefore, invite submissions of abstracts, concept notes for exhibitions, poster presentations and demonstrations for the BYOPOLY-UNIVEN 2025 international research conference which shall be held on March 06-07, 2025 @Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.



Sub-themes:

Innovation and Technology Transfer in Higher Education

- Strategies for integrating innovation into technical and vocational education
 - Promoting technology transfer between tertiary institutions and industries
 - Case studies on successful academic start-ups and innovation hubs
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Higher Education's Role in Industrialisation

- Technical and vocational education's contribution to local and regional Industrialisation
- Curriculum redesign for industry-oriented training
- Modalities for Linking research and development (R&D) to industrial growth

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Development

- Entrepreneurial education and its impact on job creation: Exploring the roles of Innovation and Entrepreneurship centres/hubs
- Building entrepreneurship ecosystems in tertiary institutions.
- Financing entrepreneurial ventures and start-ups in the academic setting



Quintuple Public-Private Partnerships for Economic Growth

- Tertiary Institutions-Community -Industry collaboration models that promote economic development
- Government support for higher education's role in entrepreneurship and Industrialisation
- Policies for fostering innovation-driven economies

Higher Education for Sustainable Development

- Green economy initiatives in higher education
- Innovations in education for climate change mitigation and adaptation
- The role of entrepreneurship in promoting environmental sustainability



Submissions

Papers, exhibitions, poster presentations, workshops and demonstrations targeting the themes in relation to higher education, innovation and entrepreneurial solutions for sustainable development.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Start of submission:	01 December 2024
Submission deadline:	27 January 2025
Notification of Acceptance:	15 January 2025
Early Bird Registration deadline:	28 January 2025
Late Registration deadline:	06 February 2025
PowerPoint submission deadline:	10 February 2025
Full paper submission deadline:	17 February 2025

How to Submit:

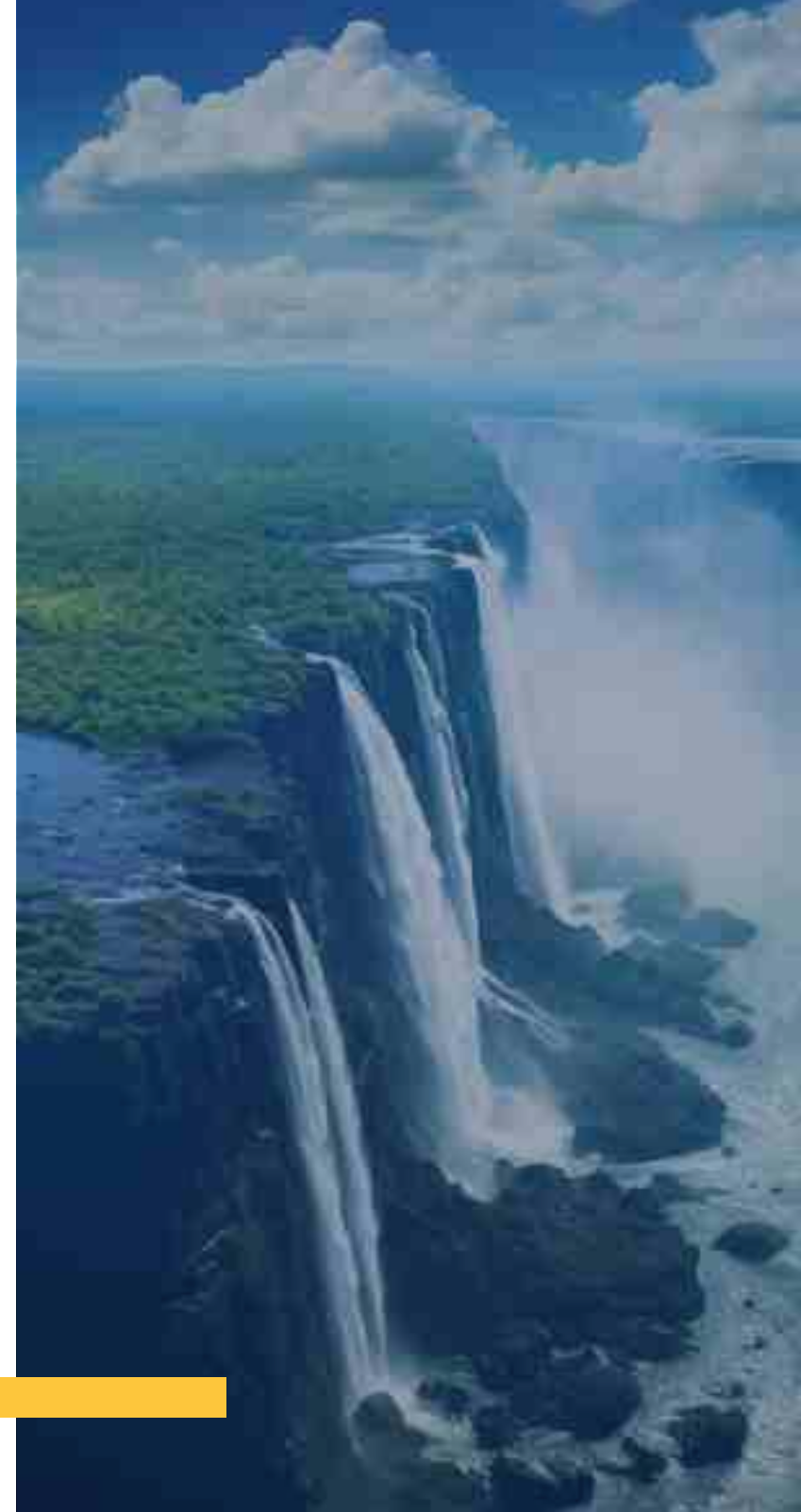
Please note that a link for submissions will be active from 01 December 2024. Presenters shall be expected to register for the conference by 06 February 2025. Only registered Paper presenters shall have their Papers on the Conference Programme & Abstract Book. Online registration shall open from 20 January 2025 on the BYOPOLY-UNIVEN website www.byopoly-univen.org. Everyone planning to attend the conference (delegates) must complete the online registration at a fee of US \$440 for early registration and US \$490 for late registration covering: conference materials, snacking and lunches during the days of the conference.

Information on travel and accommodation shall be found on the BYOPOLY-UNIVEN website from January 2025. We look forward to your valuable contributions and active participation in the BYOPOLY-UNIVEN Conference 2025.

For more information visit www.byopolyuniven.org,
Email: info@byopolyuniven.org

Excursions:

- 1 Visit to the Victoria Falls
- 2 Dinner @the Boma
- 3 Boat cruise sundowner on the Might Zambezi
- 4 The Big Tree
- 5 The Bridge
- 6 Tea/Coffee and lunch during the Conference day





Thank You
For Your Participation

