

## 2019 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



**MBOMBELA (NELSPRUIT), SOUTH AFRICA**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> TO 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

### **THEME: Re-imagining Higher Education Through Community Engagement**

*“Are we creating an enabling environment for engaged scholars?”*

**The South African Higher Education Community Engagement Forum (SAHECEF) will host its second International Conference in December, 2019.** The purpose of this Conference is to provide a platform for national & international community engagement (CE) Practitioners, Researchers, Policy Makers and other relevant Partners of higher education institutions (HEIs) to: *share, showcase and promote innovation in Policies and Practices of CE.*

Community Engagement forms a definite part of the work of South African universities (White Paper for Post School Education and Training, 2013). While the acknowledgement of the role of CE is significant, South African policy does not contain strategies for strengthening the structures, systems, support and funding of this core value and function of universities. Future leaders of HEIs should share knowledge to advocate for, promote, support and monitor the impact of CE in society. Scholars are prompted to engage with and address relevant local, regional, national and global challenges, towards co-creating user-centered knowledge with the community.

The notion of Engaged Scholarship and more strategic approaches are needed to promote the institutionalization of CE, and for improving the quality and impact of its practices. Universities should re-imagine how CE can help invigorate, enhance, deepen, contextualise and enrich pedagogy, including teaching, learning, curriculum and assessment. The role of social cohesion, entrepreneurship and innovation, as well as addressing the global and more specific national sustainable development goals, are key when focusing on an engaged transformation, development and global citizenship agenda. In essence, the Conference aims to be inclusive of all countries/ institutions and do not only focus on South African scenarios.

Against this background you are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the Conference. Presentations that relate to any aspect of CE and contribute to the objectives of the conference are welcome. These include sharing of lessons/ knowledge from research studies/ findings and demonstration of Engaged Research Methodologies, alongside ethical (and other) opportunities and challenges underpinning Engaged Scholarship.

**BRIEF CONFERENCE DETAILS** (More detail TBC on SAHECEF Website from 1 March 2019)

<b>Venue</b>	<b>The University of Mpumalanga, Mbombela (Nelspruit), South Africa</b>		
<b>Date</b>	2- 6 December 2019		
<b>Fees</b>	<b>Registration type</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
	Early Bird Registration	01 – 31 August 2019	R 5 000.00
	(Presenters of papers to confirm and register by 31 August 2019)		
	Registration	01 September - 18 October 2019	R 5 500.00
	Late Registration	19 October - 31 October 2019	R 6 000.00
	Pre-Conference workshops per day		R 1 000.00
Paid up SAHECEF members qualify for 10% discount			
<b>Submission of Abstracts</b>	Call for Abstracts closing 30 April 2019 Feedback by 31 May 2019		
<b>Provision of feedback</b>	Expedited reviews can be arranged for international authors via email: Karen Venter ( <a href="mailto:venterk1@ufs.ac.za">venterk1@ufs.ac.za</a> )		

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS OF ABSTRACTS (BETWEEN 200 - 600 WORDS)**

*Email submissions to Karen Venter ([venterk1@ufs.ac.za](mailto:venterk1@ufs.ac.za))*

**ACCEPTING SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION FORMATS:**

- **Research Papers:** This form of presentation is theoretically grounded in published theory or may introduce new theoretical insights about CE and social innovation derived from practice. The research may introduce a new framework, model or theory developed research and/ or practice.
- **Posters:** This medium may be used to demonstrate best practice/ a new model or framework. It could also convey a specific way of doing community engaged social innovation through which others can learn. This medium is also conducive to outlining quantitative research or could be used to market learning opportunities at their institutions.
- **Storytelling:** A medium to share stories of best practices of community engaged learning projects, programmes or approaches. A 'story' presentation should describe the context, outlining the practice and demonstrate the benefit of using this practice to the audience. This format also allows for digital story presentations.
- **Workshops:** This form of presentation aims to share knowledge and practice on the diverse areas of community engagement through ample discussion and activity.

**DRAFT PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE**

SAHECEF International Conference: University of Mpumalanga: Draft programme (Subject to change)						
31 November 2019	1 December 2019	2 December 2019	3 December 2019	4 December 2019	5 December 2019	6 December 2019
Recreational tours available. ( at own cost per tour ) Need to book in advance	Pre Conference Workshops			Conference programme		
	Conference committee meeting	Conference committee meeting	Conference committee meeting	Conference committee meeting	Conference committee meeting	Conference committee meeting
1) Kruger National Park tour ( in a bus or use community drive park and ride transport)	Registration for Pre-Conference	Summary of pervious day	Final registration	Summary of previous day's presentation	Summary of previous day's presentation	
2) Guided tour to the Barberton Geotrail and World heritage site and the Barberton Town Tour	Open and welcome	Open and welcome	Open and welcome Prof Mayekiso VC – UMP	Key note speaker 2	World café- discussions and feedback	
3) Kaapsehoop village and Sudwala caves	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 5	Key note speaker 1	Discussion	
	Capacity building workshop A		Workshop 6			
4) Panarama route via Hazyview , Graskop including Graskoop lift ending at Gods Window	Tea and coffee			Tea and coffee		
5) Panorama tour via Sabie , Graskop including the Graskop lift ending at Bourke's luck Potholes	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Workshop 7	Plenary /parallel sessions 1	Plenary /parallel sessions 3	Key note speaker Final
	Capacity building workshop B		Workshop 8			
6) Botanical gardens and Mbombela city tour	Lunch			Lunch ( Poster display during lunch time )		
7) Gholf at Matumi Golf Club in Mbombela for the active and enthusiastic golfers ( equipment can be hired at the golf course)	Outing 1 - Visit to community engagement projects	Outing 2– Visit community engagement projects	SAHECEF Board Meeting	Plenary /parallel sessions 2	Plenary /parallel sessions 4	Departure
		Registration for Conference				
		Informal welcome function		Photo Session – Group photo	Formal Gala Dinner Key note speaker	
Domestic flights to Mbombela - Shuttle service from OR Tambo and Lanseria also available						
From O.R. Tambo : 8 flights per day from 07:00 – 18:05		From Kwa-zulu Natal	One flight at 13:45	Cape Town	Two direct flights 10:00 and 16:30	

## ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation available close to the University Campus at own cost, not included in the Conference fees and to be booked through KLCBT (Kruger Lowveld Chamber of Business and Tourism)			
Name of Hotel	Location	Tariffs /rates	Info
Stay Easy	At the Riverside mall	From R 1 352.00	3.5 star hotel , 115 rooms
Emnotweni Sun	At The Riverside Mall	From R 1 740.00	4 star hotel , 109 rooms
Chill Pepper Boutique Hotel	R 40 road next to Riverside mall	From R 1 522.00	3.5 star hotel, 73 rooms
Bundu Lodge	R40 road towards White river	From 790.00 per room	102 rooms
➤ Should you prefer to stay at a Guest House, please make your own reservations and provide your own transport			
➤ Shuttle service to and from Kruger Mpumalanga International (KMI) Airport to the above mentioned hotels will be available at cost of R 350.00 per person			
➤ Shuttle service from the above mentioned hotels to the campus and back is included in the conference fees			
➤ Kruger Lowveld Camber of Business and Tourism (KLCBT) will handle all the bookings for accommodation an the shuttles			

