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Univen and HEAIDS say NO to gender- based violence

"Gender-based violence is a persistent problem that affects all races and age groups," says the Chief Director: Policy and Development Support at the Department of Higher Education and Training, Mahlubi Chief Mabizela.

Speaking at the Univen dialogue hosted in association with the Higher Education and Training HIV/AIDS (HEAIDS) programme recently, Mabizela said gender-based violence does not only violate human rights but also leaves deep-seated psychological and emotional scars.

"This may pose a challenge to public health, economic and social development. It destroys not only individuals, but families as well. It is a serious problem in all communities in the country and educational institutions are not immune."

Mabizela said the dialogue must provide a platform to share information and interrogate complex issues that will allow the understanding of the root cause of gender-based and sexual violence, rather than to take them at face value.

"We must confront this scourge with the aim to stop it. The Student Representative Council should step in and fight for the safety and security of female students and that of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community. The role of student leadership is to ensure student safety, security and caring.

"Each student formation must have a policy and a strategy to stop gender-based and sexual violence. Let us be honest with ourselves and stop the culture of protecting perpetrators. We must avoid finger-pointing over issues of rape, sexual harassment and gender-based violence. Our institutions need to ensure that their policies adequately address the needs of survivors of sexual offences. The reporting of sexual offences needs to be taken seriously so that individuals thinking of committing such a heinous crime should know what awaits them in terms of punishment," he said.

"We have to strengthen collaborations with other government departments and agents, such as the

Departments of Social Development, Justice and Constitutional Development, the South African Police Services and the National Prosecuting Authority. It is through partnerships that we will manage to make a huge difference in our system. We believe that collaboration between campus security and the South African Police in crime prevention initiatives and in responding to sexual offences must be strengthened," said Mabizela.

"Government, civil society, men and women from all walks of life should embrace each other to defeat the scourge of violence against women and girls in South Africa," said Univen's Vice Chancellor and Principal, Prof Peter Mbatlana.

Officially launching the 'Save a Girl' campaign, Mbatlana said many students and staff members reside in the community and their safety and protection is paramount. "Let's stop gender-based violence and create an enabling environment for the girl child and women. The responsibility is on us as community members to intervene and find immediate, long lasting solutions to the scourge of gender-based violence.

"We need states to respect, promote, protect and fulfil the human rights of women and girls. This requires political will and steadfast commitment at all levels to stem the scourge of maiming, raping and killing women and girls in our communities. Law enforcement mechanisms and institutions need to be strengthened to rid our country of violence against women and girls.

"This campaign will create awareness of gender-based violence. This launch will remind everyone of our responsibility to be our sisters' keepers. Univen believes that we can save a person's life by blowing a whistle to alert our neighbours of impending danger," said Mbatlana.

"Students should educate communities about gender-based violence," said the Director of HEAIDS, Dr Ramneek Ahluwalia.

"Prevention is better than cure. Gender-based violence has become an epidemic in our country with

150 girls raped in South Africa every day. Please go and report if your rights are being violated. Educate communities about gender-based violence because as academics, you understand it better.

"One of the most common forms of gender-based violence in the higher education sector is the issue of sexual harassment of staff and students at universities and colleges. The reason for hosting these dialogues at higher education institutions across the country is to hear first-hand experiences from students and staff working in the sector. Hereby we gain more insight into the kind of support that is needed to make universities and colleges safer places," said Ahluwalia.

"This violence mostly ends in death and disability," said the Acting Campus Manager of Vhembe TVET College, Muvhulawa Booi.

"The long term emotional and health costs to victims are well recognised, while the cost to family, community and country is also slowly drawing greater recognition.

"This dialogue promotes community advocacy around gender-based violence and encourages students to discuss their concerns, exchange ideas and develop key messages. This promotes safe, healthy and productive life choices for families and communities.

"We host outreach programmes to challenge gender-based violence. We are working so hard to understand the daily lives of our students and to eliminate this violence. We must work together to eliminate it."

"We will not tolerate abuse of students," said Student Representative Council President, Mandla Shikwambana.

"We know that the university is currently experiencing gender-based violence and that students are abusing each other. Some lecturers are forcing students to have sex with them in exchange for marks. Report any violence that you come across. The police must help us to combat this kind of violence," he said.

"Students came from different spheres to learn from the dialogue," said the Director of the Centre for Higher Education Teaching and Learning, Prof Nancy Mutshaeni.

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"I am delighted with the attendance and with each attendee who made the event a success."

During the dialogue, students said the university must provide off-campus transport for students. There should also be more peer educators to assist first entering students during registration, because they are vulnerable.

Virtually all institutions of higher learning in Limpopo attended. The main dialogue session was preceded by a student closed session with panellists Mulalo Ramakhanya of the Vhembe TVET college, Lisa Vetten and Dr Ramneek Ahluwalia of HEAIDS, Chief Mabizela, Chief Director: Policy Development Support of the Department of Higher Education and Training, Prof Peter Mbatlana, Dr Thizwilondl Mudau and Lindokuhle Zwane of the University of Venda.



Let's stop the culture of protecting perpetrators - Mabizela.



"The safety and protection of students and staff members are paramount" - Mbatlana.



We must work together to eliminate gender-based violence - Booi.



"Prevention is better than cure" - Ahluwalia.



"We will not tolerate abuse of students" - Shikwambana.



"Students came from different spheres to learn" - Mutshaeni.



Sharing information about a common scourge - from left, Dr Ramneek Ahluwalia, Mahlubi Chief Mabizela, Criselda Kananda-Dudumashu, Prof Peter Mbatlana, Mandla Shikwambana and Prof Nancy Mutshaeni.

Social Sciences training offers crucial knowledge to academics

Univen's Organisational Development and Training office recently conducted a training programme on a statistical package for Social Sciences.

A total of 25 academic staff members from various departments underwent this training.

Unlike other Information Technology training that is normally done on campus by internal staff, the training workshop was facilitated by OLSPS Analytics which deals with computer training.

"The training is very useful when it comes to research. It helps one analyse research when doing a quantitative study," said Munzhedzi Makhuvha, Organisational Development and Training intern. The training was facilitated by Roger Cupido.



Learning all about the statistical package for Social Sciences.

Mbati leads Univen to greater heights - University of Ibadan

"We are duly impressed by the operations at the University of Venda," says the University of Ibadan's Vice Chancellor, Prof Abel Idowu Olayinka.

"We pledge our commitment to intensify the collaboration under the existing memorandum of understanding and to ensure its effective implementation."

At a recent visit to the university in Nigeria, concrete collaborative activities in agriculture were identified. Building on the historic collaboration in Food Science and Technology, the universities undertook to strengthen Univen's Centre for Excellence in Agriculture and its School of Law.

"The University of Venda is an internationally orientated, rapidly growing, vibrant comprehensive university with a vision to be a leading regional African university - and among the top South African universities in 2030."

Mbati said Univen recently experienced a rapid rise in research outputs and impressive graduation rates, as well as rapid growth in infrastructure development in support of the academic core project and quality of student life.

"This was all made possible because of the incredible support by the University Council, the

university's highest governing structure.

"Univen plays a pivotal role in the field of community engagement. We are proud of the community based research conducted by the Institute for Rural Development. Internationally, community engaged partnerships are a specific strength.

"Univen wholly embraces transformation in its fullest sense. Our university community is committed to working together in the spirit of Ubuntu to achieve transformation. This will strengthen our position as a locally relevant, but globally competitive institution in which all members of the community, irrespective of race, gender or nationality feel welcome and motivated to contribute to its success.

"The university provides for the needs of our physically challenged students through a disabled student unit," said Mbati.

Mbati's lecture, themed 'Transforming a university to meet national development goals: The case of the University of Venda, South Africa', was delivered as the 71st Interdisciplinary Research Discourse of the University of Ibadan.

The Univen delegation comprised of the Dean of the School of Agriculture, Prof Godwin Mchau and



the Directors of International Relations, Cornelius Hagenmeier and Communications and Marketing, Takalani Dzaga.

Part of Mbati's lecture included a brief history of Univen, including the implementation of the turnaround strategy. It also included the university's academic reengineering process from a traditional to comprehensive university, regular refinements of the strategic plan, development of infrastructure in support of the academic project, improving the quality of student lives on campus, financial sustainability, internationalisation, partnerships and linkages, an institutional transformation charter and an incredible increase in research output.

The delegation interacted with academic staff members from various faculties like Agriculture, Humanities and Arts, Education and Law.

"Incredible support by Univen's Council make rapid improvement possible" – Mbati.

The collaboration between Univen's emerging Centre of Excellence in Agriculture and the University of Ibadan's Faculty of Agriculture is of particular interest. Planned cooperation includes Aquaculture and Fisheries Management as well as Food Science and Technology.

Univen's Dean of Agriculture, Prof Godwin Mchau, visited the Faculty of Agriculture, including its Department of Aquaculture, to decide on the next steps of the partnership in this academic field.

Dr Ademola Jegede of Univen's School of Law visited Ibadan's Faculty of Law where an agreement was reached to intensify the partnership between the two universities.



A team united.



Sharing practical experiences.

Mangale one of top 200 youth in health

A Univen PhD student in the School of Public Health, Ndivhuho Mangale, has been awarded as one of the country's most exceptional top 200 young people in the field of health.

Each year the Mail & Guardian newspaper profiles interesting young people who have stood out from the pack and shows the public what to look forward to in the country's future.

These under-35s are talented and have shown themselves to be leaders. Mangale was nominated in his personal capacity.

With a background in social work, Mangale has always wanted to help people but now he is using his monitoring and evaluation expertise to strengthen systems for people to do it for themselves.

This masters in Public Health graduate is pursuing a PhD on the development of monitoring and evaluation systems for HIV. He is committed to

teaching people how to secure non-governmental and non-profit organisations at grassroots level. He believes that up-to-date information is crucial to guide policy change.

"I work with deep rural communities in Limpopo, with non-profit organisations and community caregivers, teaching them how to compile reports, how to validate their data and improve their reporting systems."

He is passionate about helping Limpopo people because this is where he grew up.

His company works with a range of public partners across the health continuum.

"The best thing about the education I provide is when I can leave them to sustain themselves and to teach others. These people are faced with very serious challenges. I am grateful to have a job that allows me to give back to those who are most in need."



Ndivhuho Mangale, technical adviser for monitoring and evaluation at Pact Measuring Results Management Consultancy.

Do not work for money, work for experience



Preparing you for a better future - Manenzhe.

"You have many challenges as young people. The fact that you have made it this far, is a sign that you have allowed yourself to be moulded in the right direction," said Univen's Director of Human Resources, Tshililo Manenzhe.

Speaking at the Services Seta interns' orientation programme on campus recently, Manenzhe said Univen is preparing interns to be better products that will attract potential employers after the next 12 months.

The programme was attended by interns from the Vhembe District Municipality, the Thulamela Local Municipality and the University of Venda.

"During the period of an internship programme, interns are expected to put the theory that they have learnt at tertiary institutions into practice. My door is always open if you need any assistance."

The interns said that they expect their host employers to act as agents to link them with potential employers. They expressed their gratitude to the Services Seta for acting as a stepping stone towards their aspirations.

"Respect and trust your mentors and work harder than everyone in the department because you have a lot to prove," said the Head of the Univen Disability Unit, Dr Tshifhiwa Mbuva.

"When you sign an internship contract you are agreeing to be developed. Work for the experience and not for the money. You should also be always punctual for work and be able to meet deadlines."

A former Univen Services Seta intern, Langanani Mbedzi, said: "Make sure that your mentor feels your presence. Act and dress like you are going to your own office and most importantly, punctuality is good and it pays."

Currently a permanent employee at the Univen Legal Clinic, Mbedzi encouraged the interns to further their studies while they are still interns.

"Aim high and do not think you will always be an intern. Communicate well with everyone and make a difference at your workplace."

There are two types of Services Seta internship programmes – one is granted to candidates with qualifications for 12 months and another for learners working towards obtaining their diplomas, for 18 months.

"Your work should be in line with what you studied," said Services Seta representative, Lettah Thembo.

"You should comply with your work policies at all times and should work to gain experience at the end of the internship programme."

"Do not only focus on your work but also on the way you do your work," said the Head of Univen's Organisational Development and Training, Patrick Rachidi.

"You should also be marketable. Apply for other positions even while you are still under the internship programme."



"Work for experience not for money" - Mbuva.



"Work hard, aim high" – Mbedzi.



"Your work should be in line with what you studied" - Thembo.



"You should be marketable" – Rachidi.



665 learners at careers exhibition

Some 665 learners, 19 exhibitors and 13 schools from the Vuwani area attended the recent Univen careers exhibition at Tshimbupfe.

"We are here to motivate you and to support your dreams," said Univen's Schools Liaison Officer, Takalani Nyelisani.

"We are not only doing this for you, but with the hope that this village will be transformed. Use the opportunity and apply in time. Take application forms to make a difference in your life."

The closing date for 2018 applications for admission and hostel accommodation is 29 September 2017.

Speakers at the exhibition included Prof Takalani Mashau of the School of Education, Sharon Mashau, Head of Communications and Marketing, Gloria Dama, Univen Student Counsellor and Tshifhiwa Matodzi of the Centre for Higher Education Teaching and Learning.

The centre caters for students with disability with devices that make it easier for them to get the best education.

"This is the time when you have to make decisions about your life," said the Curriculum Advisor at the Department of Education in the Vhembe District, Gideon Ramulifho.

"It is time to take charge of your life. It is time to build bridges to your future goals."

"Take education as the key to a bright future and pure wisdom," said Ratshikwekwete Netshimbupfe, on behalf of the Tshimbupfe Royal Chieftaincy.

"Take your lives seriously and make use of the career exhibition because the future of Vuwani and the country at large is in your hands."

Ndivho Monareng, a grade 12 learner of the Mugoidwa Secondary School, thanked Univen for giving them this special opportunity. He wishes to enroll for an LLB degree at Univen next year.

Ethol Nobela, Marketing Manager of the Africa Training Centre said learners are asking very important questions – they know what they want and are serious about their future.



"Make a difference in your life" -
Takalani Nyelisani.



"Build bridges to your future goals" -
Gideon Ramulifho.



"Take education as the key to pure wisdom" -
Ratshikwekwete Netshimbupfe, speaking on behalf of the Tshimbupfe Royal Chieftaincy.



You are on live radio! - Univen
Community Radio presenter, Muvhuso
Mbedzi talking to learners.

SRC aims for a better life for students

"The Univen Student Representative Council is on a mission to carry out outreach programmes that will empower children from disadvantaged communities," said Deputy SRC President Israel Mkhatywa.

Speaking at the SRC's recent second sitting of parliament, Mkhatywa said the programme will take place this month in conjunction with the women parliament.

The Director of Univen Legal Services, Adv Edward Lambani, outlined the rules and procedures of parliament.

"Use the correct terminology, know the rules, how the amendment of rules work, conventions, customs and practices of parliament. Parliament is designed to effectively do oversight, monitoring and evaluation of SRC departments," he said.

"Adv Lambani has clarified some important rules of parliament which will help members to have debates that are informed, meaningful and respectful without contravening the rules of parliament," said SRC Deputy Speaker Amalasanta Mdluli.

"More than 2 900 first-year students were admitted to Univen in 2017," said the Minister of Education,



Student parliament in action - Members of the Univen SRC during the second sitting of the student parliament.

Ipfi Rakhadani.

"About 2 600 graduates were given their academic records during the May graduation. Best performing students with outstanding balances and lack of funds to register for the 2017 academic year were requested to attach the necessary documents for their requests to be registered.

"We also want to meet with Senate to propose the decolonisation of the curriculum at Univen. Univen must be able to offer economically viable degrees that will provide solutions to the challenges that South Africa and the rest of the world is facing," she said.

"Off-campus student residences must meet the necessary security requirements and standards before they can be accredited by the university as a home away from home," said the Minister of Housing, Kagiso Mmako.

"The landlords of these accommodation sites should get first aid training to help students during emergencies.

"About 60 percent of student campus residences have free Wi-Fi for students to connect to internet in their rooms. We are installing Wi-Fi spots in other residences. "Vandalism of university property and crime are the main obstacles of transforming the residences. The housing department will host a housing indaba to address all housing problems," he said.

"The integration of disability sports is essential," said the Minister of Sports and Recreation, Kgwerano Mpmamonyane.

"I have made a proposal to the Minister of Finance for a higher budget to meet our targets. We are also working with the office of Adv Lambani to draft proposals to amend oppressive colonial policies that

make it difficult for the SRC to operate."

"The proposals to amend the constitution and policies will be done at the upcoming SRC Constitutional Policy workshop," said the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Tshilidzi Mashau.

The Minister of Finance, Lavhengwa Lasani, said that Univen needs a dedicated National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS).

"It should be managed by a permanent employee of NSFAS to help students, rather than always being told to make costly calls to NSFAS' head office in Cape Town. To benefit students, the switch from the sBux to the Intellimali system must be expedited."

The meeting was attended by cabinet members, parliamentarians and the chairperson of student structures.

Univen and MerSETA partnership continues to flourish

To strengthen their partnership, Univen and the Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (MerSETA) recently hosted an implementation plan meeting.

MerSETA sponsors Univen projects of R8,5 million. “Univen needs partners to assist in bridging the gap that still exists in terms of resourcing,” said Vice Chancellor and Principal, Prof Peter Mbatlana.

“Univen heavily depends on good partnerships to drive its developmental agenda. Funding strengthens the skills development objectives of the university. We have introduced a number of new programmes as part of our curriculum transformation. For example, we are in the process of training chartered accountants and are also venturing into engineering.

“We are happy that MerSETA made funding available to Univen. This will help to train the next generation of academics and postgraduate students, particularly in the engineering field. It will also greatly enhance the Vuwani Science Resource Centre activities,” Mbatlana said.

The Head of Organisational Development and Training, Patrick Rachidi, said that the first-ever funding received from MerSETA in 2015 was around R1,5 million.

“This increased funding demonstrates that MerSETA trusts our ability to successfully implement our projects.

“From the R8,5 million, the Warwick students project will receive R807 000. A total of 20 postgraduate Univen students who will be trained as engineers in the next three years, will receive R3,6 million. R2 million will be used for ten master’s students pursuing engineering related fields over

the next two years. The Vuwani Science Resource Centre will receive R2 million,” said Rachidi.

“Apart from engaging neighbouring communities, the Vuwani Science Resource Centre hosts career exhibitions to encourage secondary school learners to take up careers in maths and science,” said Senior Physics Lecturer, Dr Joseph Kirui.

“More than 20 000 learners are benefiting from the centre annually. We assist the learners with laboratory experiments, while providing refresher training for maths and science teachers.”

“With this funding we will be able to train more teachers in Maths and Science, simplifying some critical issues for them,” said the Director Community Engagement, Prof Vhonani Netshandama.

“You are investing funding in a model of skills training and skills enhancement that is operating very well - there is synergy between the funding for the Vuwani Science Resource Centre and the skills training of teachers,” said Deputy Vice Chancellor: Academic, Prof Jan Crafford.

“We strive to improve the quality of the students that come to Univen to improve our own throughput and graduation rates. Your support will allow us to enhance the model.”

“Having proactive social partners helps us to know more from the other side of the world,” said MerSETA Client Relations Manager, Semodi Monareng.

“Invite us during National Science Week and other activities geared at community development – we appreciate Univen for involving the surrounding communities in its projects.”



“Our partners assist in bridging the gap” – Mbatlana.



“The R8,5 million MerSETA sponsorship makes many projects possible” – Rachidi.



“More than 20 000 learners are benefiting from the Vuwani Science Centre annually” - Kirui.



“We will be able to train more Maths and Science teachers” - Netshandama.



“MerSETA is investing funding in skills training and enhancement” - Crafford.



“We appreciate Univen involving the surrounding communities in their projects” – Monareng.



Cementing ties – the MerSETA and Univen delegations.

UNIVEN launches IMAC

The Internationalisation and Modernisation Programme for Academics, Leaders and Administrators’ Action Committee (IMAC) was launched at Univen recently.

Four South African universities – the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, the University of Fort Hare, the University of Limpopo and the University of Venda – are IMAC participants.

“Involving leaders, academics and administrators on various aspects of the internationalisation of higher education, is a recipe for success,” said Univen’s Deputy Vice Chancellor: Academic, Prof Jan Crafford.

“It is also essential to extend the leadership to all the activities of the project with site visits to some European universities. These visits will be conducted by senior managers of the participating

South African universities.”

“This is an opportunity to work together to achieve a common goal,” said External Advisor, Merle McObring-Hodges.

She presented an overview of IMAC and participants discussed, among others, summer schools, short courses, the internationalisation of the curriculum, project writing and management and the mobility toolkit.

Other participants included the External Evaluator, Varkey George and the delegation from the University of Limpopo, led by its Director of International Affairs, Dr Hlulani Mabasa.

Univen’s Director of International Relations, Cornelius Hagenmeier, invited participants to the International Education Association of South Africa conference in Durban in August.



“Involving leaders, academics and administrators in the internationalisation of higher education, is a recipe for success” – Crafford.



“Come to the International Education Association of South Africa conference in Durban” – Hagenmeier.



Mr Varkey George and Mrs Merle McObring-Hodges.



Univen extends footprint on the African continent

A delegation from the University of Venda, led by Vice Chancellor and Principal, Prof Peter Mbatlana, recently visited the University of Ibadan, the largest University in Nigeria.

As part of Univen’s mission to increase its footprint on the African continent, a forum known as ‘Friends of the University of Venda in Nigeria’, was launched to strengthen its stakeholder relations in Nigeria.

A session was held for potential students who are interested to pursue their university education at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels through the University of Venda.

A structure comprising current and potential partners and Univen alumni was established to link the university with its stakeholders in Nigeria. The chairperson is Prof Oluwatoyin Odeku, Director: Office of International Programmes at the University of Ibadan, the deputy chairperson is Dr Omolara Bisi-Johnson, Senior Lecturer: Microbiology at the Obafemi Awolowo University and the general secretary is Dr Amodu Momoh, Senior Lecturer: Geology

at the University of Jos. Sally Ibeh, a doctoral candidate at Univen’s Department of Environmental Sciences is the deputy secretary and Dr Popoola, Chief Lecturer in Microbiology at the Yaba College of Technology, the treasurer.

In her acceptance speech, Odeku committed participating universities to projecting a positive image. Collaboration in the fields of agriculture, law, natural sciences, education, management sciences, health and environmental sciences and staff and research exchanges is envisaged.



To future cooperation.



Establishing a forum for the Friends of the University of Venda in Nigeria.

Preparations for Univen and MMUST congress underway

A delegation led by Univen’s Senior Professor Georges Ekosse, which included Takalani Dzaga, Pinkie Mukhuba and Livhuwani Nemaangani, recently had an intensive planning session on the First Pan African Universities International Research Congress on Knowledge Generation and Dissemination in Africa, which will be held at the Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) in Kenya in December. Professor Ekosse is the project coordinator.

The decision to have an international research congress in Africa was made by five vice chancellors during the 2nd Univen – Walter Sisulu University (WSU) International Research Conference held in Polokwane last year.

They were the vice chancellors of Univen, WSU, MMUST, the University of Ibadan in Nigeria and the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST). These universities will host a research congress on a rotational basis.

According to Prof Judith Achoka, Director Research and Extension at MMUST, there is good progress as far as the preparations for the congress are concerned and planning is at an advanced stage. She says the organising committee is expecting a mammoth gathering of scholars from all types of disciplines.

Organising committee members at the congress planning session at MMUST in June.



First Pan African Universities International Research Congress on Knowledge Generation and Dissemination in Africa

First Call for Abstracts 3 - 6th December 2017
HOST: MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST), KAKAMEGA, KENYA

CONGRESS THEME
Harnessing Research Output for Sustainable Development

INTRODUCTION
The 1st International Research Congress will be hosted by Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology (MMUST), Kakamega-Kenya in partnership with University of Venda (UNIVEN)-South Africa; Walter Sisulu University (WSU)-South Africa; Botswana International University of Science & Technology (BIUST)-Botswana and Ibadan University (IU)-Nigeria. The Congress will serve as a platform for harnessing research output in addressing sustainable development goals.

CONGRESS SUB-THEMES
Science and Technology for Sustainable Development

- Food security and improved nutrition for sustainable livelihoods
- Renewable and non-renewable energy for development
- Sustainable agriculture, livestock and aquaculture
- Sustainable consumption and production patterns for development
- Science & Engineering technologies for sustainable development Education, Social Services and Health for Sustainable Development
- Health sciences and promotion of human well-being
- Access to quality, inclusive & equitable education at all ages
- Management of water resources, availability and provision of water and sanitation for development
- Peaceful and inclusive societies for development
- Accountability and justice for peaceful coexistence

Governance and Economic Development

- Strategic planning for poverty reduction and socioeconomic development
- Gender equity and empowerment of all for socioeconomic development
- Sustainable economic growth and productive employment for all
- Rational and equitable distribution of resources
- Global cohesion and integration for peace and development Indigenous and Alternative Knowledge Systems for Development
- Alternative medicine and cultural determinants of health and well-being
- Indigenous methods, traditional rights and cultural diversity
- Traditional foods, nutrition and well being

- Community led solutions: cultural resurgence and resilience
- Manifold and divergent indigenous identities to nation building

Research and Knowledge Management for Commercialization

- Sustainable infrastructure and innovations for industrial development
- Research, innovation & intellectual property for wealth creation and development
- Indigenous knowledge management & information sharing
- Strategic intellectual property management & commercialization
- Capacity building for productive research and sustainable development

Climate Change and Environmental Management for Sustainable Development

- Global warming, climate change and climate variability
- Sustainable utilization of marine resources and use of terrestrial biodiversity and ecosystems for development
- Promote sustainable use of , combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation
- Safe and sustainable planning for human settlements
- Waste management and environmental pollution

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Researchers, academics, postgraduate students managers and policy makers in Government, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, research administrators, staff of research councils and agencies, and any other interested persons.

GUIDELINES FOR STRUCTURE, FORMAT AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS, PAPERS & POSTERS

Details of the abstract structure and format can be found by following this [FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS](#) hyperlink which also has Word and LaTeX templates. Submissions should ONLY be done online by the advertised deadlines, by following this [CONGRESS ABSTRACT SUBMISSION](#) hyper-link. Authors of accepted abstracts will be required to submit full papers to the same LINK which will be peer reviewed for publication in the congress book of proceedings. Poster abstracts should also be submitted to [CONGRESS ABSTRACT SUBMISSION](#) hyper-link. All posters should have a uniform size of A0. Posters will be mounted at designated places at the congress venue. Poster presenters should be available at certain times during the congress.

- IMPORTANT DATES**
- 22nd September 2017 - Abstract submission deadline
 - 06th October 2017 - Notification of acceptance of abstract
 - 10th October , 2017 - Payment of registration fees deadline
 - 20th October , 2017 - Deadline for submission of full paper for peer review

PRESENTATION LANGUAGE
The abstracts, papers and posters should be in British English with well structured and understandable text.

SUBMISSION POLICY
Authors are limited to two oral presentations.

- MODE OF PRESENTATION**
- Presentations are welcome in oral and poster formats.
 - The organizing committee will provide laptop and LCD projector for all audio-visual presentations. Companies are welcome to display their promotional items at the following fees.
 - Developed countries - U.S. \$400
 - Developing countries - U.S. \$200

DISSEMINATION/PUBLICATIONS
All accepted papers will be developed into manuscripts and submitted for consideration in the Congress proceedings.

CONGRESS EXCURSIONS
Excursions will be organised to the world famous Maasai Mara National Park and Kakamega Forest. Details can be found on the Congress webpage .

- REGISTRATION**
Applicable fees to be paid into MMUST Account are as follows:
- Participation fees:**
- Developed countries (Academics) - U.S. \$150
 - Developed countries (Students) -U.S. \$50
 - Developing countries (Academics) - U.S. \$100
 - Developing countries (Students) -U.S. \$50

- Fees to be paid into account:**
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 - Acc. No: 0102098712400, Kakamega Branch, Kenya.
 - SWIFT code: SCBLKENXXX .
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