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DEASA 2020 Virtual Conference and Annual General Meeting

Maputo, Mozambique, 2020

1. Theme:

Towards Sustainable Development: Open and Distance Learning -Pre and Post Covid-19

Sub-theme 1. Building resilient communities through ODL during, pre and post Covid-19 Pandemic

- i) Addressing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through ODL for sustainable development.
- ii) The paradox between Open Distance Learning and COVID - 19 Lockdown - a semantic mismatch
- iii) Enhancing collaboration and team work in open and distance learning institutions for COVID 19 mitigation and sustainable development.

Sub-theme 2. 21st Century skills for Sustainable Development

- i) Leveraging 21st Century skills in the ODL environment (artificial intelligence, ICT savvy etc)
- ii) Emerging technologies in the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) space for Covid-19 mitigation and for sustainable development
- iii) Promoting online learning pre and post Covid-19: the case of Southern Africa

Sub-Theme 3. Quality assurance in ODL for Sustainable Development

- i) Ensuring quality at institutional level for sustainable development.
- ii) Learner support for sustainable development.
- iii) Assessment in institutions of learning for sustainable development.
- iv) Acceleration and intensification of the delivery of ODL/Odel during the pandemic (COVID-19's impact on Distance Learning)

Sub-Theme 4. Research innovation in ODL towards sustainable development

- i) Research in E-learning in ODL
- ii) Researching 21st Century skills in ODL
- iii) Research management systems in ODL institutions
- iv) Enhancing research in ODL
- vi) Breaking research barriers in ODL institutions of learning
- vii) Open Educational Resources (OER) and ODL

2. Guidelines for submission of abstracts:

- 2.1 The word count for abstracts is a maximum of between 250 and 300 words.
- 2.2 Abstracts should be written in Times New Roman¹².
- 2.3 Prepare your abstract in Microsoft Word (doc. or docx)
- 2.4 Your abstract should include a title (of not more than 15 words), the rationale for the study, the main research question(s), theoretical/conceptual framework (as applicable), research design and methodology, the main findings and the recommendations based on the findings/projected findings. **Please, refer to the attached guidelines.**
- 2.5 Your abstract should not contain references, abbreviation and lengthy background.
- 2.6 Include between five and six keywords in your abstract.
- 2.7 Please, provide the name and contact details of the author(s)/presenter(s), the institution and the sub-theme. Abstract must reflect conference theme and subthemes.
- 2.8 Submit abstracts to the following address: deasa.mozambique@gmail.com

and the subject should be **Abstract_2020**.

2.9 The deadline for abstract submission is **20th November, 2020**

2.10. The deadline for submission of full papers will be in 2021 (Dates still to be determined)

3. Conference dates

The conference dates are **2nd, 3rd and 4th December, 2020**

4. REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Closes on 30th November, 2020

DEASA Members: USD 30

None Members: USD 50

Students: USD 20

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