

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RURAL EDUCATION: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

VENUE: LUPANE MAIN CAMPUS (BLENDED)

DATE: 15-17 JULY 2026

Theme: Promoting innovation and industrialisation in rural learning ecologies for sustainable development.

We are thrilled to announce the Call for Abstracts for our upcoming conference on 'Promoting Innovation and Industrialization in Rural Learning Ecologies for Sustainable Development'. This conference aims to bring together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to explore innovative approaches to rural development, focusing on the intersection of education, industry, and sustainability. We invite abstracts that showcase cutting-edge research, best practices, and innovative projects that demonstrate the potential for rural learning ecologies to drive sustainable development. Join us as we chart a path towards a more equitable and sustainable future.

Sub-themes

- Technological Innovation & Digital Transformation
- Sustainable Industrialisation & Economic Growth
- Youth and Gender Empowerment
- Indigenous Knowledge and Frugal Innovation
- Rural Education for Sustainable Development
- Teacher Training and Pedagogy
- Social Inclusion and Innovation
- School Curricula and Innovation
- Monitoring, Evaluation and Research in Education
- Social Enterprises for Community Resilience
- Climate Adaptation and Disaster Resilience

The sub-themes of the conference are not limited to the above listed. All abstracts addressing the main theme on **Promoting innovation and industrialisation in rural learning ecologies for sustainable development** are accepted.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Due date for submission of abstracts: 29 May, 2026
- Registration opens as soon as the Acceptance Letter has been received
- Registration closes on 19 June, 2026
- Conference dates: 15-17 July, 2026

Guidelines and Instructions for abstracts

The selection of contributions will be based on the following criteria:

- i. relevance to the conference theme and sub-themes
- ii. clarity of the title, theme, purpose/rationale, and method (where relevant) significance and originality
- iii. compliance with the technical requirements stipulated below:
 - Abstracts must be 250 to 300 words
 - Times New Roman font size 12
 - Submitted in MS word, i.e. (.doc or .docx)
 - No illustrations, sub-headings, references, or graphs
 - Single line spacing
 - The medium of presentation is English.

Abstracts should be submitted electronically via e-mail as an attachment to the conference administrators at lsueduconference@lsu.ac.zw

Successful papers will be published in the special issue of the Zimbabwe Journal of Applied Research.

Conference Fees

Face-to-face participation fees

Normal participation fee USD 150.00

Student fee USD 75.00

Late registration fee USD 170.00

Virtual participation fees

Normal participation fee USD 60

Student fee USD 40

Late registration fee USD 70.00

Excursion: Hwange National Park

\$20 locals \$30 Internationals

Registration fees include conference materials, refreshments, lunches and dinners, but exclude refreshments not included in the program, accommodation, and travelling.

Conference Contacts

For more information on the conference, please get in touch with the following:

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